



Our Lady of the Assumption

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Jesus told his disciples this parable:
"The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out at dawn to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with them for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. Going out about nine o'clock, the landowner saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and he said to them, 'You too go into my vineyard, and I will give you what is just.'"



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

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

Schedule for daily Masses, Holy Days, & other services can be found in this bulletin
Parish Website: www.olaparishpa.org



The Sanctuary Candle burns in
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



It's that time again! 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.

Coffee and donuts

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



The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday, September 21st in order for the staff to attend a Diocesan event. Also office hours for Friday will be 9am-1pm.



Blessing of the Pets

Bring your pet to be blessed by Father John on either Saturday,

September 30th at 9:30am in Coral or 5:00pm in Lucerne.



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Scan to donate online. Your account will be automatically debited, no need to worry about forgetting your envelope on the weekend or holyday.

Stop in the parish office and pick up a few **Christmas Cash** tickets. You will have the chance to win \$500.00. The winner is determined by the first 7pm PA Pick 3 number drawn on Dec. 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15, 2023. Only 500 tickets will be sold.



"I hope I can be the autumn leaf, who looked at the sky and lived. And when it was time to leave, gracefully it knew life was a gift." - Dodinsky



Dear Parishioners,

A Catholic World-Wide Gathering

On **October 4** of this year, the Solemnity of St. Francis of Assisi, the Roman Catholic Church **begins in Rome** an "assembly" of members for which we, too, here in Indiana County and throughout the Diocese of Greensburg, have prepared. For a year and a half, we have used a word to describe a concept somewhat obtuse to us, **synodality**; the concept and the terminology employed, have invited us to converse with one another, to listen to the brother or sister in charity, and to mutually discern what the Holy Spirit might be asking of us as people with faith in God today. Pope Francis trusts God to guide the Church in all its members through this process, keeping our minds and heart focused on the apostolic faith (that is, the essential "content" of faith handed on or down to us from Jesus).

Some members of our Catholic faithful have expressed a **fear that the process itself might seem to compromise the essential content** of our Catholic faith by having discussions which bring to light the issues which seem to govern our contemporary societies. Will we Catholic become people so divided by the highlighting of contemporary issues as to suggest an abandonment of content or its discipline or practice which defines us a Roman Catholic? Will we want to become a "democratic assembly," that is, one in which governance depends upon popularity? No.

Hearing that many Catholics in industrialized and post-industrialized countries where **secularism** has become the dominant guiding force **must accept the inherent challenges** to speak about the Lord and about faithfulness to God within these contexts may pose or **propose a new dynamic for handing on faith**. I came across an intriguing comment that Benedict XVI made when he visited the Czech Republic, reportedly one of the most secular of states in a sea of secular states in western Europe. Pope Benedict told bishops that the very loss of the familiar and the traditional **presents a totally new opportunity to speak of faith in a new language**. Benedict said that he did not fear this opportunity.

At the same time, **St. Paul VI comes to mind**, owing to his **teaching that the most effective teachers of faith are those who boldly practice their faith in charity**, so that the **witness speaks convincingly what other noises may attempt to eradicate**. Recall with me, please, that listening to one another in 2023-2024, both in preparation for and in the actual work of a Synod, also involves listening to accounts to men and women discouraged by crimes and sins even within the corps of ministers in the church, to yet more stories of parents who cannot find words to touch their offspring, to youth who have closed themselves to the Way, the Truth, and the Life, and to hopes that a new vocabulary faithful to the essential, privileged content of faith, may, by the guidance of the Holy Spirit, **break through the barriers jamming the flow of God's Truth**.

At Our Lady of the Assumption Parish, over the summer months alone, we have bid farewell and buried the mortal remains of some great parishioners who, having accepted faith in Christ and in his doctrine, lived with attention to the Lord and to God's Holy Operation in their lives. Think on those that kept the faith: they witnessed by regular presence at Worship of the Lord, they received the Holy Sacraments of Encounter with Jesus, the Christ; they served us and others with generosity; they made friends and kept them as long as health permitted them to do so. **With the loss of this generation as they go home to the Lord, will the rest of us step up to boldly go where they once did?**

After all, we also let go of some not as well-prepared to conclude this portion of their soul's existence. The Second Eucharistic prayer voices something we know: some of us will die in unity with the Lord looking forward to seeing the Lord face-to-face, while others rely on mercy alone, not upon friendship with God.

Listening to the worldwide assembly at the Rome Synod on Synodality ought to give us a **drone's eye view of the working of the Lord for the Good and for the Kingdom**.

Father John

ASSUMPTION CINEMA PRESENTS...Wednesday, September 27th

"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 DATESOur 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)

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 SEPTEMBER/OCTOBERElementary Grades K-5

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

9/24, 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)

9/24, 10/15, 10/29

Feast of St. FrancisAnnual Blessing of the AnimalsSaturday, 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.

St Francis Prayer For Animals

Good St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals and the environment, you devoted your life to God by expressing a profound love for all his creations. You cared for the poor; you catered for the sick, and even preached sermons to animals to show us that all creatures are sister and brother under God.

We call upon you to help us follow your compassionate example. Let us treat each and every single living thing with love and kindness. Grant us empathy to embrace all creatures as member of one family and offer dignity to all of God's creations. Invite us just as you invited all people, animals, plants, the environment and even Brother Sun and Sister Moon to give praise and honor to the most High.

We ask that you inspire us in the name of Jesus, to keep ever alive a sense of fraternity with all those beautiful and good things that Almighty God has created. And that you remind us of our serious obligation to watch over and respect animals in light of being one big interconnected family. We ask that pray for all the sick animals and pets, and ask God to hear the pleas of sick pets all over the world.

Amen



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.

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 DioceseofGreensburg.org/pro-life-ministries/. For more information, contact Christina Cerilli at ccerilli@dioceseofgreensburg.org.



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.

DCCW Interfaith Pro-life Breakfast set Sept. 30

The Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will host their annual Interfaith Pro-life Breakfast Saturday, Sept. 30, from 10 a.m.-noon at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg. Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. Keynote speaker will be Carolyn Cannizzaro, Director of Pro-Life Advocacy for the Diocese of Greensburg. All are invited to attend. Cost is \$25 (\$10 for students), and reservations are required by calling 724-787-2415.





Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

4:00 pm (Lucernemines) †John Popp, Jr. (Jack & Janice Bell)
 6:00 pm (Coral) ProPopulo (for the people of the parish)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

9:00 am (Coral) †Christine & Jack Zambenardi (Family)
 11:00 am (Lucernemines) †Stella Yarkowski (Marilyn Crews)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25- NO MASS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 - Coral

8:00 am †Anthony & Eleanor Borzcik (Julie Mills)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27- Coral

8:00 am †Mike Buzi (Jenny Farabaugh)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28- Coral

8:00 am In honor of Elaine McQueeney (Mike & Kathleen DeSantis)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29- Coral

8:00 am †Steve Andrascik (Terry & Georgette Johnston)

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)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday, September 30-3:00pm (Lucerne)
 Sunday, October 1-8:30am (Coral)



SEPT 16 & 17 2023	OFFERTORY	Mass Attendance
Adult, Loose, Children & Online Giving	\$4861.00	Lucerne
Votive Candles	\$89.30	Sept 16, 4pm—88
Maintenance	\$140.00	Sept 17, 11am—77
St. Vincent de Paul	\$10.00	Coral
Diocesan Collections	\$70.00	Sept 16, 6pm—45
Special Collections	\$10.00	Sept 17, 9am—115
Cemetery	\$192.00	