

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)

OFFICE HOURS

Mon thru Thurs 8am-1pm, 2pm-4pm

Friday 9am-12pm

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The Parish office will be closed on Monday, May 26th in observance of Memorial Day and also on Thursday, May 29th in observance of The Ascension of the Lord.

SAVE THE DATE!

Our parish is excited to announce a **Music Bingo Night** on Friday, June 13th at Lucerne!

•Doors open at 5:00 PM

•Games begin at 6:30 PM

Join us for an evening of fun, music, and fellowship!

Bingo is free to play, and there will be food and refreshments available for purchase. We hope to see our parish family there for a night of laughter, music, and community spirit.

Stay tuned — more details will be shared in the parish bulletin in the coming weeks!

Coffee & Donuts After 9 AM Mass

Sunday, June 1 Join us for fellowship and refreshments following the 9 AM Mass on Sunday, June 1. Enjoy coffee, donuts, and good company in the parish hall at St. Francis in Coral. Everyone is welcome—we hope to see you there!

Altar Rosary Society Meeting

The next Altar Rosary meeting will be held on **Wednesday, June 4 at 2:00 PM** in the Lucerne Church Hall. The **Rosary will be recited at 1:45 PM**, prior to the meeting. All members are encouraged to attend.

The St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store will be closed on Memorial Day.

Located in the BiLo Plaza, come to shop Tuesday through Saturday (10am to 2pm) to check out the Daily Manager's Special and shop for bargains on decorations, toys, glassware, dishes, housewares, books, CDs, DVDs, shoes, purses and clothing. Donations are accepted 10am-1pm at the back loading dock (as space permits).

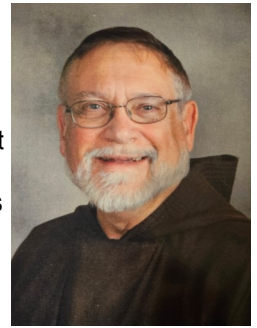


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Dear Parishioners,

Last weekend I shared with you the Official Announcement of personnel placements which Bishop Kulick has made in our Diocese that will become effective in June and July. A few of these appointments touch us either directly or indirectly. When I read these details at Masses I sought to speak clearly so that we all might hear what touches us, but as someone noted to me, the details required greater attention than we usually give to the eight to ten announcements made each weekend.



These placements and assignments place us squarely into the ecclesial tensions of the twenty-first century America Catholic church where the paucity of vocations to the priesthood has finally hit home. For all the years since my priestly ordination I have heard that we would one day face a crisis regarding the pastoring of our parish faith-communities. Bishops throughout the United States have worked to find **creative responses to serve the faithful**: fostering **vocations** to the Priesthood and the Diaconate; **sharing resources**; closing some poorly attended parishes; **sharing pastors** and assisting priests; **re-aligning boundaries**; seeking **help from religious Orders** like the Benedictines or the Capuchins. In our neighboring diocese, Bishop Zubik set off to consolidate parishes, admitting that in twentieth century, the Church fostered growth by allowing many small congregations to prove their sustainability. In many cities like Pittsburgh, congregations asked to establish churches in many working-class neighborhoods which became ethnic enclaves. Because Catholics proved their mettle by hard work and stretching social boundaries through education and adaptation to a new culture bigger than any single group, we created the conditions for the eventual dispersal of our members to new places. Think of how the population of states like Virginia or North Carolina or Florida have become noticeably more Catholic, while northern states, like Pennsylvania, where many Catholics once settled, have lost population.

Be that as it may, to provide pastoral care for the parishes in Indiana County, our Diocese asked the Capuchins to care for St. Bernard, St. Thomas More, IUP, and Our Lady of the Assumption. Now the Bishop asks the Capuchins to also care for Saints Simon and Jude and Good Shepherd. So, Fr. Joseph Pham whom we accepted as a shared, newly ordained associate a few months ago, so that he might remain in the county, will now become a **parochial vicar or associate** to Blairsville and Kent as of Monday, June 16. This date allows for some transition with Fr. Deno. On that same date, in addition to serving as Pastor here, I become the **Vicar Forane** or Dean of Deanery II. The following month, on July 14, I become the **Administrator** of Saints Simon and Jude and Good Shepherd, while continuing as pastor here.

