

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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Mon thru Thurs 8am-1pm, 2pm-4pm
Friday 9am-12pm

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**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
APRIL 6, 2025**

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Lenten Luncheon Series

April 9-Homer City Presbyterian Church, Pastor Josh Reid will be speaking. Service begins at noon and a light lunch will follow at 12:35pm.

Lenten Series: “Light Unto My Path; A Personal Journey of One’s Faith” Join us for a special evening of reflection and spiritual growth as **Danielle Cribbs, our Regional Director of Faith Formation & Discipleship** shares her personal journey of faith. Danielle will reflect on the experiences and moments that have shaped her path, guiding her closer to God and deepening her understanding of His love and purpose.

This evening promises to be a time of insight, prayer, and connection, as we explore how the light of faith illuminates our own paths during the season of Lent.

Date: April 10

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: St. Francis Church

Come, listen, and allow Danielle's story to inspire and encourage you on your own spiritual journey.

Christian Mother’s Bake Sale following this weekend’s 6pm & 9am masses in Coral.

If you are interested in volunteering for our Good Friday Anointing & Burial of Jesus service, please contact Kitty at 724-479-9542, Ext. 10, or via email at khenry@dioceseofgreensburg.org.

A Heartfelt Thank You!

We would like to extend our deepest gratitude to the many volunteers who helped make our drive-thru “A Taste of Poland” event a resounding success! A special thank you to everyone who contributed by preparing the delicious food, donating desserts, and assisting on the day of the event. Your time, effort, and dedication made all the difference, and without your support, this event would not have been possible.

We also want to thank our wonderful parishioners and neighbors for purchasing the meals and supporting this event. Your participation is what truly brought our community together.

Thank you again to everyone who helped, and we look forward to next year’s celebration!

Dear Parishioners,

This time in Lent our attention turns to remembering that Jesus “went up to Jerusalem” to accomplish the Great Acts by which He would free us from Satan’s reign and pull us towards the Kingdom of God. It seems appropriate then that we become aware of contemporary Jerusalem and the new events that happen there. Each year an organization that fosters peace and interreligious dialogue in the Holy Land, the Rosing Center, issues a report on the situation for Christians living in the Palestine and Israel. The Vatican shared this report. The annual report on attacks against Christians in the Holy Land was presented on Monday evening, March 24, in Jerusalem. Permit me to share the findings of this report. A photo caption says that Franciscan friars provide real support to Christians on local levels.

What does the report show this year? The Center’s monitoring reveals an **escalation of violence against Christians living in Israel and Palestine**. There were **111 attacks or acts of violence recorded in 2024 against Christians**, including but not limited to attacks **against clergy**. Most attacks targeted individuals, but 35 cases involved **vandalism against churches, monasteries, and public religious signs**.

The report finds that in nearly all cases, the **perpetrators** identified were young, ultra-Orthodox Jews belonging to **circles of religious-nationalist extremism**. The **growing influence of religious-nationalist extremism in Israeli government policy** has fostered an **environment of constant threat for religious minorities, and particularly for Christians**. In a survey conducted by the Rosing Center, **48% of Christian youth under the age of 30** interviewed said they were **considering leaving** the region and migrating. Around 77% of them stated that the main reason was the escalating discrimination and violence suffered by Christians, **along with the overall deterioration of the socio-political situation**. Should 48% of remaining Christians leave the region, the birthplace of Christianity becomes exclusively a tourist visitation site instead of a living historical site presenting living faith.

One section of the report analyzes general statistics from Israel’s Central Bureau of Statistics. In 2024, Israel’s population reached 10 million. Of these, 7.7 million are Jews, and **2.1 million are Arabs**.

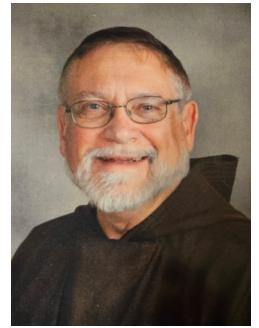
Christians living in Israel number just 180,000—80% of whom are Arab. Arab Christians make up 7% of the total Arab population in Israel. The city of Jerusalem hosts **591,000 Jews**, accounting for 61% of the population, while **Arabs** number **385,000**. Of these, **only 13,000 are Christians**—meaning the **ratio between Muslims and Christians in Jerusalem is 96% to 4%**.

