

## 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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Message of His Holiness Pope Francis for the  
World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

*Hope and Act with Creation*

1st September 2024

## Save the Date – “Spirited” Women’s Conference

*Rejoice Always!* 1 Thessalonians 5:16

Save the date: The 2024 “Spirited” Women’s Conference will be held Nov. 9. All women are invited to be renewed and refreshed by the teachings of Dr. Mary Healy and Jackie Francois Angel. Bring your daughters, mothers and sisters to experience the love of the Father. For information, contact Carolyn Cannizzaro, conference chairwoman, at [ccannizzaro@DioceseofGreensburg.org](mailto:ccannizzaro@DioceseofGreensburg.org).

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, September 2nd in observance of Labor Day.



## Employment Opportunities

### Church of the Good Shepherd Parish, Kent: Secretary/bookkeeper

Full time. Responsibilities: office operations and clerical support, customer service, updating the parish website, compiling bulletins, sacramental and other records. Qualifications: strong computer (Word, Excel, Publisher), interpersonal and communication skills and bookkeeping experience. Must have appropriate clearances. Send resume and cover letter to Father Segundino Laude, Church of the Good Shepherd, P.O. Box 99, Kent, PA 15752.

### Diocese of Greensburg Catholic schools: Substitute Teachers

Send resumes to the Office of Catholic Schools at [CatholicSchools@DioceseofGreensburg.org](mailto:CatholicSchools@DioceseofGreensburg.org). For information, call 724-552-2594



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## Our Neighbors in Central America

Dear Parishioners,

Have you followed much international news this summer? I realize that aside from our rapidly approaching national presidential election, only a few international events (like the Paris Olympics or some weather event in Pacific nations or the ebb and surge of the Russian-Ukrainian War) manage to seep through our news networks be they on television networks or on internet networks. **Every Sunday** at the Angelus blessing in St. Peter’s Square at the Vatican, the **Pope alerts the whole of our Catholic faithful to issues faced by our sisters and brothers in diverse parts of the world.** On Sunday, August 25, Pope Francis prayed for a renewed hope for the people of Nicaragua, where the Catholic Church is experiencing harsh persecution under the regime of President Daniel Ortega.

Were you to consult the State Department about the advisability of travel to Central America, you would learn that there’s often a risk to Americans traveling to certain portions of certain countries, like Mexico, for example. However, you and I also learn we ought to “reconsider” any planned travel to Nicaragua because of the **current leadership of the country under Daniel Ortega, who began as a Marxist and continues a style of politics unfriendly to democracy and to freedom of religion.** The State Department warns that Americans might be treated arbitrarily. Understand, however, that Nicaragua boasts a relatively crime-free society, supposedly the best next to El Salvador which recently tackled violent gangs strongly, repressively, for the sake of a stable common life.

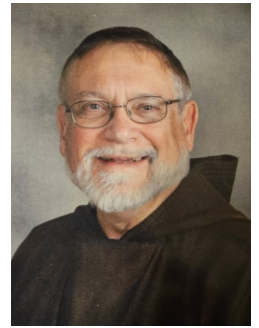
Pope Francis knows very well that the Roman Catholic has been repeatedly attacked by Ortega’s government. Francis said, “To the beloved people of Nicaragua: I encourage you to renew your hope in Jesus. **Remember that the Holy Spirit always guides history toward higher designs,**” Pope Francis said at the end of his **Angelus address** on Aug. 25 that he entrusted Nicaragua to the protection and intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, adding “May the Immaculate Virgin protect you in times of trial and make you feel her maternal tenderness, May Our Lady accompany the beloved people of Nicaragua.”

Persecution of the Church in Nicaragua has intensified in recent years. The government has **expelled nuns, taken over ecclesiastical institutions, seized Church assets, shut down Catholic media outlets,** and sent priests and bishops to prison or into exile, this past week “exiling” two additional priests to Rome. Some priests have simply disappeared from the public discourse and may already have paid the ultimate price.

The pope’s prayer on Sunday comes just days after the Ortega dictatorship **canceled the legal status of 1,500 nonprofit organizations, including hundreds of Catholic organizations,** and exiled two more priests to Rome. The move should push our pause button. How could a Catholic country take such action?

