



Our Lady of the Assumption

A Parish of the Diocese of Greensburg
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Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people:
"What is your opinion? A man had two sons.
He came to the first and said,
'Son, go out and work in the vineyard today.'
He said in reply, 'I will not,'
but afterwards changed his mind and went.
The man came to the other son and gave the same order.
He said in reply, 'Yes, sir, 'but did not go.
Which of the two did his father's will?"



SUNDAY MASSES
Saturday 4:00 pm - Lucernemines
Saturday 6:00 pm - Coral
Sunday 9:00 am - Coral
Sunday 11:00 am - Lucernemines



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memory of Goose Vilcek—C
By His family
&
Verna Luscia—L
By Her husband & daughters



The Host is in memory of
Margaret & Albert Yevchak—C
By Bob & Mary Jane Yavchak
&
Frank & Mary Gatskie—L
By The Gatskie Family



Altar Server Training

Whether you would like a refresher course in being an Altar Server, or would like to train as a new server, a training session will be held from 5-6pm at the Lucernemines church on Wednesday, October 11th. Rick Danko is the facilitator. A certificate of completion will be distributed at the end of the session. To register or make inquiries, please contact

cmarco@dioceseofgreensburg.org or call the Parish Office at 724-479-9542, Ext. 15.

SAVE THE DATE

Listening a Person into Life: The Art of Being Present

Carolyn Cannizzaro, the Director of Pro-Life Advocacy, will be presenting a talk on learning the practical tools on how to love others. Discover the importance of being present to others and how it can strengthen our Parish Community. *Coral Worship Hall at 6pm on Tuesday, October 17th, 2023.* Light refreshments will be served. All ages are welcome!

Coffee and donuts will be served on October 1st in Coral following the 9am mass. Dates for November and December to follow.



Just a Reminder that there will NOT be confession on Saturday September 30th at 3:00pm in Lucerne.

The Christian Mother's Koeze Nut & Candy Fundraiser!

Impress your friend and family with gourmet nuts and candies. Sweets make a great gift for the holidays. Plan ahead and call Barb at 724-288-3758 or Irene at 724-248-3465 to place an order. You can also drop off your order at the parish office from 9am to 4pm., Monday thru Friday. Orders are due no later than Monday, October 30th.



T-Shirts & Tote Bags are still available for purchase at the Parish Office. Only \$15 each! They would make a great stocking stuffer!!



Dear Parishioners,
3 Years and Counting

For a full three years now, I have been privileged to serve Our Lady of the Assumption Parish here in Indiana County. At the time we Capuchins arrived here in the summer of the waning Covid-19 "shutdown," I first saw this parish as two beautiful churches in search of their beautiful congregation. Catholics still had permission then to watch Mass on television or on some live-stream service in place of in-person participation. Pew were roped off, relegating those attending to every second row, all were asked to mask against spreading or breathing in germs. I first learned the parishioners by their eyes.

As you may recall, I announced that I **came here for a few reasons**: a. To allow me to be **part of the team of Capuchins** assigned to assist the bishop in **caring for parishes in this county**. B. To **serve a parish in need of a full-time pastor again**, after having been assigned to another priest serving full time elsewhere with assistance of a Pilipino priest. C.) **To accept that my will role increase in the time I am with you**. Finally, D.) the Location of the office in Coral allowed me to visit my father in nursing care in Monroeville.

At that time, the weekend schedule for OLOTA for me seemed to be remarkably lean: confessions and Mass on Saturday, leaving me free of responsibilities after 5 PM, and after the 8 AM Mass on Sunday morning. **Something didn't feel right about that schedule**, even if it allowed me to devote more time to care for my father.

However, **this style of pastoral care, struck me, as a priest as far too little**, since I was accustomed throughout many years of priestly service to celebrate at least two Masses on a Sunday morning and to assist congregations with additional needs. In late summer, I met with the Parochial and Finance councils to hear advice and to consider options: **the members of the councils thought that we ought to reach out** to our parishioners **by providing more services that might attract people** back from the enforced curtailment. At that point the numbers attending were relatively small – recall that we only sat in every second row and maintained distance from anyone wanting to share a pew.

