Save the Date:
Here is a list of upcoming activities. Watch the bulletin for news of activities. Listed below are some of the dates you will want to reserve in the coming months.

**April 14**—Holy Name Society Meeting
**April 14**—Palm Sunday
**April 14**—Bingo Social in the Social Hall
**April 15**—Lenten Penance Service at Holy Family, West Newton
**April 16**—Lenten Penance Service at St. Sebastian, Belle Vernon
**April 18**—No AM Mass
**April 18**—Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 PM
**April 18**—Adoration and Benediction beginning after Mass with Benediction at 9:00 PM
**April 19**—No 8:00 AM Mass. The Passion of our Lord at 3:00 PM
Tenebrae at 7:00 PM
**April 20**—Easter Vigil Mass at 9:00 PM
**April 21**—Easter Sunday at 11:00 AM
**April 28**—Divine Mercy Sunday

**May 11**—Wine and Cheese Social at the Greenhouse Winery, Irwin; Limited to 120 tickets.

Check the bulletin insert or times and dates for events during Lent and Holy Week!

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**Weekend Masses**
- Saturday: 4:00 PM
- Sunday: 11:00 AM

**Weekday Masses**
- Monday through Friday: 8:00 AM

**Holy Days**
- Vigil: 7:00 PM
- 8:00 AM Holy Day

**Confessions**
- Saturday: 3:00-3:30 PM

**Reverend Joseph E. Bonafed, Pastor**
jbonafed@dioceseofgreensburg.org

**Reverend James F. Bump, Administrator Pro Tem**

**Deacon John D. Zombar**—JZombar@dioceseofgreensburg.org

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Cheryl Hall, Faith Formation
724-872-2106

Eric Blanda, Director of Music
412-582-2512

Paula DeClaudio, Parish Secretary
724-872-6123

**Weddings—Baptisms:** Contact Parish Secretary for appointment.

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MINISTRY SCHEDULE

4:00 PM | Saturday, April 13
Lector
Rita McGrogan, Dan Landini
Eucharistic Ministers
Larry Risku, Volunteer
Altar Servers
Volunteer

11:00 AM | Sunday, April 14
Lector
Bill Ryckman, Bill Hughes
Eucharistic Ministers
Aleta Keegan, Armand Luzi
Altar Servers
Emma Smith

9:00 PM | Saturday, April 20
Lector
Pat Beneccio, Mary Ryckman
Eucharistic Ministers
Mary Houseman, Ginger DeBlasio
Altar Servers
Jacob Boyer, Nick Boyer, Noah Lehner

11:00 AM | Sunday, April 21
Lector
Volunteer
Eucharistic Ministers
Mary Ryckman, Bill Ryckman
Altar Servers
Jocelyn Siburt, Emma Smith

WEEKLY BELL CHIMES

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During Holy Week, Mass times may change. Please check the latest schedule.
**Guest Speaker, April 28**

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 28 at 2 PM there will be special Devotions in honor of the DIVINE MERCY. There will be a guest speaker, Sister Mary Augustine from the Sisters of Reparation to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Steubenville, OH as well as the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Adoration and Benediction. There will also be light refreshments after the devotion. Please plan to attend this very sacred event in a time that Mercy is needed all over the world. The Sisters have asked for a free will offering to help with their mission to bring our Lord to those in need throughout the world.

**A Seasonal Reflection**

The Stillness of Holy Saturday

Holy Thursday brings us the Last Supper. On Good Friday, we exalt the cross and commemorate the death of Jesus. On Easter Sunday, we celebrate! But what about the day in between? Between death and life, the time holds its breath. For the first disciples, Holy Saturday was a day of silence, sorrow, and waiting. But redemption is already beginning! Jesus descends to the dead and frees righteous souls awaiting eternal life. On our own Holy Saturdays, we too wait in silence. But it is not the silence of disappointment and confusion. It is the silence of anticipation. Soon and very soon, dawn will alight on the horizon, and the stone will be rolled back. Until then, we wait in stillness.

