

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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COLLECT PRAYER

Fourth Sunday of Lent: O God, who through your Word reconcile the human race to yourself in a wonderful way, grant, we pray, that with prompt devotion and eager faith the Christian people may hasten toward the solemn celebrations to come. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 10, 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.



Our third **Meager Meal** will take place on Wednesday, March 13th in Coral beginning at 11:30am to 1:00pm., which is also the **fourth in the Lenten Luncheon Series**. Pastor Jon Ditter will be the speaker, worship will begin at 12:00pm. After worship walk over to the hall and enjoy a bowl of delicious homemade soup, bread, a beverage and best of all, fellowship. Free-will donations will be accepted and given to the Homer City Area Ministerium.

The Knights of Columbus, Council 10960 presents 'A Knight at the Races' April 6th at the Graceton-Coral Sportsman Club. Doors open at 4 pm. \$25 per ticket includes buffet meal and refreshments. Sponsor a horse for \$10 and if your horse wins its race, you win \$50. Fun, food, fellowship!! All monies are used for the charitable works of the Knights of Columbus. Contact any Knight for tickets. For info, contact Norb Rayko at 724.422.1533 or nmrak@hotmail.com. Tickets are also available at OLOTA parish office.

This Week's Regional Lenten Penance Services

- *March 11- S.S. Simon & Jude, Blairsville 7pm
- *March 12-Holy Family, Seward & St Sylvester, Slickville, 7pm
- *March 16-Church of the Good Shepherd, Kent, 10am

We are still in need of Bulletin Sponsorships. Information on becoming a sponsor is located in both church's. If you know of or are a business owners, please take an information flyer that is located on the bulletin board in the rear of the church.



Dear Parishioners,

More about how we pray....



If you have watched episodes of *The Chosen*, the latest filmed rendition of the ministry and life of Jesus, have **you found some segments surprisingly touching** in what they show us of and about Jesus in as historically accurate manner? The producers and directors of the film have done their homework well, and so present to us social and religious contexts for the stories that the Gospels portray. Perhaps its just that our biblical scholarship, cumulative studies, and digging through old ruins have come **together to fill in the blanks within our New Testament copies**.

Oh, the same producers and directors take some liberties with the text and draw out connections for the sake a good story line here and there, after all the "genre," or the way the story is told, must in the end still be termed "historical fiction." The "fiction" added to the New Testament in this case seems quite credible and helpful to us who want to understand yet more about **Jesus as a living person who brought the Father's love for humanity front and center**. For example, the producers and directors developed personalities for Mary of Magdala, for Peter's wife, for friends Martha, Mary, and Lazarus. I believe that the development of these personalities obliges us to re-imagine how Jesus met us and what Jesus' personality showed us about God. And, don' forget the New Testament is historical, too.

In this context, I find the many scenes in the stories when **Jesus easily slips into prayer** to be instructive. For example, after exhausting himself with too many healings and meetings to count, Jesus returns to the camp where he and the apostles demonstrate that they have surrendered all to follow this way [think of the instructions: "nowhere to lay one's head," "take nothing for the journey," "you will be like lambs in the midst of wolves."]; before Jesus beds down for the night, he prays to the Father in simple Jewish formulae **that bless God as the Creator of all life and the Origin of all good**. After meeting so many who suffered so much, Jesus has not lost awareness of the Supreme Goodness that is God, his Father, nor even of the goodness of God operating in the suffering person. Watch Jesus meet illness and pain, then see him seek to restore some to a world before the fruit of the Tree made us much less like God and much more like people lost, lonely, and afraid. **Contrast Jesus' ways** with those of even our **contemporary atheists who find no source of Good** and who **discover Evil everywhere**, thus pronouncing "No God."

Dr. Brant Pitre, a man who has schooled himself in the ways of Jewish Life in the first century, says that as the disciples and apostles asked Jesus to teach them to pray, they learned and prayed the **"Our Father" so well that the prayer quickly became "central in Christianity**. By the first century, it was customary for Christians **to pray the Our Father 'three times a day'** (as it is reported in the Didache 8:3), as well at Baptisms and the Eucharist."