Each time the Diocese asked us to describe how we were serving our members in the time of crisis, I noted **that we needed to provide some additional real service**. We also noted how low were the weekly collections/contributions to the support of the Church. So, **we doubled the weekend Masses** to permit people to worship again in Masses with social distancing. Little-by-little, we sought **other services we might offer, including "Live-Streaming"** of one Mass each Sunday. **As a Pastor I firmly believe in doing those things that build up the Body of Christ.**

Remembering how we began and endured the post-Covid shutdown, brings us to October 2023, when very shortly the **Diocese will instruct us to be very careful to take the traditional "October Count."**

If you follow the bulletin weekly, then you know that **each Sunday we include the count of parishioners per Mass**. The count **does not reveal why** one Saturday evening at 6 we attract 65, and on another evening attract only 40. In the bulletin, we have sought to offer a summary of the weekly "Offertory collection" separated from the list of varied causes to which we contribute. **Only the Offertory amount tells us how much we have contributed to the ordinary operation of the parish** and thus these monies pay our operational expenses.

Permit me to conclude these reflections for now by **comparing the numbers attending with the amount offered for operations, at least over the last quarter of the year**. I believe that the attendance shows that people still seek God in Jesus Christ, and that they want God's guidance, and that people have responded with enthusiasm to the additional programs we offer. Of the churches represented in the Homer City Ministerium, **even on our worst weekend, we attract more persons to worship God** than any other house of worship represented in the Ministerium. A bottom line here is that we need a certain amount of **regular income** to meet our expenses, and that **amount is well beyond \$ 5,000.**

I will share more on this in coming weeks.

Father John

ASSUMPTION CINEMA PRESENTS...**Wednesday, October 11th**

"God's Not Dead" movie series (Film #2 of 4)

Wednesday, October 25th

"God's Not Dead" movie series (Film #3 of 4)

Wednesday, November 15th

"God's Not Dead" movie series (Film #4 of 4)

Admission is free. Light refreshments will be provided. All movies begin at 6pm in Podowski Hall at the Lucernemines worship site.

SAVE THE DATES

Our current Adult Enrichment Series includes both **The Chosen (Season 2)** AND **New Testament Basics for Catholics** by John Bergsma. We will be alternating weeks for the video series and the book in order for participants to make it to either study...or both! **Only \$10 covers the donation for one or both of the enrichment selections** which will help to defray the cost of materials/refreshments.

Wednesday Evenings: The Chosen

Podowski Hall beginning at 6pm

10/4, 10/18, 11/8, 11/29,
12/13, 1/3, and 1/10**Thursday (Morning and Evening): Book Study**

AM Session following 8am Mass (Coral)

PM Session beginning at 6pm (Lucernemines)
10/12, 10/26, 11/16, and 12/7

Final session on 12/21 to be held at 6pm (L)

FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER**Elementary Grades K-5**

9:30am-10:45am at Podowski Hall (Lucernemines)

10/1, 10/15, 10/22, 10/29

Middle School Grades 6-8 and Youth Group/Grades 9-12

5:30pm-7:30pm at Podowski Hall (Lucernemines)

10/15, 10/29

Feast of St. Francis**Annual Blessing of the Animals**Saturday, September 30th at 9:30am at the Coral siteSunday, October 1st at 5pm at the Lucernemines site

Animal treats and prayer cards will be distributed after the blessing.

Many Thanks!

Brother Keon Tu, a Capuchin friar who is currently assigned at St. Bernard's Parish, was a special guest speaker for our youth (grades 6-12) on Sunday, September 24th. He spoke of his challenges of being a missionary, and also the current conditions in China restricting the practicing of the Catholic Faith. His message was powerful and hopeful in that as our Faith moves forward, he is continuing to be instrumental in it's development in China. Please keep Br. Keon and his fellow priests in your prayers as they radiate the love of Christ in the far reaches of the world!

**STUDENTS IN THE NEWS**

Congratulations to **Caden Costello**, a sophomore at Homer Center, who was recently awarded the Wildcat Recognition Award for September! This award recognizes students for "outstanding qualities of character, leadership, and kindness which they possess and share on a daily basis!" We are very proud of your achievements!



HAPPENINGS AROUND THE DIOCESE

Prayer and Perfect Pairings registration open

Registration is now open for our Prayer and Perfect Pairings event on Friday, Oct. 20, at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg. This five-course dinner features delicious recipes from local priests paired perfectly with wine. Reserve your sponsorship and seat today! Seating is limited. Visit DioceseofGreensburg.org/PrayerandPerfectPairings for tickets and sponsorship information. Proceeds will be used to support Eucharistic Revival efforts in the Diocese of Greensburg.

