



Our Lady of the Assumption

A Parish of the Diocese of Greensburg
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OFFICE HOURS
Monday thru Friday
9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Closed 1:00 pm– 2:00 pm
2:00-4:00 pm

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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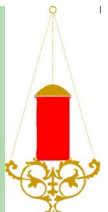
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Jesus said to his disciples:
"If your brother sins against you,
go and tell him his fault between you and him alone.
If he listens to you, you have won over your brother.
If he does not listen,
take one or two others along with you,
so that every fact may be established
on the testimony of two or three witnesses."



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The Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of
Joe & Emma Binando—C
by Mel & Shirley Stella
&
Eleanor Borzcik—L
by Bob & Mary Ann Ciranni



The Host is in memory of
Arlline & Joe Harkelli —C
by The Yevchak & Bondra Families
&
Gerald & Marie O'Hara—L
by Dana & Kitty Henry

Parish office hours for Monday, September 11th: the office will be closing at 1:00pm. Also, the office will be closed on September 21 due to a diocesan event.

CHRISTMAS CASH TICKETS

Our next lottery ticket is now available. Tickets are \$10.00 each with 2 numbers. Five \$500.00 winners will be chosen the week of December 11th through the 15th based on the evening Pick 3 lottery number. Tickets are available in the church office. We all could use a little extra cash around the holidays!

Altar Rosary Society members will be leading the rosary at the Grotto in Lucerne on Wednesday, September 13th at 6pm. All are welcome to participate.



The Importance of Grandparents Day – Celebrating the True Purpose of a Grandparents

Those of us lucky enough to have a grandparent present in our childhood will greatly benefit from it. Grandparents offer unconditional love to a grandchild – anyone that's been spoiled rotten by a grandparent will know this all too well – and their love is very straight-forward and free from complexities. The love a grandparent offers will give a child a great sense of security, offer them someone else to confide in, and gives the chance to learn from an older generation. You learn about life, love, and everything in-between from someone that done it all themselves. Sitting back and hearing a grandparent's stories will teach kids about their family history and heritage, while encouraging a younger generation to respect traditions that can often be lost over the years. Grandparents offer love, support, and guidance that has a lasting impact on their grandchild – this is certainly something worth celebrating not just on Grandparents Day but every day!

Public Rosary Rally – Saturday, 16

September 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. Call/text Marianne 724-717-3278 with any questions.



Dear Parishioners,

Peace and all goodness in Jesus.

As I write this article, yesterday, Labor Day, I read **on the internet seven separate reports about an end of our summer holiday without “peace.”**

The stories covered youth and old age in the United States, military interventions in the Ukraine, Russian mistreatment and brutality towards non-combatants and towards soldiers defending the home country; families split by issues for whom reconciliation seems out-of-the-question; and school districts without ordinary peace and with an illicit drug trade that saps the good will from everyone nearby. Aside from the absence of warfare, what does “peace” mean or imply?

At the backdoor of the parish house in Lucernemines, last year I hung a ceramic plaque that measures about four-inches square, but which carries a greeting written in Italian still quite popular in central Italy, “*Pace et Bene*.” I bought this souvenir in Tuscany, “the green heart of Italy” and have displayed the ceramic piece at the various places I have ministered. This summer someone unfamiliar with the greeting and with Italian proposed that the ceramic square seemed to be the names of two people, “Pace” and “Benie”! This old greeting first appeared in Latin in the Middle Ages as “*Pax et Bonum*,” and in that form, many can recognize the **Latin word for peace, *pax***, that we may see on Christmas cards or on religious art or on monuments. Others might also see the **word for good, *bonum***, which can appear in English as a root for many words. *Et* = And. When I visit in Italy, I am amazed at how **many people greet one another with these two positive words** carrying an essential portion of the message that God brought to us in Jesus and which the New Testament teaches as a sign that all of heaven had touched earth in the Nativity of Jesus. The same holy scriptures refer to what we might do to build up peace among us.

