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Our Lady of the Assumption

A Parish of the Diocese of Greensburg A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust





PARISH OFFICE P.O. Box G. 2434 NEAL RD. CORAL, PA 15731

OFFICE HOURS Monday thru Friday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Closed 1pm-2 pm

SUNDAY MASSES

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



Live streaming of the 9am mass On YouTube



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The Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of JR Reed-C By His family

Mildred Carpinello—L By Jenny Farabaugh

Jesus said to them, "Did you never read in the Scriptures:

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The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; by the Lord has this been done, and it is wonderful in our eyes? Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit."



The Host is in memory of Mary & Pete Bondra—C By The Yevchak & **Bondra Families**





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SAVE THE DATE!! ELECTION DAY

Lasagna Dinner More information to follow!



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 724-388-3758 or Irene at 7247-248-3465

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.

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

<u>cmarcoline@dioceseofgreensburg.org</u> or call the Parish Office at 724-479-9542, Ext. 15.

We are still in need of Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors and Ushers for All Saint's and All Soul's Days masses. A copy of the schedule will be email to all and please contact the parish office with the dates and times that you are able to help. 724-479-9542, Ext 10 or khenry@dioceseofgreensburg.org

Parish Office hours on Monday, October 9th will be 9am-1pm.

Envelopes are available at both church locations for All Soul's Day (Commemoration of Our Beloved Deceased). Envelopes must be returned no later than October 29th.

Best wishes to Rebecca Horchar and Jordan Gibson who were united in marriage on Saturday, October 7th.



Dear Parishioners, Three Years and Counting, Part 2

How Active Have We Become?

For a relatively small, post-Covid, Catholic parish, this past weekend on Saturday at our parish our day included a dizzyingly array of events, most of which I, as pastor, joined: spiritual direction for a vocation candidate at 8 AM [C]; St. Francis Pet Blessing in Coral at 9:30 AM; meeting with a sponsor for a Baptism at 10:30 AM [C]; confessions at 3 PM [L]; Mass at 4 PM; and Mass at 6 PM [C]. The pace continued on Sunday with confessions at 8:30 AM, Mass at 9 AM [C] and Mass at 11 AM [L]; a Baptism after the 11 AM Mass; an Anointing of the Sick at church after the 11 AM, and at a nursing home in the afternoon; visitation at the funeral parlor; finally, Pet Blessing at 5 PM in Lucerne.

Activities also include Faith Formation, Adult Education, and parish/extra-parish organizations. We have a small group of devoted followers of the Bible Study and of Adult Enrichment study of the faith. And, we have a strong group of ladies in the Altar Rosary Society and in the Christian Mothers who provide an invaluable service to bereaved families by providing a Mercy Meal after the services conclude. Men come together as Knights of Columbus both to pray and to exercise works of mercy. Our excellent Faith Formation, led by Cindy Marcoline, has classes taught by a dedicated corps of teachers who stand with our children again and again. We also have liturgical ministers such as lectors and Eucharistic Ministers, adult and youth acolytes, two loyal sacristans, musicians, cantors/singers, and another corps of seasonal church cleaners and decorators. Additional volunteers keep after our parish grounds, both our perennial and our annual plantings, while others take on bigger trimming and clean-up jobs around either church or hall. Because fund-raising is so essential to our growth and maintenance, a hard-working corps of women and men have helped with dinners and our small festival in August. One organized person directs these efforts very well for us, while assistants think up tickets for raffling.

People from other parishes comment that they like our parish because we provide many activities that witness a Catholic parish alive.

Attendance at our Weekend Masses

The chart above shows facts about our parish that impact both our present and our future as they chronicle weekly attendance and weekly offertory contributions. You may follow in the weekly bulletin with the chart of numbers attending each Mass. Those numbers show that all four Masses have a steady following, with the fewest number attending the 6 PM, as few as 40 but as many as 70, with an average somewhere around 55+. [Local Protestant Churches would jump for joy to have 40 attend a weekend service]. The most popular Mass time comes at 9 AM, with the attendance usually adding to over 100 and to as many as 125+. Attendance rarely drops below 100 at that Mass. The 4 PM seems to be our second most popular Mass, with numbers attending between 80 and 90, and occasionally nearly 100; the 11 AM closely parallels the 4 PM in attendance.

If there is a formula to explain strong attendance and weaker attendance, I admit that I don't know what the contributing factors might be, other than family travel; sports and its schedules; and community and extra-community events.

Parishioners comment that we seem to have attracted some families with young children again, especially at the 11 AM Mass. We are hearing the voices of children again. Sadly, however, parents experience determined push back from their offspring who reach Confirmation age.

Mass Attendance Totals for July, August & September

July—1,719 (5 weekends)—Average 344 per week August—1,416— Average 354 per week September—1,408—Average 352 per week

Next weekend we will talk about our current finances.

Father John

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ASSUMPTION CINEMA PRESENTS...

Wednesday, October 11th "God's Not Dead" movie series (Film #2 of 4) When a high school teacher is asked a question in class about Jesus, her response lands her in a battle of choice placing Faith on trial.

