

Mass Times

SATURDAY

4:00 PM at Lucernemines
6:00 PM at Coral

SUNDAY

9:00 AM at Coral
11:00 AM at Lucernemines

WEEKDAY

8:00 AM at Coral (Tues-Fri)

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Today the Church celebrates the **Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord**. "The Lord and ruler is coming; kingship is his, and government and power." With these words the Church proclaims that today's feast brings to a perfect fulfillment all the purposes of Advent. Epiphany, therefore, marks the liturgical zenith of the Advent-Christmas season. — Pius Parsch

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD JANUARY 7, 2024

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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.



Join us for Season 3 of *The Chosen*,
Wednesday evenings at 6pm beginning
January 24th in Podowski Hall.
Refreshments will be served.

EPIPHANY HOME BLESSING KITS

On Epiphany weekend (January 6th and 7th),
Home Blessing Kits will be available to
purchase for only \$10 after all Masses in the
back of the churches. Our Youth Group has
created a limited number of kits for this
special occasion. The kits contain blessed
chalk, holy water, incense, a blessed St.
Benedict medal, and special prayer card in a
gift box. Blessed chalk will also be
distributed to all parishioners. Special thanks
to Caden Costello for helping to assemble
the Home Blessing kits.

A special thank you from Share the Joy to
all those who took a tag and purchased gifts
or gave a contribution. It was greatly
appreciated.

The Knights of Columbus would like to
thank everyone that purchased a 2024 Saint
Anne Calendar. We were able to send
\$2370.00 to the Saint Anne Home. Good
luck to all that are participating this year!

**A very special thank you to our student
volunteers** and to all of the donors who
came out on December 28th to support our
annual blood drive through the American
Red Cross! We were able to collect 33 pints
of blood which exceeded our goal! Thank
you for giving the most precious gifts of life
and time! Happy New Year!



Dear Parishioners,

Our Eastern Side



Growing up in the then thriving industrialized New
Kensington, **by walking the streets**, I learned a great deal
about the diversity of belief in God and various ethnic
expressions of faith. Within the radius of a few city blocks I
would pass the English Lutheran Church, St. Mary's (Polish), Beth Jacob
Synagogue, Mt. St. Peter (Italian), First Methodist Congregation, the
Antiochian/Syrian Orthodox Church, the Greek Orthodox Church, the First
Baptist Church, St. Joseph (Irish/English), St. Vladmir Ukrainian Catholic,
the John Huss Congregation, All Saints' (Slovak), Parnassus Presbyterian,
the SS. Peter and Paul Polish Nationalist Church. My great aunt Mary lived
next door to a small Russian Orthodox Church just a few blocks from the
Afro-American Baptist Congregation, and a visit to the Krupa Funeral Home
favored by Polish speaking Catholics always took us right by the little stone
Christ Episcopal Church. When visiting my grandparents across the
Allegheny River in Tarentum, from their front porch, I could see three
steeple, one "onion dome," and one large stone Presbyterian church.

So, it didn't surprise me to learn that one of my first-grade
classmates at St. Mary School attended the Syrian church, nor did it surprise
me to learn at St. Fidelis in Herman that the children of Byzantine priests
had attended high school and college there. The first Byzantine "Divine
Liturgy" I ever attended was one celebrated in the chapel there. Nor was I
startled to learn that Capuchin brothers and priests regularly assisted the
priests and the congregations of these Eastern Rite parishes. Later I would
learn that the Byzantine priests frequented St. Augustine Monastery to find
confessors and spiritual directors.

In the coal fields and industry towns of Pennsylvania, in those little
"company towns," men who labored there and provided for their families,
often built places to worship reflective of their ethnic roots.

In the coming week we have a unique opportunity to visit St. Mary
Byzantine Church right here in Homer City, not just to take a quick look
inside the doors, but to receive a guided introduction to the church and to
learn some aspects of Divine Worship that will lead us understand our own
"Roman Rite" the better.

The Eastern Rites of our Christian faith are ancient and apostolic
(associated with the apostles who evangelized first); evangelization later
brought additional peoples to faith through the work of Saints Cyril and
Methodius.

So many of our people in Assumption Parish trace our roots to
eastern Europe; many identify ethnically as Slovak, not a huge area in land
mass, but one in which the eastern portions in the Carpathian Mountains
knew the wondrously crafted Ruthenian Byzantine wooden domed churches.
In some areas of Slovakia, Roman Catholics and Byzantine
Catholics are next door neighbors. By being in unity with us at the same time
as they have preserved the same ancient liturgies as the Orthodox have, we
have window opening to a universality of faith in its diversity of practices.
Our common heritage expressed in some culturally diverging ways ought to
assist each of us to understand how faith in Jesus grows.