In a further disturbing development, **legislation was pushed through Nicaragua’s parliament rescinding the tax exemption for all churches and church organizations.** Imagine the limited assets of small congregations being taxed somewhere between 10% and 30% (and we often complain about the “share” we are obliged to contribute for the operations and charity of the diocese). **Commentators predict that such a tax, coupled with a loss of legal status, will effectively shut down the works of the Church.** Were this action to become a “movement” beyond this one Central American country, Catholic, Protestant, non-denominational, and even non-Christian groups would all be blanketed to cut off the oxygen for their ministries and service to their members and to the local communities.

At least in Christian communities living out Jesus’ expectations, **keeping the “Works of Mercy” costs something, as does maintaining a place from which to worship and minister, as does educating our members.** Knowing that a once Christian country has taken drastic, Draconian, measures, should make us alert to what any government or leader might introduce or enforce. There are voices in this country that would like to penalize us for moral positions we hold to steadfastly because of Jesus.



*Father John*

## Mass Intentions for August 31-September 8, 2024

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 31

Lucernemines 4:00 pm ..... †Barbara McMasters (Irvin McMasters)  
 Coral 6:00 pm ..... †Gertrude Mlinarich (Bob & Eva Yancy & Family)

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

Coral 9:00 am ..... †Anna Mae Lucas (Vince & Pam Gaudio)  
 Lucernemines 11:00 am..... ProPopulo

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 Labor Day

Lucernemines 9:00am ..... †Monica Jones (Indiana County Tax Collector Assoc.)

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

Coral 8:00 am ..... †Jerry Razayeski (Paula Martini & Joe Krejocic)

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

Coral 8:00 am ..... †Dolores Morgan (Friends, Barb & Joanna)

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

Coral 8:00 am ..... †Ron Krejocic (Paula & Joey)

### FIRST FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

Coral 8 am ..... †Thomas F Boske (The Wilden Family)  
 Adoration until noon  
 11:30am ..... Confession  
 12:00pm ..... Benediction

### FIRST SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Lucernemines 8:00am ..... †Scott McAdoo (Mother)  
 Lucernemines 3-3:30pm..... Sacrament of Reconciliation  
 Lucernemines 4 pm ..... †John (Lefty) & Mary Popp (Janice & Jack Bell)  
 Coral 6 pm ..... †Evelyn Irene Dean (Grandparents, Len & Carol Black)

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

Coral 8:30 am ..... Sacrament of Reconciliation  
 Coral 9 :00 am ..... Living & Deceased Members of the Yanoscsik Family (Mimi & family)  
 Lucernemines 11:00 am..... †Regis Troxell (Maryanne & family)

### The Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of:

Coral ..... Gasper & Pauline Vilcek by The Gatskie Family  
 Lucernemines ..... Stan Lucas by Vince & Pam Gaudio

### The Host is in memory of:

Coral ..... Brian Gatskie by Mother, Patty Call  
 Lucernemines ..... Stan Lucas by Vince & Pam Gaudio

Aug 24-25 2024	Offertory
Adult, Loose, Children & Online Giving	\$5514.00
Votive Candle	\$172.50
Maintenance	\$155.00
St Vincent de Paul	\$10.00
Diocesan Collections	\$152.00
Accent	\$13.00
Special Collections	\$25.00
Cemetery	\$41.00
Families receiving envelopes—462	
Envelopes used this week—170	
Online giving this week—22	

### Mass Attendance Aug 24-25

Lucerne 4:00 pm—109  
 11:00 am—84  
 Coral 6:00 pm—66  
 9:00 am—107

## HAPPENINGS AROUND THE DIOCESE

“The Gift of the Eucharist” featured on The Catholic Accent TV Show Sept. 15 and 22  
 “The Gift of the Eucharist” will be featured on The Catholic Accent TV Show airing on WPXI, Channel 11, at 11:30 a.m. Sundays, Sept. 15 and 22, and a half dozen more times on MeTV. On this edition, we take you to Indianapolis, Ind., where 60,000 Catholics, including many from the Diocese of Greensburg, joined Bishop Larry J. Kulick for the National Eucharistic Congress. The National Eucharistic Procession makes a stop at Our Lady of Grace Parish in Greensburg, bringing the Blessed Sacrament with them. We travel to Armstrong County for the dedication of the Diocese’s newest vocations chapel showing support for our future priests. The Catholic Accent TV Show will introduce you to the three newest priests in our Diocese and the very different paths that led them to Christ. And we are in the kitchen with seminarian Mario Porreca and Father Tyler J. Bandura as they make a delicious dessert that has the important ingredient of faith. The Catholic Accent is always on at [theaccentonline.org](http://theaccentonline.org).

