

## 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

By your help, we beseech you, Lord our God, may we walk eagerly in that same charity with which, out of love for the world, you Son handed himself over to death. 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.

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 17, 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.



## REGIONAL LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES

\*March 19-Church of the Resurrection, Clymer, 7pm  
\*March 20-OLOTA, Lucerne, 7pm  
\*March 21-St Bernard's, Indiana, 7pm

### Final Meager Meal

March 18th beginning at 11:30am to 1pm in the Coral Hall. Enjoy delicious homemade soup, bread and a beverage. Free-will donations will be accepted and donated to a local charity.

### The Living Stations

Support our Youth Group as they perform the living stations of the cross on March 24th at 7pm, in our Lucerne church.



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 nmrayk@hotmail.com. Tickets are also available at OLOTA parish office.

The meeting of the Knights of Columbus scheduled for Wednesday, March 20th has been changed to Tuesday, March 19, same time and place.

Join us this for the final Lenten Service of the **2024 Lenten Luncheons**. **Wednesday, March 20th at 12:00 noon**, we will gather at the Homer City Alliance Church located at 4674 119 Hwy S, Homer City, where Father John will be the speaker. Stay for a light lunch following the service. (Presented by the congregations of the Homer City Area Ministerium)

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Dear Parishioners,

Another Patron for our Diocese

Usually Lent has two Solemnities on which we divest ourselves of somber purple and invest ourselves in bright white or gold. But because Easter falls on March 31 this leap year, the Annunciation usually commemorated on March 25, will not be celebrated until the Second Week of Easter, on Monday, March 8. The customary date connects the announcement to the Virgin Mary of the conception of Jesus through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit to our joyful celebration of the Birth of the Savior on December 25.



The **second Solemnity in Lent** occurs on March 19, the **Solemnity of St. Joseph**, this year on Tuesday of the Fourth Week of Lent. For us in the Diocese of Greensburg, this year will be memorable, since Bishop Larry Kulick will name St. Joseph to be another patron for our Diocese and will issue a Pastoral Letter outlining a pastoral plan for us. As a pastor, I will drive to the Cathedral for the Mass at which we will honor St. Joseph in his role as Protector of the Christ Child and of the Church as we collectively commit ourselves to the vision and plan of our Chief Pastor.

As the Catholic Culture website says, St. Joseph was "An ordinary manual laborer although descended from the royal house of David, [yet] in the designs of Providence [he] was destined to become the spouse of the Mother of God. His high privilege is expressed in a single phrase, 'Foster-father of Jesus.' About him *Sacred Scripture* has *little more to say than that he was a just man*, an expression which **indicates how faithfully he fulfilled his high trust of protecting and guarding God's greatest treasures upon earth, Jesus and Mary.**" Dr. Brant Pitre speculates that Joseph carried more than the DNA of King David, witnessing to Kingly virtues that made Joseph a wisely chosen human protector, parent, and mentor for the Child Jesus.

The paucity of scripture texts nevertheless tell us enough to catch why we are keen to name **Joseph one of the heroes of the New Testament**. Many commentators note that Joseph **faced dark hours as he responded to the Annunciation and as he listened to the direction delivered to him by angelic hosts in dreams**. Still Joseph **never ran away or cowered in fear**. "The darkest hours of Joseph's life may well have been those when he first learned of Mary's pregnancy; but precisely in this time of trial Joseph showed himself great. His suffering, which likewise formed a part of the work of the redemption, was not without great providential import: Joseph was to be, for all times, the trustworthy witness of the Messiah's virgin birth. After this, **he modestly retires** into the background of holy Scripture."

We have four churches and one chapel dedicated to St. Joseph and the Bishop will lead us on Pilgrimage to each parish: Uniontown; Everson; Derry; and New Kensington are the parishes, while the Chapel of the Christ, our Shepherd Center, is the lone chapel, dedicated in Joseph's honor. I can't help but think that in 2024 we need to **imitate the steadfastness and the tender care of Joseph for the family** given him by God, and we also **rely upon his love for Jesus** to seek protection for Jesus' Church. With Joseph we will pray for one another that the threats from Hell not overpower or depress us for we have on our side Christ who conquered all evil to draw us to the good Father in Heaven.

*Father John*

## Mass Intentions for March 16 –March 24, 2024

### SATURDAY, MARCH 16

Lucernemines 4:00 pm ..... †Mary Arone (Jackie Face)  
 Coral 6:00 pm ..... ProPopulo

### SUNDAY, MARCH 17

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

### MONDAY, MARCH 18—NO MASS

### TUESDAY, MARCH 19

Coral 8:00 am ..... †Anna Mae Lucas (Agnes Roser Family)

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

Coral 8:00 am ..... †Mary Popp (Patty Pavolko)

### THURSDAY, MARCH 21

Coral 8:00 am ..... †Larry McAdoo (Wife)

### FRIDAY, MARCH 22

Coral 8 am ..... †Clement Azanni (Suffragia)  
 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 23

Lucernemines 3-3:30pm..... Sacrament of Reconciliation  
 Lucernemines 4 pm ..... †Stephen, Carolyn & Monica Bondra (Bondra Family)  
 Coral 6 pm ..... Living & Deceased Members of Jednota Br 484  
 (Branch Officers)

### SUNDAY, MARCH 24

Coral 8:30 am ..... Sacrament of Reconciliation  
 Coral 9 :00 am ..... ProPopulo  
 Lucernemines 11:00 am..... †Patsy Semelsberger (Jim & Wanda Brown)

