



Our Lady of the Assumption

A Parish of the Diocese of Greensburg
A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust



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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

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Prayer for Eucharistic Revival

Lord Jesus, You are the living bread who satisfies the hunger of the human heart. In the Eucharist, the bread and wine become Your Body and Blood, the gift of Yourself to the Church. Deepen our faith in Your Eucharistic presence and strengthen us as members of the Church, the Body of Christ. As we encounter and revere Your Eucharistic presence, open us to the needs of our brothers and sisters here and everywhere throughout the world. Help us to reveal Your love, Your promise, Your presence to them by our lives and in all we say and do. Amen.

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Then the one who had received two talents also came forward and said,
'Master, you gave me two talents.
See, I have made two more.'
His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities.
Come, share your master's joy.'



The Parish Office will be open from 9am—1pm on Wednesday, November 22nd and will be closed on Thursday, November 23 and Friday, November 24.

The Altar Rosary & Christian Mothers are hosting a Christmas Party at Hoss's on December 3 at noon. Forms can be found at each church entrance. All are invited.

The Knights of Columbus will be distributing bread on Thanksgiving Day at the 9:00am mass in Lucerne. Be sure to thank them for their generosity.



Adult sweaters (excluding white tag items) are BOGO this week at the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store. Located in the BiLo Plaza on N. 4th Street, store hours are

Monday thru Saturday from 10am to 2pm with donations accepted at the back door from 10am to 1pm (space permitting).

As of November 25 and 26 LPI will no longer be printing our bulletin. Beginning the weekend of December 2nd and 3rd we will have our new bulletin and we will need to cover the printing costs. Inside this bulletin is a flyer explaining the process and cost of running an ad. If you are a business owner or know someone who is, please share this information with them.

Once again Christmas tags will be in the back of the churches for those in our community who are in need. Please return the item with the tag attached no later than December 10th. If you have any questions please call Patty Pavolko at 724 479 2290 or Janice Bell at 724 479 2568. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

CRS Spotlight Why are we talking about peace in the Sahel? The Sahel is engulfed in a deadly spiral of violence that has claimed countless lives, uprooted millions from their homes, and shattered vital social services. In less than two years, the number of displaced persons has increased by 40%, recently reaching 2.5 million people in five west African nations in Sahel. Please visit www.crs.org for more information and to see how you can help!

Thanksgiving Day Prayer

Lord, we thank you for the goodness of our people and for the spirit of justice that fills this nation. We thank you for the beauty and fullness of the land and the challenge of the cities. We thank you for our work and our rest, for one another, and for our homes. We thank you, Lord: accept our thanksgiving on this day. We pray and give thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



More on our Worship at Mass

Dear Parishioners,

In 1955 the Holy See or governing body of the Roman Catholic Church assigned the Capuchin-Franciscan Province headquartered in Pittsburgh to evangelize, that is, to introduce the native peoples of Papua New Guinea to the Catholic, Christian Faith. Because of World War II and its intrusions into the primitive interior highlands of that island, the peoples there had already seen some of the best and a lot of the worst of the strangely pale-skinned races that now were reappearing among them a little bit at a time. Both the overseeing Australian government and the Holy See believed that sending “missionaries” would better protect the people in introducing them to the world beyond their beautiful homeland. So, there were no Christians when the mission began where now a church thrives in PNG.

When I served as Provincial, I had a responsibility to visit our brothers and priests ministering there, every other year. On each visit I accompanied my fellow Capuchins as we went out to lead Sunday Masses celebrated in both a local language and in the “trade language,” named “Pigin.” I remember that we arrived at one village after a two-and-one-half-hour drive over treacherous roads to find a parish church, complete with a small bell tower out front, ushers or greeters at the doors, lectors, servers, Eucharistic ministers, musicians, and choirs. People introduced themselves as members of the Pastoral Council or of the Finance Council, or Catechists.

As Mass began, I followed along in the Pigin which is not difficult to understand since it mimics English both in grammar and vocabulary. I felt as if I were back in the States at parishes where I had assisted. At one point, I began to compare the parishioners to people I knew quite well in our churches in Cumberland or Cleveland or Herman or York or Charleston.

The way of worshiping was exactly the same as were the roles of service for worship that we supply here in Pennsylvania. They sang processional hymns to gather; they sat in their favorite places (often on mats on the floor); they greeted one another warmly; they quieted the children; they prayed a penitential rite; they listened to the same readings that I read in my trusty missalette; they sang a responsorial psalm and intoned the alleluia before the gospel; they had a small procession with the gospel book. Maybe they had prepared especially well for the visit of the Provincial, but they strongly impressed me. After Mass many of the ladies wanted to touch my beard and rub my head with my short American, white-man’s haircut.

Each priest delivered a homily, often first in Pigin (or at the coastal churches, in English), but then translated into the local language of that place (called Talk-place). Intercessions followed the profession of Faith in the Creed.