Pitre says we pass over the prayer too quickly and miss how **Jesus taught us to focus on God in the first three petitions**: (1) Our Father who art in heaven *hallowed be thy name*. (2) *Thy kingdom come*. (3) *Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven*. The **first** petition, Pitre teaches, is a prayer for the whole world to stop taking God's name in vain and to begin treating it as sacred, while the **second** petition teaches disciples to pray for God's eternal kingdom to come down to earth, thus a prayer for the final advent of "eternal life." The **third** petition prays for the salvation of the world as we ask, "Thy will be done." In Matthew 7:21, **Jesus says we only come to him because we do the Father's will**, not because we say "Lord, Lord."

The final **four petitions focus on human beings**, on us. See the key words: **Give us; Forgive us; Lead us; Deliver us**. More about these petitions another time.

Father John

Mass Intentions for March 9-March 17, 2024

SATURDAY, MARCH 9

Lucernemines 4:00 pm †Mike Marusa (Mike & Irene Grimes)
 Coral 6:00 pm ProPopulo

SUNDAY, MARCH 10

Coral 9:00 am †John Bencic Jr (Pat Andrascik)
 Lucernemines 11:00 am..... †Barbara McMasters (Husband, Irv)

MONDAY, MARCH 11—NO MASS

TUESDAY, MARCH 12

Coral 8:00 am †Mary Rose Green (Glenda Lambiotte)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

Coral 8:00 am †Ed Horchar (Len & Carol Black)

THURSDAY, MARCH 14

Coral 8:00 am †Goose Vilcek (The Vilcek Family)

FRIDAY, MARCH 15

Coral 8 am †Genevieve Kogut (Grace Fedenick)
 Coral 12:00pm Stations of the Cross
 Lucernemines 6:00 pm Adoration
 6:30 pm Confession
 7:30 pm Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

Lucernemines 3-3:30pm..... Sacrament of Reconciliation
 Lucernemines 4 pm †Mary Arone (Jackie Face)
 Coral 6 pm ProPopulo

SUNDAY, MARCH 17

Coral 8:30 am Sacrament of Reconciliation
 Coral 9 :00 am †Joseph Rura (Sister, Mary Kay Rura)
 Lucernemines 11:00 am..... †Rocco & Lena Riscinto (Ed, Patty & Family)

The Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of:

Lucernemines Mike Marusa by Mike & Irene Grimes
 Coral Frank & Mary Gatskie by The Gatskie Family

The Host is in memory of:

Coral JR Reed by His Daughters



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 Ascensión.

2024 Diocesan Lenten Appeal as of February 24, 2024

Total Pledged: **\$3820.00**
 Diocesan Goal: **\$51,231.00**

Number of Gifts: **18** **.75% of Diocesan Goal**
.33% toward Parish Goal of an additional \$11,500.00

All money donated in excess of the Diocesan Goal are returned 100% to the Parish.

Parish Goal: **\$62,731.00**

March 2-3 2024	Offertory
Adult, Loose, Children & Online Giving	\$8047.00
Votive Candle	\$174.60
Maintenance	\$150.00
St Vincent de Paul	\$5.00
Accent	\$21.00
Flowers	\$843.00
Diocesan Collections	\$1394.00
Special Collections	\$145.00
Cemetery	\$192.00
Families receiving envelopes—462	
Envelopes used this week—274	
Online giving this week—34	

Mass Attendance March 2-3

Lucerne 4:00 pm—102
 11:00 am—82
 Coral 6:00 pm—77
 9:00 am—123

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE DIOCESE

MARCH PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY: Catholic faithful of Indiana County will gather on **Saturday, March 16, 2024 at 10:00AM on the sidewalk in front of the Indiana County Courthouse** to offer a public square Rosary. In this month dedicated to honoring St. Joseph, the prayer intention will be for the sanctity of traditional marriage. Rosaries and prayer guides are provided. The public Rosary lasts about 45 minutes. Please consider adding this prayerful public witness to your Lenten offerings. Please contact Marianne with any questions: 724-717-3278