Even if you attended a funeral or a wedding at St. Mary, please
come to enjoy this learning time and fellowship time. I know you won't regret
spending an event in a beautiful sanctuary.

Father John

Mass Intentions for January 6—January 14, 2024

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6

Lucernemines 4:00 pm †Teresa & Vincent Flocco (Daughter, Teresa Buggey)
 Coral 6:00 pm ProPopulo

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

Coral 9:00 am †Leonard Evansic (Wife, Cecile)
 Lucernemines 11:00 am..... †Stephen, Carolyn & Monica Bondra (Bondra Family)

MONDAY, JANUARY 8 No Mass

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9

Coral 8:00 am †Katherine & Also Tedeschi (Tom & Terri)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10

Coral 8:00 am †Stanley Lucas (The Milners)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11

Coral 8:00 am †Mike McHenry (Evanick Family)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12

Coral 8 am †Beverly Zoldak (John Zoldak)

FIRST SATURDAY, JANUARY 13

Lucernemines 3-3:30pm..... Sacrament of Reconciliation
 Lucernemines 4 pm †Mary Ann Barletta (Sam & Betsy Arone)
 Coral 6 pm . Living & Deceased Members of the Kuroishi Familiy (Mike & Kathleen DeSantis)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

Coral 9 :00 am ProPopulo
 Lucernemines 11:00 am..... †Patricia Buzi (Peggy Watkins)

The Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of:

Coral Aldo & Katherine Tedeschi by Terri Tedeschi
 Lucernemines Mary Popp by Zicha Family

The Host is in memory of:

Coral Leonard Evansic by Mike & Irene Grimes

EPIPHANY HOUSE BLESSING It has been a tradition in the Catholic Church to bless chalk at the Masses for Epiphany, and then use the blessed chalk as part of blessing one's home in the New Year. The home blessing can be done as follows: Using the blessed chalk, mark the current year and the initials of the Maji above the outside doorways of your home. Place a cross between each of the letters. It should look something like this: 20+C+M+B+XX (XX =last two digits of current year) After completing the above markings, pray the following prayer: May all who come to our home this year rejoice to find Christ living among us; and may we seek and serve, in everyone we meet, that same Jesus who is Lord of all people, forever and ever. Amen. The legendary names of the three Maji are: Casper, Melchior, and Balthasar. The initials C+M+B also stand for the Latin words, "Christus Mansionem Benedicat" which means: "May Christ bless this dwelling." The markings over the doors should be left all year round as a sign that yours is a Christian home.

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Dec 23,24, 25, 2023	Offertory
Adult, Loose, Children & Online Giving	\$7561.00
Votive Candle	\$208.00
Maintenance	\$245.00
Flowers	\$100.00
Catholic Accent	\$9.00
Special Collections	\$6870.50
Diocesan Collections	\$967.00
Cemetery	\$50.00
Families receiving envelopes—462	
Envelopes used this week—388	
Online giving this week—33	

Mass Attendance Dec 23 & 24

Lucerne 4:00 pm—120
 11:00 am—48
 Coral 6:00 pm—60
 9:00 am—138

Mass Attendance Dec 24 & 25

Lucerne 4:00 pm—265
 7:00pm—48
 Coral 10:00pm—237
 9:00 am—15

If you have a loved one who is in residence in a personal care home or homebound and would like them to receive our bulletin, please contact the parish office or drop the information in the offertory basket.

The March for Life in Washington DC is taking place on Friday, January 19. I am aware of two parish-based groups who are sending buses this year. If you would like to attend, please reach out to them to reserve a seat. A bus is going from St. Bernard, Indiana with departure at 6:30 AM from Indiana Alliance Church. Please contact Bill Ager at 724-465-4522 for details. A bus is going from Mother of Sorrows, Murrysville with departure at 5:30 AM. Please contact Barb Koury at barbkoury@gmail.com or 412-480-6490 for details. If anyone is going to the March on their own, you are welcome to attend Mass that morning with Bishop Kulick at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel in the National Basilica at 10:30 AM and to march with Bishop beginning at the corner of Constitution and 12th Street around 1:00 PM

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

FAITH FORMATION FOR JANUARY 2024

All sessions will take place in Podowski Hall.

