## **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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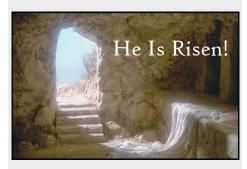
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#### Jesus,

Unleash the power of the Resurrection in my life today. Resurrect the area of my life that needs it today. Help me to stop resisting your grace, stay out of your way, and let you work in me and through me in whatever ways you want.

Jesus, you have conquered death and hatred with love. Teach me to do the same in some small way in my own life. Give me the courage to love when I feel rejected, ignored, unappreciated, forgotten, and taken for granted.

Thank you, Jesus. Thank you. I pray I never let a day pass without these words crossing my lips. Jesus, on this Easter we pray for all those who have lost faith in you, and for anyone who has never encountered you in a way that allowed them to embrace you. May the power of your Resurrection reignite faith in my life, in the lives of all those I love, and in the lives of the entire Church. Amen



# EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

MARCH 31, 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.



#### Welcome to Our Parish

Ryan & Neesha Burmeister & family Richard & Mary Petrosky

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, April 1st.

The Altar Rosary Society will be meeting on April 3rd at 6:45pm in the Lucerne church hall. All are welcome!

**Prayer Shawl** will be meeting on Thursday, April 4th at 9am in the church hall at Lucerne.

Don't forget **"A Knight at the Races"** on April 6th at Graceton-Coral Sportsman Club. Doors open at 4pm. Tickets are \$25.00 each and for \$10 you can sponsor a horse. If your horse is a winner, you also will win \$50. All monies are used for the charitable works of the Knights of Columbus Council 10960. Tickets are available at the Parish Office, call 724-422-1522 or email nmrayk@hotmail.com.

Coffee and Donuts on Sunday, April 7th following the 9am mass in Coral.



Mass with Anointing of the Sick Father Daniel J Ulishney, Pastor & Principal Celebrant Msgr. V. Paul Fitzmaurice, Homilist Holy Mass for the infirmed and their caregivers with the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick for those who need it. Wednesday, April 10th at 11am St Agnes Parish, 11400 St. Agnes Ln, N Huntingdon. Light lunch served in Resurrection Hall after mass. RSVP to Debbie 412-956-3105-call or text. Hosted by the St Agnes Legion of Mary



Ferguson Funeral Home & Monument Company Blairsville, PA 724-459-7611 Dear Parishioners,

#### What do Catholics believe about Easter?



Beginning today, Easter Sunday, we keep a "season" of weeks amounting to fifty days, almost a mirror image of the forty days we kept in Lent. So, if Lent urged us to prayer, fasting, and charity or almsgiving, are there similar

concepts which capture how a devoted disciple keeps the fifty days that will conclude with the solemnity of Pentecost, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit? Some say that **Easter obliges** us to the **practices of faith, hope, and charity, but perhaps not in a devotional way alone**.

But first of all, what do we believe about Easter? First, that the women coming to the tomb where Jesus' body lay interred discovered the sealed tomb to be open. They came early in the morning on the first day of the new week. Then, they found that the body was missing. Thirdly, they saw the shroud that covered the body rolled up and the head-covering placed separately. Fourthly, the women reported some signs of transcendence, that is, angels responding to their searching and grief. Fifthly, Mary Magdelana ran to report to the apostles that she had found the tomb to be empty. Sixthly, she will report that she met Jesus in a new, "resurrected body," that shortly others will also see him in similar ways soon.

By evening, we learn that the apostles/disciples hiding out in a room in Jerusalem, heard a report that the resurrected Jesus had appeared to Simon Peter, corroborating the experience of Mary. Then we hear a two-fold report, saying that the resurrected Jesus materializes in the room with locked, barred doors, where he addressed the apostles with "Peace," and directed a new ministry of the forgiveness of sins. Jesus even knows that Thomas absented himself the first week but addresses his skepticism directly as if he were omniscience or as if had reviewed video clips or watched from above. The same Easter Sunday evening brings the astonishing report of two disciples who met Jesus- resurrected on the way to Emmaus. That account drew us directly to the Holy Eucharist as a primary place for recognition.

Afterwards we learn of Jesus appearing to many persons and at least one set of accounts count out forty days again, this time between the Easter Sunday appearances and the Ascension. Even though the Gospels recount that Jesus spoke of resurrection from the dead, the apostles and disciples did not grasp that the promise meant a resurrection of the murdered Jesus. Whatever else they may have speculated before the Paschal Mystery, they seem baffled by what transpired. For example, when Mary reports to Peter and John, the apostles run to the empty tomb. John arrives first but waits for Peter to arrive. Peter enters; John looks; John connects the dots and believes.

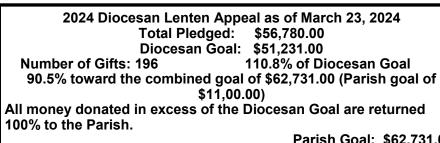
A few years ago, in 2016, a motion picture, *Risen*, jointly produced by American and Spanish interests, presented a **fictionalized but accurate account** of a Roman soldier charged with the task of finding the "stolen body" of Jesus. The story accounts with verisimilitude the challenges inherent in the theory of the stealing of Jesus' body: where would it have been placed after taking it? Why would anyone unwind the burial wrappings and leave them behind? How did the robbers gain access around the stationed guards at the tomb? Decay and infestation with insects would have happened quickly making the move of a dead body problematic.