Compared to the previous year, the Jewish population grew by half a percentage point, while the Arab population declined by the same margin—consistent with the ongoing “Judaization” of the city promoted by the government. At the same time, 29% of the inhabitants of the Holy City identify as “Orthodox Jews,” meaning they now represent more than half of Jerusalem’s Jewish population. These trends, highlighted by analysts at the Rosing Center, point to a deliberate and progressive Judaization of Jerusalem and the Holy Land.

While such a trend may seem good in providing Jewish people a nation and a place, the trend found its legal framework in the so-called “Basic Law” (Israel does not have a constitution but around twenty fundamental laws known as Basic Laws), specifically the 2018 Basic Law on “Israel as the Nation-State of the Jewish People.” This **law marked a regression** in terms of **interreligious inclusiveness** compared to the 1992 Basic Law, which was notably titled “Human Dignity and Liberty.”

The 2018 Basic Law has had limited effects, but it provides a worrying framework of division among the population—**dividing citizens into first- and second-class**—which may be **inspiring the climate of violence perpetrated by extremist factions**. Add that influence to tax exemptions granted now only to houses of worship but not for schools, youth centers, or pilgrim guesthouses, and we see that legal disputes arise between municipal authorities and Christian communities.

A final issue that places Christians in the Holy Land, especially in Galilee and the north, in a position of extreme difficulty is the spread of violence linked to organized crime, rooted in parts of the Arab population. At this late time in Lent, please remember our sisters and brothers in the “Holy Land” of 2024.



Father John

Mass Intentions for April 5-April 13

SATURDAY, APRIL 5

Lucernemines 4:00 pm-Fr. John †John Zicha (Zicha Family)
 Coral 6:00 pm-Fr. John †Deceased members o the Joseph & Elizabeth
Yoschak family (Monica Rura)

SUNDAY, APRIL 6

Coral 9:00 am-Fr. Joseph †Aldo & Katherine Tedeschi (Terri & Tom)
 Lucernemines 11:00 am Fr. Joseph..... †Harry Williams (Daughter, Lauren)

MONDAY, APRIL 7 — No Mass

Seward 7:00 pm Regional Penance Service

TUESDAY, APRIL 8

Coral 8:00 am In honor of Theresa Mueller for her birthday
 (William Mueller)

Blairsville 7:00 pm Regional Penance Service

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9

Coral 8:00 am The Mueller Family (Nicole Clark)

THURSDAY, APRIL 10

Coral 8:00 am †Helen Bertig (Family)
 Coral 6:30pm **Lenten Series "Light Unto my Path, A Personal
 Journey of One's Faith"**

Indiana (St. Thomas More) 7:00 pm Regional Penance Service

FRIDAY, APRIL 11

Coral 8:00 am †Frank Presto (John & Wendy Presto)
 11:30 am..... Confession
 12:00 pm..... Stations
 Lucernemines 6:00 pm..... Adoration
 6:30 pm..... Confession
 7:30 pm..... Stations

SATURDAY, APRIL 12

Lucernemines 3-3:30pm..... Sacrament of Reconciliation
 Lucernemines 4 pm-Fr. John †Verna Luscia (Husband & Daughters)
 Coral 6 pm-Fr. Joseph †Mary Lou Solo (Tom & Terri Tedeschi)

SUNDAY, APRIL 13

Coral 8:30 am Sacrament of Reconciliation
 Coral 9 :00 am-Fr. Joseph †Michael & Pauline Gatskie (The Gatskie
 Family
 Lucernemines 11:00 am-Fr. John ProPopulo

In Memory of.....

The Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of:

Coral Ronald Vilcek by The Vilcek Family
 Lucernemines Richard Englert by His wife Cathy

The Host is in memory of:

Coral Goose Vilcek by The Vilcek Family

The Wine is in memory of:

Coral Goose Vilcek by The Vilcek Family

Mar 29-30	Offertory
Adult, Loose, Children & Online Giving	\$5578.00
Votive Candle	\$201.40
Maintenance	\$37.00
Flowers	\$25.00
Clergy Assistance	\$690.00
St Vincent de Paul	\$359.00
Easter	\$260.00
Accent	\$21.00
Special Collections	\$55.00
Cemetery	\$40.00
Families receiving envelopes—467	
Envelopes used this week—203	
Online giving this week—28	

Mass Attendance

Lucerne 4:00 pm—110
 11:00 am—85
 Coral 6:00 pm—71
 9:00 am—117



Kent: Church of the Good Shepherd Parish, 4-7 p.m. Information: goodshepherd-kent.org.