Sunday, January 7th

9:30am-10:45am Grades K-5

5:30pm-7:30pm Grades 6-12

Sunday, January 14th

9:30am-10:45am Grades K-5

Day of Service in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Sunday, January 21st

9:30am-10:45am Grades K-5

5:30pm-7:30pm Grades 6-12

Sunday, January 28th

9:30am-10:45am Grades K-5

BYZANTINE CHURCH TOUR WITH REV. MASH Explore the common ancient expression of our Faith! Everyone is welcome to attend a church tour of Saint Mary's Holy Protection Byzantine Catholic Church with Rev. Mash on Tuesday, January 9th at 6pm. The church is located at 279 Yellowcreek Street, Homer City. Members of Saint Mary's will host a reception following the tour. We will follow up with an evening of reflection on Thursday, January 11th at Podowski Hall at 6pm.

ASSUMPTION CINEMA– 6pm at Podowski Hall

Wednesday, January 10th *The Miracle Club* (PG-13, 91 mins., 2023 release) A group of women from Dublin embark on a pilgrimage to Lourdes in France. Starring Laura Linney, Kathy Bates, and Maggie Smith

Wednesday, January 17th *Route 60, The Biblical Highway* (NR, 100 mins., 2023 documentary) Discover the historic and sacred link to the roots of Judaism and Christianity along Route 60 as you trace the steps of Abraham, Jacob, and Jesus.

ADULT ENRICHMENT SERIES

WHAT TO SAY AND HOW TO SAY IT by Brandon Vogt (author of RETURN)

Reflect on how to discuss your Catholic Faith with confidence on the following subjects:

Explaining the Eucharist (January 25th)

Answering Atheism (February 8th)

Trusting the Gospels (February 15th)

Evil and Suffering (February 22nd)

Two identical sessions will be held on each of the above dates. The morning session will begin following the 8am Mass in the Coral Social Hall. The evening session will begin at 6pm in Podowski Hall at Lucernemines. A \$10 donation will help to defray the costs of refreshments and resources .

Students in the News

Congratulations to Jaxson Arone, a senior at Homer Center, who was recently named to the 2023 All-Gazette Football Team!

Blessed Baptisms

Cooper Scott Plowcha, son of Brian Plowcha and Madison Smith, was Baptized in Lucernemines on Friday, December 22nd.

Twin brothers, Ari and Finn Zoldak Mitrov, sons of Jessica Zoldak and Marko Mitrov, were Baptized in Coral on Tuesday, December 26th.

A joyful welcome to all three boys into our community of Faith. May their lives be blessed by God's abundant grace, now and always.



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Parishes planning Jan. 9 Rivers Casino bus trip

Our Lady, Queen of Peace Parish, East Vandergrift, and St. James Parish, Apollo, are planning a Rivers Casino bus trip (21 and older) Tuesday, Jan. 9. The motor coach will leave St. James Parish at 9 a.m. Participants will be at the casino for five hours. Cost is \$35, which includes gratuity for the bus driver and \$10 in free play (state-issued photo ID required). To sign up, call 724-478-4958.

DCCW Pray for Life Day Jan. 19 at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg

Everyone is invited to join in a day of prayer hosted by the Greensburg Diocesan Council of the National Council of Catholic Women (DCCW) at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg, on Friday, Jan. 19, the day of the March for Life in Washington, D.C. The day will begin with the Rosary for Priests at 11:30 a.m., followed by Mass at noon, Rosary for Life, Stations of the Cross for Life, Divine Mercy chaplet at 3 p.m., Litany for Life at 3:30 p.m. and closing prayer at 4 p.m. There is no cost, and those attending can stay all day or part of the day. The DCCW will also be accepting donations of baby items for pregnancy centers in the Diocese.

Magnificat Breakfast Jan. 27 at Rizzo's Malabar Inn, Crabtree

The Greensburg chapter of Magnificat – A Ministry to Catholic Women will hold a breakfast Saturday, Jan. 27, at 9 a.m. at Rizzo's Malabar Inn Banquet Hall, Crabtree. Guest speaker will be Jennifer Wilson, who will relate how she found her way through college hookup culture, infertility, a complicated delivery and postpartum depression with the help of the Holy Spirit. Cost is \$25 (\$20 for students). To register, visit magnificatgreensburg.com or call Brenda Concannon at 724-836-2094. Registration deadline is Jan. 22.

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 Ascension.