Please note with me here that what we learn about the earliest Christian worship has translated even to this remote place with a church seventy years old. And note the universality of our worship, that is, we are “catholic” in more than a title; we must open the doors to all, everywhere we go.

Two other aspects of our worship that are ancient and worthy of noting as we speak of the Liturgy of God’s Word: before he proclaims the Gospel, the priest, bowing before the altar, prays silently, that he may be made worthy to proclaim God’s Good News, that his lips and mind and heart might be purified. The reference here is to Isaiah who envisions a coal from the Temple altar burning away what is useless, profane and mundane. When the priest or deacon proclaims the Gospel, he prays in humility and marks with his thumb his forehead, his lips, and his heart with a Cross, praying that the Lord be in his mind, on his lips, and in his heart. The congregation does the same, praying “Lord, be in my mind, on my lips, and in my heart as I hear your Word.” At the conclusion of the “proclamation of the Gospel,” the priest or deacon raises the book slightly and out of respect for God’s words, kisses the book.

Next in our review: the Creed and its place in worship.

Father John

ASSUMPTION CINEMA PRESENTS...

NEW: Special Presentation

Sunday, December 10th (2pm-5pm)

Addressing HUMAN TRAFFICKING

We will be hosting a special viewing of *Sound of Freedom* (PG-13) at Podowski Hall of this newly released film based on the true story of Tim Ballard, a former US government agent, whose mission it is to rescue children from sex traffickers in Columbia.

The movie will be followed by an update and resources on Human Trafficking

by Sr. Mary Norbert Long, Sisters of Charity at Seton Hill.

We will also be participating in the Red Sand Art Project focusing on those

members of our society who "fall through the cracks." Although the movie is

not graphic, it is suggestive about Human Trafficking encounters.

Parents

are encouraged to accompany any teens. Begin the conversation!

Admission is free. Light refreshments will be served.

ADULT ENRICHMENT

Our current Adult Enrichment Series features

Season 2 of The Chosen.

Wednesday Evenings: The Chosen

Podowski Hall beginning at 6pm

11/29, 12/6, 12/13, and 12/20

NEW: Special Advent Bible Study Enrichment Series:

The Infancy Narratives

Join us for a fascinating study on the Infancy Narratives as we prepare to make way for the Lord during the season of Advent! Our sessions are scheduled on the following Thursdays: 11/30, 12/7, and 12/14. We will be meeting for identical sessions immediately following the 8am Mass in the Coral Social Hall, AND at 6pm in Podowski Hall at the Lucernemines site.

All are welcome! No charge! Light refreshments and materials provided.

Listen to God's Word in Scripture and reflect on His surprising Presence with us!

PANCAKE BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER

Our Youth Group members will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast

Fundraiser

on Sunday, November 19th immediately following the 9am Mass in Coral.

The breakfast will include pancakes, sausage, fruit, muffin, and drink for a suggested donation of ONLY \$6 per person!

FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

Elementary Grades K-5

9:30am-10:45am at Podowski Hall (Lucernemines) 11/19, 12/3, 12/10, and 12/17 (immediately following 11am Mass)

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

5:30pm-7:30pm at Podowski Hall (Lucernemines) 12/3, and 12/17 (immediately following 11am Mass)

Upcoming Service Projects for Youth (grades 6-12)

If you are interested and available in volunteering for any of the following

events, please contact cmarco-line@dioceseofgreensburg.org at your earliest convenience with the time that you would be available to help out. These service hours will count toward Confirmation for middle school students, and as community service for high school students



Light Up Night at Homer City Fire Hall

Friday, December 1st from 4pm-8pm

Bell Ringing for Salvation Army at Ideal Market in Homer City

Saturday, December 2nd from 10am-6pm

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES 2023

DECEMBER 4, MONDAY, 7:00 PM AT HOLY FAMILY CHURCH, SEWARD

DECEMBER 6, WEDNESDAY, 7:00PM AT SS SIMON & JUDE, BLAIRSVILLE

DECEMBER 12, TUESDAY, 7:00PM AT ST. THOMAS MORE, INDIANA

DECEMBER 13, WEDNESDAY, 7:00PM AT ST. MATTHEW'S, SALTSBURG

DECEMBER 14, THURSDAY, 7:00PM AT CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD, KENT

DECEMBER 16, SATURDAY, 10:00AM AT ST BERNARD'S, INDIANA

DECEMBER 18, MONDAY, 7:00PM AT CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION, CLYMER

DECEMBER 19, TUESDAY, 7:00PM AT OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION, LUCERNEMINES

****LAST CHANCE** DECEMBER 22, FRIDAY, 6:00PM-8:00PM, OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION, LUCERNEMINES**

November 11 & 12, 2023	Offertory
Adult, Loose, Children & Online Giving	\$
Votive Candle	\$
Maintenance	\$
St Vincent de Paul	\$
Diocesan Collections	\$
Special Collections	\$
Cemetery	\$

**Mass Attendance
Nov 11 & 12**

Lucerne

4:00pm—88
11:00am—95

Coral

6:00pm—62
9:00am—97

Families receiving envelopes— 462

Envelopes used this week—

Online giving this week—

Due to the upcoming holiday, the bulletin was submitted early, Some weekly information will be included in the next weeks bulletin.