40 Days for Life Continues
 Please join in 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion, continuing through March 24. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in front of Planned Parenthood, 933 Liberty Ave., Pittsburgh. For information, contact Nikki Bruni, nbruni@40daysforlifepgh.com, or Jen McDevitt, pghsaland365@gmail.com, or visit 40daysforlife.com/Pittsburgh or 40daysforlifepittsburgh.com.

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FAITH FORMATION NEWS FOR MARCH 2024

All sessions will take place in Podowski Hall.

Sunday, March 10th

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

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

Sunday, March 17th

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

5:30pm-7:30pm Dress Rehearsal for Living Stations (Grades 6-12)

Sunday, March 24th

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

7:00pm Performance of Living Stations at Lucernemines

Sunday, March 31st

No Sessions: Have a very blessed Easter!

ADULT ENRICHMENT SERIES

Mark your calendars for our next study on The Jewish Roots of Holy Week: The 7 Last Days of Jesus by Brant Pitre (video presentation/discussion).

Two sessions will be held on each of the following dates: 3/14 (Part 1) and 3/21 (Part 2). Both sessions will take place in the Coral Social Hall: immediately following the 8am Mass, and beginning at 6pm. No charge. Light refreshments will be provided.

Join us for Season 3 of The Chosen

Wednesday evenings at 6pm in Podowski Hall

No charge; light refreshments provided

3/13, 3/20, and 4/3

Sacramental Prep Workshop Reminder

Eighth grade students are to be accompanied by one parent/caregiver to a Confirmation Workshop on Monday, March 11th beginning at 6pm in Podowski Hall.

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March 11- S.S. Simon & Jude, Blairsville 7pm

March 12-Holy Family, Seward & St Sylvester, Slickville, 7pm

March 16-Church of the Good Shepherd, Kent, 10am

March 19-Church of the Resurrection, Clymer, 7pm

March 20-Our Lady of the Assumption Parish, Lucerne, 7pm

March 21- St Bernard's-Indiana, 7pm



Kent: Church of the Good Shepherd Parish (parish hall), Fridays, 4-7 p.m., dine in or drive-thru. Frozen pierogis also for sale. Information: 724-479-3881.

Indiana: St. Bernard Regional Catholic School (St. Bernard of Clairvaux Parish hall),

Fridays, 4-6:30 p.m., dine in or takeout.

Church of the Resurrection: March 8th - Heilwood - at the Clymer Social Hall, 349 Morris Street. 4pm - 7pm March 8th - Rossiter - at the Rossiter Fire Hall, 517 Central Street. 4pm - 7pm (Dinners \$15.00/\$7.50)

March 22nd - Glen Campbell - at the Glen Campbell Church Hall, 155 First Ave. 4pm - 6:30pm

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CRS Spotlight

Congress is considering legislation for the Farm Bill that would effectively end critical U.S. programs designed to fight global hunger and build communities' resilience. This is a dangerous proposal for millions of people. We need your help to protect Food for Peace programs so that families can access the resources they need to build thriving futures. Please visit www.crs.org to see how you can help!



Widowed, Divorced or Separated?

The loss of a spouse is a traumatic experience. The **Beginning Experience**® ministry provides a weekend program to help widowed, divorced, or separated men and women of all faiths to work through their grief to move forward on their life journey with hope. The next weekend program is April 19-21, 2024 at St. Emma Retreat Center, 1001 Harvey Avenue, Greensburg, PA 15601. Financial assistance may be available to those in need. Visit www.BeginningExperiencePittsburgh.com to register or make a confidential call to Kim at 412-352-2653 to learn more about this healing ministry.

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