### The Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of:

Coral . Members of Joseph & Elizabeth Yoschak Family by Monica Rura  
 Lucernemines ..... Stanley Lucas by The Garden Club

### The Host is in memory of:

Coral .....Michael & Pauline Gatskie by The Gatskie Family  
 Lucernemines .....Mike Marusa by Prayer & Garden Club

### Regional Penance Services

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

### 2024 Diocesan Lenten Appeal as of March 9, 2024

Total Pledged: \$40,345.00  
 Diocesan Goal: \$51,231.00

Number of Gifts: 132 78.8% of Diocesan Goal  
 64.3% toward the combined goal of \$62,731.00 (Parish goal of \$11,00.00)

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

Parish Goal: \$62,731.00

### March 9-10, 2024

### Offertory

Adult, Loose, Children & Online Giving	\$8167.00
Votive Candle	\$156.15
Maintenance	\$306.00
St Vincent de Paul	\$165.00
Flowers	\$387.00
Accent	\$66.00
Diocesan Collections	\$820.00
Special Collections	\$590.00
Cemetery	\$117.00
Families receiving envelopes—463	
Envelopes used this week—262	
Online giving this week—34	

### Mass Attendance March 9-10

Lucerne 4:00 pm—133  
 11:00 am—92  
 Coral 6:00 pm—65  
 9:00 am—102

### HAPPENINGS AROUND THE DIOCESE

#### New edition of The Catholic Accent TV Show premieres March 17

*The Catholic Accent* TV Show, *Receive and Share*, airs on WPXI, Channel 11, Sunday, March 17, at 11:30 a.m. The program will also air on Channel 11 on Sunday, March 25, and a half-dozen more times on MeTV.

On this edition of *The Catholic Accent*, we are reminded of Jesus' miracle of the loaves and fishes and how disciples of Christ, throughout the Diocese of Greensburg, are sharing what they have received. Watch how Ukrainian refugees are making new lives and careers because of the generosity of many through the Diocese of Greensburg Ukrainian Relocation Project. Rather than accepting the declining participation in the Church, Bishop Larry J. Kulick is seeking support in finding new ways of engaging activities and experiences designed to form disciples who will respond to the needs of our people. And we introduce you to the two men who are being honored at the Catholic Charities Communities of Salt and Light Award Dinner next month. *The Catholic Accent* is always on at [TheAccentOnline.org](http://TheAccentOnline.org).





## FAITH FORMATION NEWS FOR MARCH 2024

All sessions will take place in Podowski Hall.

### Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>

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

Noon until 2pm Dress Rehearsal for Living Stations (Grades 6-12)

### Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>

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

7:00pm Performance of Living Stations at Lucernemines

### Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>

No Sessions: Have a very blessed Easter!

## ADULT ENRICHMENT SERIES

The Jewish Roots of Holy Week: The 7 Last Days of Jesus by Brant Pitre (video presentation/discussion). Both sessions of Part 2 of this presentation on March 21<sup>st</sup> 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. 3/20 (Episode 7) and 4/3 (Episode 8)

### Confirmation Workshop

Our eighth grade students had an opportunity to share their poster of the saint that they have chosen for Confirmation during a workshop held on March 11th. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare to receive Confirmation on April 27th.



## STUDENTS IN THE NEWS

Congratulations to Nicky Todd, a senior at Homer Center, who recently committed to continue his education and compete in cross country at Waynesburg University. Best of luck, Nicky!

Caleb Palmer, also a senior at Homer Center, will be receiving a formal high school Scholar-Athlete Award from the Central PA Chapter of the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame. This award recognizes both academic and athletic accomplishments. Congratulations, Caleb!

LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS WILL BE PRESENTED BY OUR YOUTH GROUP ON PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 24<sup>TH</sup> AT 7PM AT LUCERNEMINES. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

## SACRAMENTAL PREP WORKSHOP FOR SECOND GRADE

Second grade students are to be accompanied by one parent/caregiver to the "Eucharistic Prayer" Workshop on Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6pm in Podowski Hall.



Congratulations to Ed and Jenny Wickline on the Baptism of their sons, Mason Oliver and Wyatt Edward, on Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>!

May God bless your family with a lifetime of faith, happiness, and love!



### Last chance for our local Friday Fish Fry's

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

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## CRS Spotlight

Santos is a farmer in El Salvador, but longer droughts and unpredictable rains have reduced his harvests and, therefore, his income. When his wife, Sandra, heard about a Catholic Relief Services project on raising chickens, she didn't hesitate to join. She learned about how to take care of chickens and received some from the project. Now her family has access to their own eggs, which saves them money on food. Visit [www.crs.org](http://www.crs.org) for more information and to see how you can help!

## 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/](http://ccharitiesgreensburg.org/donate/donate-now/) to donate. More than 100 families are on a waiting list to resettle in Western Pennsylvania.

## Save the Date – 2024 Diocesan pilgrimage to National Shrine

Mark your calendar and plan to join in a Diocese of Greensburg pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, D.C., Saturday, Sept. 21, led by Bishop Larry J. Kulick. This will be the first Diocesan pilgrimage to our magnificent National Shrine since 2006, and is sure to be a very holy and special experience. Further information on the itinerary, transportation options and cost will be announced soon.

## Looking for Crafters!

**SS Simon and Jude Parish, Blairsville,** is looking for Crafters for November 9, 2024. If interested, please contact Peggy Mosco at [peggymosco@hotmail.com](mailto:peggymosco@hotmail.com) or 724-464-7371. No Vendors please.

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