Church of the Resurrection Parish. April 11, 4-6:30 p.m., **Glen Campbell** site.

Saltsburg: St. Matthew Parish: 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and 4-6 p.m. Takeout only. Orders: 724-639-0338 or 724-468-5794 (after 9 a.m. for lunch, after 1 p.m. for dinner).

Indiana: St. Bernard Regional Catholic School, 4-6:30 p.m. at St. Bernard of Clairvaux Parish Hall. Takeout available.

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ASSUMPTION CINEMA PRESENTS...

Light refreshments provided; free will offering.

Wednesday, April 9th in Podowski Hall

Fulton Sheen (2011, Documentary, Not Rated, 58m) A documentary film that tells the story of a holy and remarkable life. Followed by an episode from his TV series, *Life is Worth Living* (28m).

Wednesday, April 23rd in Podowski Hall

Carlo Acutis (2021, Documentary, Not Rated, 35m) An intro to the extraordinary story of Blessed Carlo Acutis

who will be canonized on April 27th. PLUS "This is My Body, This is My Blood: Miracles of the Eucharist" (30m)

Wednesday, April 30th at the Coral Social

Hall Between Borders (2024, Drama, Not Rated, 1h30m)

The incredible true story of an Armenian family forced to flee their home during the collapse of the Soviet Union, and embark on a journey to find a community to call their own. Starring Elizabeth Tabish (Mary Magdalene) from *The Chosen*.

FAITH FORMATION FOR APRIL/MAY

All sessions are held in Podowski Hall at Lucernemines

April 6th

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

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

April 13th

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

April 20th

NO SESSIONS: Have a blessed Easter!

April 27th

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

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

May 4th

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

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

May 11th

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

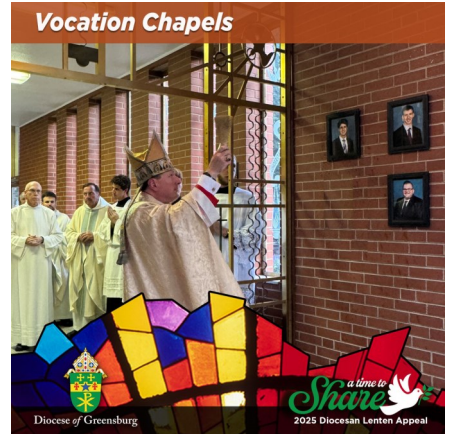
Students in the News

Congratulation to Quinn Garritano (5th grader at Homer Center) for having her ad design featured in Indiana Gazette's "Newspapers in Education Contest!"

Congratulations to Brayden Rado (Homer Center junior) as a member of the Red Devils Varsity Team for winning the Laurel Mountain Hockey League Championship this year!

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Support Priestly Vocations and make a Lenten Pilgrimage or a Lenten Donation at DioceseofGreensburg.org/DLA2025. Watch this video about a Pilgrimage Guide to our four vocations Chapels throughout the Diocese of Greensburg. Pray for our future priests this Lenten Season and commit your support because it truly is *A Time to Share!*



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Thanks to Lenny Jendreski for his inspiring presentation on Fr. Michael J. McGivney, the Founder of the Knights of Columbus, showing our Youth Group how to put faith into action!



Faith Formation Snapshots

Special thanks to Mr. Terry Carnahan for teaching yoga basics to our elementary students on March 30th.

Students had an opportunity to focus on breathing techniques, gently stretch their muscles, and listen to scriptural passages and prayer.

Two of their favorite poses were the Donkey Kick and the Tree stance!

Tableau Poses ("Living Pictures")

While discussing the Triuduum with Youth Group students, they experimented with the tableau technique of creating frozen moments in time. Actors remain silent and use their bodies and expressions to create a specific scene.

Can you identify which Stations of the Cross they are representing?



2025 Diocesan Lenten Appeal as of 4/01/2025

Total Pledged: \$23541.00

Diocesan Goal: \$51,740.00

Number of Gifts: 88 52.2% of Diocesan Goal

34.5% toward the combined goal of \$63,240.00 (Parish goal of \$11,500.00)

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

Parish Goal: \$63,240.00