Wednesday, October 25th "God's Not Dead" movie series (Film #3 of 4) A Church destroyed. A congregation silenced. A relationship shattered. Yet even in darkness, a small flame can light the way to healing.

Wednesday, November 15th "God's Not Dead" movie series (Film #4 of 4) Freedom of choice and Christian liberties are at stake when homeschooling families oppose local government.

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

ADULT ENRICHMENT

Our current Adult Enrichment Series includes both The Chosen (Season 2) and the New Testament Basics for Catholics by John Bergsma. CHECK OUT OUR NEW SCHEDULE FOR THE BOOK STUDY!

Wednesday Evenings: The Chosen Podowski Hall beginning at 6pm 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, 10/19, 10/26, and 11/9

FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER

Elementary Grades K-5 9:30am-10:45am at Podowski Hall (Lucernemines) 10/15, 10/22, 10/29 No Elementary Session on 10/8 due to Columbus Day weekend.

Middle School Grades 6-8 and Youth Group/Grades 9-12 5:30pm-7:30pm at Podowski Hall (Lucernemines) 10/15, 10/29

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Special Pro-Life Presentation 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. <u>Coral Worship Hall at 6pm on Tuesday, October 17th, 2023.</u> Light refreshments will be served. All ages are welcome!

SAVE THE DATE!

"El Camino de los Peregrinos!" (The Pilgrim's Way)

Join our pilgrimage from Indiana to Coral on the Hoodlebug Trail on Sunday, November 5th from 12-5pm...Bike it!...Walk it!...Run it! All are welcome! Details coming soon!

ANIMAL BLESSING

We were blessed to have so many animals attending the Annual Blessing of Pets on September 30th/October 1st! Thanks to everyone who participated in the event!



A Joyous Welcome to our Parish Family!

Congratulations and best wishes to Dominic Daniel Andrascik who was baptized on Sunday, October 1st. He is the son of Adam and Emily Hill Andrascik, and the brother of Jaxson! Please keep Dominic in your prayers as he continues to grow in God's love

July, August & September 2023 Operating Income \$25,217.00

Operating Expense <u>-\$75,739.02</u> Difference <u>-\$50,522.02</u>

Withdrawal from

Foundation A/C -\$37,500.00 Difference of ---------\$13,022.02 Mass Attendance 9/30 & 10/1

Lucerne 4pm—80

11am—79

Coral

6pm—52 9am—126

9/30-10/1	Offertory
Adult,Loose,Children & Online Giving	\$7381.00
Votive Candles	\$206.50
Maintenance	\$117.00
Catholic Accent	\$10.00
St Vincent de Paul	\$10.00
Cemetery	\$222.00
Diocesan Collections	\$115.00
Special Collections	53.00

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE DIOCESE

Support Ukrainian Refugee Fund

Support is needed for the Ukrainian Refugee Fund administered by Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg, which provides assistance to individuals and families who have been forced to leave their homelands because of war. Visit ccharitiesgreensburg.org/donate/donate-now/ to donate. More than 100 families are on a waiting list to resettle in Western Pennsylvania.

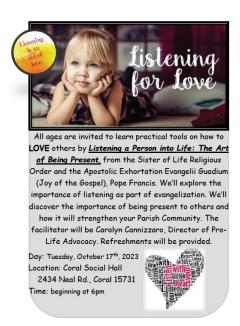
Prayer and Perfect Pairings registration open

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 <u>DioceseofGreensburg.org/PrayerandPerfectPairings</u> 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

Diocesan group to attend Pennsylvania March for Life Oct. 16

Bishop Larry J. Kulick and parishioners from the Diocese of Greensburg will be attending the third annual Pennsylvania March for Life Monday, Oct. 16, in Harrisburg. Five buses will depart from 13 locations around the Diocese. To learn more about the itinerary and bus locations, or to register online, visit <u>DioceseofGreensburg.org/pro-lifeministries/</u>. For more information, contact Christina Cerilli at <u>cceril-li@dioceseofgreensburg.org</u>.



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FIRST SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

4:00 pm (Lucernemines) ⊕Oreste, Elvira & Bruno Martini (Mary Martini)

6:00 pm (Coral) ⊕Joseph R. Rura (Monica Rura)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9- NO MASS

**TUESDAY. OCTOBER 10- Coral

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11- Coral

8:00 am Scott McQueeney (Mike & Kathleen DeSantis)

**THURSDAY. OCTOBER 12- Coral

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13 - Coral

The Rosary will be recited on Friday, October 13th at 6pm at the Grotto in Lucerne. All are welcome!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

4:00 pm (Lucernemines) Living & Deceased Members of OLOTA Altar Rosary Society (Altar Rosary Society)

6:00 pm (Coral) ⊕Deceased Members of the Zicha & Bicego Families (Zicha Children)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

9:00 am (Coral) ⊕James Yanoscsik (Wife, Mimi)
11:00 am (Lucernemines) ProPopulo (for the people of the parish)



Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday, October 14-3:00pm (Lucerne) Sunday, October 15-8:30am (Coral)

**Father John will be attending the Clergy Convocation on October 10, 11 & 12 following the daily masses.

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