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**ASSUMPTION CINEMA PRESENTS...**

Beginning at 6pm in Podowski Hall...  
(No charge...light refreshments...free will offering)

Wednesday, September 11th  
**UNSUNG HERO** (PG, 2024, Drama/Music, 1h53m)  
*Based on a true story, a mother's faith stands against all odds and inspires her family to hold onto theirs as they immigrate to America from Australia hoping to find a brighter future.*

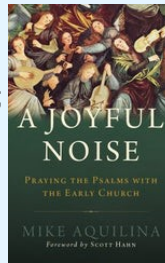
Wednesday, September 18th  
**THE SCARLET AND THE BLACK** (Not Rated, 1983, War/Drama, 2h23m)  
*Based on a remarkable true story, this movie recounts the Vatican's efforts to save allied POWs and downed allied airmen as the Nazis invade Rome. Starring Gregory Peck and Christopher Plummer.*

Wednesday, September 25th  
**SIGHT** (PG-13, 2024, Drama/History, 1h40m)  
*The inspiring true story of Ming Wang who flees Communist China to become a pioneering eye surgeon in America. Starring Greg Kinnear and Terry Chen.*

**UPCOMING ADULT ENRICHMENT**  
**A JOYFUL NOISE: PRAYING THE PSALMS WITH THE EARLY CHURCH**

by MIKE AQUILINA

Thursday sessions will begin on September 12th through November 21st  
(no sessions on 10/17 and 10/31) in the Coral Social Hall.  
Morning sessions to begin immediately following the 8am Mass; evening sessions to begin at 6pm.  
A \$10 donation will help to defray the cost of resources and refreshments.  
*"In the Gospels and the Psalms, grace builds on nature, completes it, elevates it, and fulfills it." (Scott Hahn)*  
Come join us for an elevating experience!



**FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION FORMS AVAILABLE AT BOTH CHURCH LOCATIONS**

GRADES K-5 YELLOW FORMS  
GRADES 6-12 PURPLE FORMS

**PRE-REGISTRATION WEEKEND: SEPTEMBER 7th/8th**  
after all Masses. Stop by our table to inquire about or register for our Faith Formation programs this year! Grades K-12!  
**FIRST DAY OF CLASS: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15th**

**FAITH FORMATION KICK OFF FOR GRADES 6-12**  
**STEELER SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15th**



Due to the Steeler game which is scheduled on Sunday, September 15th, our first session for grades 6-12 will be held at the Coral Social Hall so that we can enjoy the game together on our big screen TV as our first social of the year! The session will run from 4:15pm-7:30pm.

We will provide hot dogs, nachos, and drinks. Students are welcome to bring other snacks to share for our indoor tailgating party...and may also bring a friend! We are looking forward to an exciting new year with our students and families!

Please contact [cmarcoline@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:cmarcoline@dioceseofgreensburg.org) to register for this special event!

**Register now: Diocesan pilgrimage to National Shrine Sept. 21**

Registration is now open for the Diocesan pilgrimage to the magnificent Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C., on Saturday, Sept. 21, led by Bishop Larry J. Kulick. Parish groups and individual parishioners are encouraged to participate in what promises to be a very special experience. For information or to register, visit [www.DioceseofGreensburg.org](http://www.DioceseofGreensburg.org) and click on the Events tab.

**Diocesan group to attend Pennsylvania March for Life Sept. 23**

Bishop Larry J. Kulick and parishioners from the Diocese of Greensburg will attend the fourth annual Pennsylvania March for Life Monday, Sept. 23, in Harrisburg. Five buses will depart from 13 locations around the Diocese. To learn more about the itinerary and bus locations, or to register online, visit [DioceseofGreensburg.org/pro-life-ministries/](http://DioceseofGreensburg.org/pro-life-ministries/). For additional information, contact Deacon Bill Newhouse at [wnewhouse@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:wnewhouse@dioceseofgreensburg.org).

**KNOW HIM: Pilgrimage to Christ**, set for Sept. 26 at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg, is an experiential event that invites participants to form a relationship with Jesus through pilgrimage, whether it is in Rome, the United States or in our own backyard. Sample foods that ancient, medieval and modern pilgrims would eat on their travels, discover how pilgrimages change our worldview and our relationship with Jesus, immerse yourself in a digital pilgrimage experience, and realize that we are a pilgrim people. Keynote presenter Jill Alexy, founder of See the Sacred, will make you a witness to the awe-inspiring, effective beauty of the Church's treasures and show you how pilgrimage is good for the soul. Register for a session today at Dio-



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