All the gospels refer to Jesus' promise to rise again after his death (think of the slow walk down from the Transfiguration) and St. John's Gospel speaks most directly about the promise. What the scriptures hand to us through the apostles and disciples who were there is this: that Jesus rose from the dead on the morning of the first day of the week; that no one stole his body because the tomb was guarded and sealed; that his resurrection was not a resuscitation; that he bore the wounds of the ordeal; that he deliberately encountered those who followed him in life; that he showed no fear of suffering and death; that he ate and drank with them after the resurrection; and that he promised that he would ascend back to that Father.

Finally, remember the insistence that St. John brings to our reading: **eyewitnesses saw** and **believed what they saw.** Eyewitnesses also **encountered** the Risen Jesus Christ.

Christ is Risen! Indeed, he is risen.  $\mathcal{Fr}$ . John

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Lucernemines		Troy Langham by The Zicha Family		
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Rose Ann Rura by Mary Kay and Monica.			100	
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Parish Goal: \$62,731.00

Mar 23-2	24, 2024	Offertory		
Adult, Loose	, Children &			
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Votive Candle		\$273.00		
Maintenance		\$22.00		
St Vincent de Paul		\$47.00		
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Diocesan Collections		\$50.00		
Special Collections		\$343.00		
Cemetery		\$46.00		
Families receiving envelopes—462				
Envelopes used this week—199				
Online giving this week—29				
Mass Attendance Mar 23-24				
Lucerne	4:00 pm—			
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Coral	6:00 pm—			
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#### APPENINGS AROUND THE DIOCESE

Saint Vincent College Concert Sepresents The IonSound Project: a conof innovative, contemporary chamber ic for clarinet, piano, and cello. concert is on Sunday, April at 7:00p in the Saint Vincent College forming Arts Center (located in the Robert Carey Student Center). Admission is free.

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## FAITH FORMATION NEWS

#### FAITH FORMATION FOR MARCH/APRIL 2024 All sessions will take place in Podowski Hall

<u>Sunday, March 31st</u> No Sessions: Have a very blessed Easter! Following the 9am Mass at Coral...Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 7th 9:30am-10:45am...Grades K-5 5:30pm-7:30pm...Grades 6-12

Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> 9:30am-10:45am...Grades K-5

Sunday, April 21st 9:30am-10:45am...Grades K-5 5:30pm-7:30pm...Grades 6-12 Reconciliation for Confirmation students/families at 5:30pm

Sunday, April 28th 9:30am-10:45am...Grades K-5

Join us for the Finale of Season 3 of The Chosen Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6pm in Podowski Hall No charge; light refreshments provided.

<u>SAVE THE DATES!</u> <u>New Adult Enrichment Series with Brant Pitre (video/discussion)</u>

<u>The Hidden King: The Jewish Roots of St. Joseph</u> April 11<sup>th</sup> (Part 1), April 18<sup>th</sup> (Part 2), and April 25<sup>th</sup> (Part 3) <u>Jesus and the Jewish Roots of Mary</u> May 2<sup>nd</sup>

#### LIVING STATIONS

Many thanks to the students who participated in the Living Stations which took place on Palm Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>! We are so very proud of your time and talents! Special thanks to the members of our crew for providing the finishing touches on a memorable performance! Our best wishes for a very blessed Easter!



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# Magnificat breakfast April 27 at Rizzo's, Crabtree

The Greensburg Chapter of Magnificat – A Ministry to Catholic Women will hold a breakfast Saturday, April 27, from 9 a.m.-noon at Rizzo's Banquet Hall, Crabtree. Guest speaker Evelina Sluga will discuss her spiritual journey back to God and the Catholic Church after losing her faith in middle school and beginning a self-destructive spiral. Cost is \$25 (\$20 for students). Visit MagnificatGreensburg.com for online registration or a printable form, or call Brenda Concannon at 724-836-2094. Postmark deadline is April 18; online registration ends April 20.

Designer purse bash April 28 at Our Lady,

Queen of Peace Parish, East Vandergrift Our Lady, Queen of Peace Parish, East Vandergrift, will hold a designer purse bash (21 and over) Sunday, April 28, from 1-4 p.m. in the parish social hall. Doors open at 12:30 p.m. Prizes will be awarded every 15 minutes (winners need not be present). Tickets are \$35 and include five chances to win designer purses, bags, wallets and accessories; wine, soft drinks, light snacks, and desserts are included (BYOB permitted). Auction baskets, strip tickets and a 50/50 raffle will also be featured. Only 200 tickets will be sold. They are available after the Sunday 11 a.m. Mass, at the parish office in Apollo, or by calling or texting 724-980-2087

#### 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. Vis-

it <u>www.BeginningExperiencePittsburgh.co</u> <u>m</u> to register or make a confidential call to Kim at 412-352-2653 to learn more about this healing ministry.