Truly, however, people throughout the middle east always greet one another with “**Shalom**,” another word for peace. In Westmoreland County, some place names carry the same root word, “**Salem**.”

At our worship at Mass we sing about this peace every weekend when we pray the “Gloria,” at the beginning of Mass, when we recall that angels sang about “peace to people of good will.”

People familiar with Jesus’ instructions to the apostles whom he sent out to others in his name, remember that Jesus said that when the apostles and disciples meet people, **they should greet them with “peace.”** Jesus also admonished us that should the greeter find rejection or non-acceptance, the one imparting the greeting should understand **that if the peace is rejected, it will come back** upon the greeter as if **peace were a force and not an empty phrase** or mindless wish like “how are you doing?” or “What’s happening?”

Some Bible students find three kinds of peace: 1. **Spiritual Peace**, namely peace between humans and God. 2. Psychological or **inner peace**. 3. **Relational peace** among **all mankind**. Jesus the Christ, God’s own son, entered the world to take away our sins by his death on the cross, **thereby making it possible for us to be at peace: at peace with God, at peace within ourselves, and at peace with each other**. Billy Graham once commented that **“to have peace, we must possess the Peace-Giver.”** Elsewhere, a Christian spiritual advisor says that the real short cut for peace, is to surrender our fears and worries to Christ. So, we have a role to play in finding peace that God wishes us to have.

St. Jerome, who traveled to Palestine to study the scriptures, learning the original languages and the explicit meanings of words and terms, said: “Be at peace with your own soul, then heaven and earth will be at peace with you.” Perhaps more to the point for us, St. Francis de Sales who spoke strongly about the universal call to holiness said **“Do not lose your inner peace for anything whatsoever, not even if your whole world seems upset.** If you find that you have wandered away from the shelter of God, lead your heart back to Him quietly and simply.”

Father John

ASSUMPTION CINEMA PRESENTS...Wednesday, September 13th

"God's Not Dead" movie series (Film #1 of 4)

A college course in Philosophy provides the setting to confrontational presentations between a Christian student and an atheist professor with the class as jury as they debate God's existence.

Admission is free. Light refreshments will be provided.

All movies begin at 6pm in Podowski Hall at the Lucernemines worship site.

SAVE THE DATES

We are happy to announce that our next Adult Enrichment Series will include 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. Please contact cmarcoline@dioceseofgreensburg.org or call the Parish Office at 724-479-9542 Ext. 15 to register.

Wednesday Evenings: The Chosen8 Sessions

Podowski Hall beginning at 6pm
9/20, 10/4, 10/18, 11/8, 11/29,
12/13, 1/3, and 1/10

Thursday (Morning and Evening): Book Study7 Sessions

AM Session following 8am Mass (Coral)
PM Session beginning at 6pm (Lucernemines)
9/14, 9/28, 10/12, 10/26, 11/16, and 12/7
Final session on 12/21 to be held at 6pm (L)

FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBERElementary Grades K-5

9:30am-10:45am at Podowski Hall (Lucernemines)
9/10, 9/17, and 9/24

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

5:30pm-7:30pm at Podowski Hall (Lucernemines)
9/10 and 9/24

Students in the News

Congratulations to **Ashlyn Kerr, Jaxson Arone, Caleb Palmer, Patrick Rudd, and Nicky Todd** for being named to Homer Center's Homecoming Court!

Prayer for Catechists

Loving Father, we pray today for our catechists. We thank you for their gift of ministry in Your church. Grant them Your wisdom that they may grow in the understanding and teaching of Your Word. Grant them also Your love that they may be fruitful heralds of Your Word and lead others to love You. Pour forth Your Holy Spirit upon them to grant them wisdom about what is important; knowledge of the truths of faith; understanding of their meaning; right judgement about how to apply them in life; courage to persevere even in the face of adversity; reverence before all that is sacred and holy; and that loving zeal which leads others to a transforming encounter with Your Son. We pray this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Catechists for 2023-24