HAPPENINGS AROUND THE DIOCESE

**NEW SERIES COMING TO SAINT JAMES!
LIVING AS HEALTHY DISCIPLES**

We are excited to introduce a new series of talks to be offered here at St. James entitled "Living as Healthy Disciples." As Christians, the care we give to our body, mind and spirit is important as we care for this great gift of life that God has given to us. Through a series of talks offered throughout the winter months, we will receive professional guidance from local Christian healthcare professionals who share their expertise in caring for ourselves and our loved ones. Our first talk in this series will take place on Tuesday, November 21st, at 6:00 p.m. in the social hall. This first talk will focus on mental health and is entitled Supporting Ourselves and Others: Mental Health Awareness. We are excited to welcome Mr. Robert R. Baum, Jr., MSW, Director of Counseling Services for the Diocese of Greensburg, to Saint James Church for this presentation. For more information, please contact the parish office - 724-668-2829.

Healing Mass If you are in need of prayer for healing in body, mind or spirit, we encourage you to come.

Monday, November 20, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

St. Cecilia Church, 220 St. Cecilia Road, Whitney

The Partner Parishes of St. John the Baptist and St. Joseph will host their Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday, November 23, 2023 from 11am-2pm in the school hall (501 S. Broadway Scottdale, PA). The meal is free to anyone that needs a nutritious meal or needs company on Thanksgiving Day. Eat-in or Take out is available. For more information, please call the Parish Office at 724-887-6321.

Rorate Mass Dec. 12 at Christ, Prince of Peace Parish, Ford City

A candlelight Rorate Mass in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe is planned Dec. 12 at 7 p.m. at Christ, Prince of Peace Parish, Ford City, in the ancient Catholic tradition of celebrating a candlelight Mass during Advent to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary and to prepare for the arrival of the son of God.

St. Anne Home selling lottery calendars

St. Anne Home, Greensburg, is selling lottery calendars for 2024, with chances to win all year. Cost is \$30. To purchase, call 724-837-6070.

Advent day of prayer For women Dec. 2 at St. Rose Parish,

Latrobe The Greensburg Diocesan Council of the National Council of Catholic Women (DCCW) will host an Advent day of prayer and reflection Saturday, Dec. 2, at St. Rose Parish, Latrobe. The day will include rosary, Mass with Father Reverend Eric J. Dinga, spiritual advisor for the DCCW, as celebrant, an Advent reflection, and a catered brunch. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome. Cost is \$15. For reservations, contact Kathy Byron at 724-787-2415 or kathy_b1133@gmail.com by Nov. 25

Lessons and Carols Dec. 1 at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral,

Greensburg Bishop Larry J. Kulick invites all to join him, along with musicians from the Diocese of Greensburg and Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, for the annual Diocesan celebration of Lessons and Carols Friday, Dec. 1, at 7 p.m. at the Cathedral in Greensburg. A reception will follow in the social hall. Admission is free.



MASS INTENTIONS

OF THE WEEK

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

4:00 pm (Lucernemines) † Frank Arone (Sam & Betsy Arone & Family)

6:00 pm (Coral) † John & Mildred Dechman (Ted, John & Ann Marie)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

9:00 am (Coral) † Anthony & Inez Spiaggi Family (Rita & Rick Stipcak)

11:00 am ProPopulo (for the people of the parish)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20-NO MASS

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21 - Coral

8:00 am † Bernard Murray (Fred & Rosemary Perry)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22 - Coral

8:00am † Stella Yarkowski (Norm & Jane Miller)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23— Lucerne—Thanksgiving Day

9:00 am † Stanley Lucas (Peggy & family)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24- Coral

8:00 am † Regis Troxell (Paula & Carol)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25

4:00 pm (Lucernemines) ProPopulo (for the people of the parish)

6:00 pm (Coral) † Donna Kurcsics (Carolyn Violi)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27

9:00 am (Coral) † Phil, Eva & Yvonne Cravotta (Denise Cravotta Rowley & family)

11:00 am (Lucernemines) † Stanley Lucas (Kathy & Alex Yarkowski)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday, November 25-3:00pm (Lucerne)

Sunday, November 26-8:30am (Coral)



The Host is in memory of
**Michael J & Pauline
Gatskie-C**
By Family
&
Mary Popp-L
By OLOTA Money Counters

The Sanctuary candle burns in
memory of
Gary M Welsh-L
By Wife, Barbara
&
Marie Greczek-C
By Darrick Bertig