Tickets on sale for Catholic Charities' Nov. 5 Purse Bash

Tickets are on sale for Catholic Charities' seventh annual Designer Purse Bash & Crystal Bake Sale, set for Sunday, Nov. 5, at the Barn at Ligonier Valley. Doors open at noon. Tickets are \$35 and can be purchased at www.ccharitiesgreensburg.org or at the Catholic Charities office between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays. For information, contact Heather Rady at hrady@dioceseofgreensburg.org or 724-837-1840.

Solemn Vespers planned for fall at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Greensburg

Faithful from the Diocese of Greensburg are invited to participate in Solemn Vespers at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Greensburg, on Sundays, Oct. 8 and Nov. 12, at 6 p.m. The evening prayer will include adoration and benediction.

Masses in Spanish in Jeannette

All are invited to Mass in Spanish Sundays at 6 p.m. at Ascension Parish, Jeannette, with reconciliation at 5 p.m.
 Todos están invitados a la Misa Espanol en Domingos en Jeannette: La Santa Misa en Espanol, Todo los Domingos a 6 p.m., reconciliación a 5 p.m., Iglesia La Ascensión.

Public Rosary Rally – Saturday, 14 October 2023, 10:00 a.m.: Join local-area Catholics in praying a public Rosary on the sidewalk in front of the **Indiana County Courthouse**, 825 Philadelphia St. In this month of October, we will honor Our Lady of the Rosary and pray for Mary's help in combatting sin & evil in the world. The Rally will last about 45 minutes and will occur **rain or shine**, so please dress appropriately. Call/text Marianne 724-717-3278 with any questions.



WITAMY!

**All are welcome to attend a presentation on
 POLISH CHRISTMAS CUSTOMS
 Tuesday, October 17th—6:30pm
 All Saints Parish Hall-505 Center St,
 Boswell**

The customs, food and decorations are peculiar to the Polish expression of Christmas are unique and developed over many centuries. The presenter will be Fr. Czeslaw Krysa, an author and noted authority of Polish folk culture. The event will include refreshment, is free of charge, and open to all, however participants are asked to register either by phoning the parish office at 814-629-5551 or by emailing Emily Marsh at emarsh@dioceseaj.org.

Masses For The Week



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

4:00 pm (Lucernemines) †Pauline Checlosky
(The McLoughlin Family)
6:00 pm (Coral) ProPopulo

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

9:00 am (Coral) †Scott McAdoo (Mother, Vicky)
11:00 am (Lucernemines) †Kenneth Friday (Parents)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 2 - NO MASS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3 - Coral

8:00 am †Bernie Murray (Mario Luther)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4 - Coral

8:00 am †Steve Andrascik (Mimi Yanoscsik)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5 - Coral

8:00 am †George Scribe (Gertrude Mlinarich)

FIRST FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6 - Coral

8:00 am—In honor of Dana McQueeney (Mike & Kathleen DeSantis)
Adoration until noon
11:30 am Confessions
12:00 pm Benediction

FIRST SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

8:00 am †Mary Ann Barletta (Bob & Cookie Choma)
1:30 pm (Lucernemines) Wedding-Rebecca Horchar & Jordan Gibson
4:00 pm (Lucernemines) Oreste, Elvira & Bruno Martini
(Mary Martini)
6:00 pm (Coral) †Joseph R. Rura (Monica Rura)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

9:00 am (Coral) ProPopulo
11:00 am (Lucernemines) †Stella Yarkowski (Marilyn Crews)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

No confessions at Lucerne on Saturday, October 7

Sunday, October 8 - 8:30 am (Coral)

SEPT 23 & 24, 2023	OFFERTORY	Mass Attendance
Adult, Loose, Children & Online Giving	\$5086.00	Lucerne Sept 23, 4pm—89 Sept 24, 11am—108
Votive Candles	\$179.25	
Maintenance	\$80.00	Coral Sept 23, 6pm—57 Sept 24, 9am—117
Diocesan Collections	\$675.00	
Special Collections	\$30.00	
Cemetery	\$70.00	