A few definitions might help us to understand these appointments: A **pastor** is a priest with **primary responsibility of the cure of souls over a parish** (Canon 519). A **parochial vicar** (Canon 545) **assists the pastor** in carrying out those duties. A vicar is one who exercises authority on behalf of someone else (in this case, the pastor, which is known in Latin as the *parochus*). **Canon 539 requires the bishop to appoint a parochial administrator when the office of pastor is vacant** and outlines the rights and obligations of the administrator. A **parish administrator is appointed to temporarily manage the parish when a pastor is not available, and he must care for the parish** and provide all that's required. Administrators serve for various reasons: because another priest-pastor may not be available now; or because another or a younger pastor may be available at a later date; or because the administering priest is approaching retirement himself; or perhaps because the bishop is developing alternative plans.

Let me assure you that I fully intend to serve Our Lady of the Assumption as I have done and as you have so graciously cooperated with me. And, I will accept the care of these two neighboring parishes with as much strength, good will, and appeal to Divine Guidance as I can offer. After all, we all witness to the Risen and Living Christ together in this part of Pennsylvania, loving the Lord and one another.

Father John

Mass Intentions for May 24 - June 1, 2025		May 17-18, 2025	Offertory
SATURDAY, May 24		Adult, Loose, Children & Online Giving	\$6277.00
Lucernemines	3-3:30 pm.....Sacrament of Reconciliation	Votive Candle	\$211.40
Lucernemines	4:00 pm.....ProPopulo	Maintenance	\$140.00
Coral	6:00 pm.....†Donna Kurcsics (Rick Kurcsics)	Clergy Assistance	\$1197.00
SUNDAY, MAY 25		St Vincent de Paul	\$63.00
Coral	8:30 am.....Sacrament of Reconciliation	Diocesan Collections	\$340.00
Coral	9:00 am...Living & Deceased Members of the Gusty Vilcek Family (Family)	Special Collections	\$50.00
Lucernemines	11:00 am.....†Antonia Ferrent (Daughters)	Cemetery	\$105.00
MONDAY, MAY 26— MEMORIAL DAY—OFFICE CLOSED		Families receiving envelopes—462	
Coral	9:00 am.....Deceased Members of the Bicego Family (Zicha Children)	Envelopes used this week—214	
TUESDAY, MAY 27		Online giving this week—34	
Coral	8:00 am.....†Isabel Anderson (Williams Solo)		
WEDNESDAY, MAY 28			
Coral	8:00 am.....†Barbara Mitchell (Maryanne Troxell)		
Lucernemines	7:00 pm Vigil MassProPopulo		
THURSDAY, MAY 29—THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD—Office closed			
Coral	8:00 am.....†Dorothy Hoare (Tina Jones)		
Lucernemines	7:00 pm.....†Nancy Baron (Monica Rura)		
FRIDAY, MAY 30			
Coral	8 am.....†Mike Buzi (Steve & Denise Horchar & family)		
SATURDAY, MAY 31			
Lucernemines	3-3:30 pm.....Sacrament of Reconciliation		
Lucernemines	4 pm.....†Jim Hayes (Jenny Farabaugh)		
Coral	6 pm.....†Joseph & Nellie Arone (Joseph & Brenda Arone)		
SUNDAY, JUNE 1			
Coral	8:30 am.....Sacrament of Reconciliation		
Coral	9:00 am.....†Michael Stipcak (Son, Rick Stipcak & Family)		
Lucernemines	11:00 am.....In Honor of Our High School Graduates (OLOTA Parishioners)		

Mass Attendance for May 17-18

Lucerne	4:00 pm—103
	11:00 am—104
Coral	6:00 pm—56
	9:00 am—108

CANDLE RINGS

Easter Octave:

Subsequent rings will be placed in memory of –
Helen & Gus Bertig by Jerry & Cindy Bertig (Coral)
Carl & Mary Yarchak by their daughter, Mary Kay Yarchak (Coral)
Charles & Christina Yarchak and Nicholas & Margaret Mollen by their granddaughter, Mary Kay Yarchak (Coral)
Subsequent rings will be placed in memory of –
Brian Gatskie by his Mother, Patty Call (Lucerne), Jemma & John Zicha by the Zicha Children on Pentecost (Lucerne)

GREENSBURG: SAINT EMMA MONASTERY FLEA

MARKET: The Benedictine Sisters of Saint Emma Monastery will hold their annual indoor/outdoor flea market Thursday, June 12, from 2-7 p.m. (early bird special, \$5 for adults), Friday, June 13, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., and Saturday, June 14, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. (50% off most items, bag sale after 1 p.m.). Food will be available for purchase, eat in or take out. For more information, visit www.stemma.org.