Kindergarten: Christina Bell

First Grade: Ashley Hafera

Second Grade: Irene Grimes

Third Grade: Cora Kushner/Libby Brown

Fourth Grade: Mary Kay Yarchak

Fifth Grade: Cindy Marcoline

Sixth Grade: Steve and Lindsey Holt

Seventh Grade: Lauren Kushner

Eighth Grade: Terri Tedeschi

Happenings Around the Diocese

Business Owners:

Turn your PA state taxes into scholarships for St. Bernard School students by participating in the Pennsylvania Educational Improvement Tax Credit Program (EITC). For more information, please join us on Sept. 28th at 6pm at The Artists Hand Gallery for appetizers, wine, and coffee. RSVP is required. Please email tbucci@stbernardlc.org so we can plan accordingly. No pressure to sign up for the program....it is informational only.

Saint James Church - New Alexandria - will host an Oktoberfest on Saturday, October 7th. Music by the Kosmix's - food buffet, dessert, coffee, pop, water. Adults \$20.00/\$5.00 per child ages 6 - 12. Children under 6 free. B.Y.O.B. Basket Raffles & 50/50. Register by September 27th at our website: www.stjamesnewalexandria.org or by contacting the parish office at 724-668-2829.

Tickets on sale for Catholic Charities' Farm to Table Dinner Oct. 4, Purse Bash Nov. 5

Join Catholic Charities and Bishop Larry J. Kulick for the third annual Farm to Table Dinner, a celebration of bounty and fellowship, Wednesday, Oct. 4, from 6-9 p.m. at Cavallo Fields, Pleasant Unity. Cost is \$125 per person. Seating is limited. Proceeds benefit Catholic Charities' services in the four counties of the Diocese. Menu and registration information can be found at ccharitiesgreensburg.org. Tickets are also on sale for the 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.

Car cruise Oct. 1 at St. Paul Parish, Greensburg

St. Paul Parish, Greensburg, will hold a car cruise Sunday, Oct. 1. Doors open at 10 a.m. Admission is \$5 per car. Raffles and prizes are planned. All vehicles are welcome.

CRS Spotlight

In crisis-affected communities in Nigeria, we're working with families to improve nutrition by providing demonstrations. Thanks to funding from USAID, we are working with local partners to reach over 74,000 individuals to show them new cooking techniques, the importance of a balanced diet, proper washing of vegetables and other best practices when it comes to cooking. Visit www.crs.org for more information and to see how you can help!

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SCAN ME



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

4:00 pm (Lucernemines) †David & Anna Cusimano (Daughters)
 6:00 pm (Coral) †Mildred Dechman (Terri Tedeschi)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

9:00 am (Coral) ProPopulo (for the people of the parish)
 11:00 am (Lucernemines) †Dennis Donahue (Jeremy & Jennifer Rega)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11- NO MASS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12- Coral

8:00 am †Mabel Connolly Riordan (Leslie Callan)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13- Coral

8:00 am †Gary Welsh (Mr & Mrs B. Brendle)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14- Coral

8:00 am †Stella Yarkowski (Jim & Ann Mock & family)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15- Coral

8:00 am †Deceased member of the McHenry Family (Family)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

4:00 pm (Lucernemines) †Kenneth Friday (Family)
 6:00 pm (Coral) †Steve & Katherine Solo (Sons; Bill & Ed)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

9:00 am (Coral) ProPopulo (for the people of the parish)
 11:00 am (Lucernemines) †Jim Yanoscsik (Jim & Chris Costello)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday, September 16-3:00pm (Lucerne)
 Sunday, September 17-8:30am (Coral)



| SEPT. 2 & 3, 2023 | OFFERTORY |
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| Adult, Loose, Children & Online Giving | \$6018.00 |
| Votive Candles | \$163.00 |
| Maintenance | \$220.00 |
| St. Vincent de Paul | \$35.00 |
| Diocesan Collections | \$130.00 |
| Special Collections | \$5.00 |
| Cemetery | \$344.00 |

Mass Attendance

Lucerne

Sept 2, 4pm-88
 Sept 3, 11am-83

Coral

Sept 2, 6pm-
 Sept 3, 9am-122