JEANNETTE: MASSES IN SPANISH AT AS-

CENSION PARISH: All are invited to Mass in Spanish Sundays at 6 p.m., 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.

2025 Diocesan Lenten Appeal as of 5/16/2025

Total Pledged: \$67,298.50

Diocesan Goal: \$51,740.00

Number of Gifts: 243 (38.7% participation) 130.1% of Diocesan Goal
106.4% toward the combined goal of \$63,240.00 (Parish goal of \$11,500.00) All money donated in excess of the Diocesan Goal is returned 100% to the Parish.

ASSUMPTION CINEMA

will resume on Wednesday, June 11th with the viewing of
RADIATING JOY: The Michelle Duppong Story (Not Rated, Documentary, 1h15m)
The true story of Servant of God, Michelle Duppong, who bore witness to Christ
through heroic suffering and a passion for inviting others to be transformed by His love.

SAVE THE DATE!!!

THE CHOSEN: SEASON 5 BEGINS ON JUNE 18th!!!

Coral Social Hall beginning at 6pm

Summer Vacation Bible School information has been sent out to all elementary students. Our sessions will run from June 24th through June 27th at Podowski Hall from 10am-noon each day. No charge! Get to know some of the heroes from the Old Testament through crafts, games, activities, and read alouds. Students entering

PreK-5th grade are welcome to register! Flyers are available at both parishes.

Use the QR code or access the Diocesan website to register.

<https://www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/2025-vacation-bible-school-permission-form/>

Please call the Parish Office with any questions: 724-479-9542, Ext. 15.

Service hours are available for middle and high school students!

Adult Enrichment Sessions celebrating the Jubilee Year!!!

Our new adult enrichment program will be held on the following Thursdays:

6/5, 6/12, and 6/19.

We will be exploring Jesus and the Jubilee: The Biblical Roots of the Year of God's Favor by John Bergsma. We are asking \$15 to cover the cost of the book which was recently published in 2024.

Two identical sessions will be held on each of the above dates in our Coral Social Hall. Our morning sessions will begin immediately following the 8am Mass; our evening sessions will begin at 6pm. Refreshments and additional resources provided.

Students in the News

Homer Center seniors were honored at their Baccalaureate on Sunday, May 18th. Fr. John was invited to lead the closing prayer at the ceremony.

Pictured from left to right: Angelo Alexander, Braden Dunn, Gigi Palmer, Fr. John, Ava King, and Noah Turk. Congratulations!

All of our high school seniors will be honored at the 11am Mass on Sunday, June 1st in Lucernemines.



Welcome Matthew Voytek!!!

Congratulations to Zachary and Briana Kostan Voytek on the Baptism of their son, Matthew John Voytek, on Sunday, May 18th! May God bless your family with a lifetime of Faith, happiness, and love!



A pizza party and recognition of parish altar servers during a Jubilee Mass for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life

Saturday, June 14, at noon at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Greensburg. All are invited. The Office for Priestly Vocations extends a special invitation to parish altar servers and their families to be a part of this Mass. At a reception afterward, young people will have the opportunity to interact with representatives from the Office for Priestly Vocations and religious communities. To RSVP, contact Elizabeth Hornicak at ehornicak@DioceseofGreensburg.org by May 23 with names of altar servers and family members attending.

YOUNG ADULT PIRATES GAME OUTING:

Meet and socialize with other young adults from the Diocese of Greensburg for a summer evening of baseball, fireworks and fun! We're heading to PNC Park on Saturday, July 26, to cheer on the Pirates with fellow young adults and families. The game starts at 6:40 p.m. — but the fun doesn't stop there! The \$39 ticket includes a \$5 food and drink voucher and a drone light show after the final pitch. Perfect for young families, groups of friends or anyone who loves a good ballpark vibe. Transportation is not included, so team up for carpools or ride-share. To register, visit www.DioceseofGreensburg.org/young-adult-pirates-game/.

WHITNEY: HEALING MASS AT ST. CECILIA

PARISH: A healing Mass is scheduled Monday, June 2. All in need of healing of mind, body or spirit are welcome.



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