**Eric’s Music Notes**

The reading from Philippians proclaims how Christ’s choice to empty himself leads to his exaltation. Psalm 22 shows how a cry of being abandoned by God becomes self-abandoned, unrestrained praise of God. Truly, death-to-self, undertaken out of love for God and others, transforms who and how we are. Psalm 22 is, then, the “word to the weary” spoken by a tongue well trained (first reading) in the words and example of Jesus. May your singing of these verses from Psalm 22 give your hearers the courage they need to enter Holy Week aware of both the suffering and the exaltation to which it will lead. (*Cry Out With Joy*, GIA Publications)

We have arrived at Holy Week. It is a time for Catholics to suspend their normal activities and focus on the high-point of our faith: the Passion, Death and Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Monday evening at 7 PM, our Parish will celebrate its Lenten Penance Service. Several priests will be available for individual confession. On Thursday evening, as Lent comes to an end, we begin our celebration of the Paschal Triduum. These “three days” are the most sacred of the year. The Mass of the Lord’s Supper on Holy Thursday, the Commemoration of the Passion on Good Friday and the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday are ONE liturgy celebrated over three days. We remember the past events of our salvation and keep memorial of the Lord crucified, buried, and risen. You are strongly urged to make your participation in the Triduum a top priority this week. May we grow in the knowledge and love of God through the events of this Holy Week.

Our Second Annual Tenebrae Service will be held this Friday evening, April 19, at 8:00 PM. Tenebrae is a Lenten Service in which the extinguishing of Light is commemorated. Please note that Tenebrae is not the Church’s Liturgy of Good Friday, and is not a part of the Paschal Triduum. It is a separate and distinct commemoration of the crucifixion and death of Jesus Christ our Light. Plan to attend, and bring a friend or neighbor!
Please check refer to the bulletin for *Holy Week Schedule* and attend with your child.

**SECOND GRADE:**
First Communion rehearsal is on Tuesday, April 30 at 7:00 pm. First Communion will be held on Sunday, May 5 during 11:00 Mass. Please keep our second grade students in your prayers as they get closer to receiving their First Holy Communion.

**SECOND AND EIGHTH GRADE STUDENTS** please note that there is a Penance service here at Holy Family on Monday, April 15. Students should receive the sacrament of Reconciliation before receiving a sacrament.

**MIDDLE YOUTH MINISTRY**
Upcoming dates for 8th grade Confirmation students: Sunday, May 5 or May 19. Challenger Baseball game (helping children with special needs play a baseball game at West Point Ballfields in Greensburg 12:30 – 3:00 pm). Permission forms must be submitted in order to participate.

Confirmation Rehearsal is scheduled on Tuesday, May 21 6:30 pm at St. Agnes. This is **mandatory** and your sponsor or one parent is required to attend.

Please keep our eighth grade students in your prayers as they continue on their journey to prepare for Confirmation.

**CATHOLIC YOUTH DAY AT CEDAR POINT**

**HURRY – ONLY A LIMITED AMOUNT OF SEATS!!!**
Get your reservation in now!
*When*: Tuesday, June 18
*Time*: Departing at 6:00 a.m., will be three separate buses. We should arrive back from Cedar Point at approximately 11:59 p.m.
*Who*: 6th-12th grade during the 2018-2019 school year.
*Cost*: $90 registration fee includes lunch, all-you-can-drink wristband, catered dinner in the park, ticket to the park and motor coach transportation.

Please contact Cheryl asap to register! All students attending must register with their parish friends are welcome!

**Vacation Bible School** – “Avalanche Ranch” is being planned by the High School Youth ministry students and will be held at St. Edward’s June 10 through June 13 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. If you would like more information or to register, please contact Cheryl at 724-872-2106 or email chall@dioceseofgreensburg.org.

**LITTLE ROCK BIBLE STUDY**
The next meeting of the Little Rock Bible Study Group will be on Wednesday, April 17th. The group meets in the Social Hall weekly on Wednesdays from 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM. Please attend a session and learn the details of this year’s study. All are welcome to attend. Watch the bulletin for more news about the Bible study.

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**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**
*Mary’s Way of the Cross Stations* - Wednesday 4/17 at Noon.
*There are no Stations on Good Friday.*

**WEEKLY/MONTHLY MEETINGS**
*Adult Bible Study* – Weekly, Wednesday’s 9-11:00 AM
*Holy Name Society* – Monthly, 2nd Sunday of each month at 9:30 AM on the Social Hall.
*Confraternity of Christian Mothers* – Monthly, 4th Sunday of each month at 9:30 AM on the Social Hall.

**HOLY NAME SOCIETY NEWS**
The members of the HNS meet in the Social Hall on the second Sunday of each month. The next meeting will be on April 14th in the Social Hall beginning at 9:30 AM. You may contact Bob Gabonay to pay your 2019 dues if you have not already paid for this year.

**SPECIAL DEVOTION-APRIL 28**
Divine Mercy Sunday, April 28 at 2 PM there will be special Devotions in honor of the DIVINE MERCY. There will be a guest speaker, Sister Mary Augustine from the Sisters of Reparation to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Steubenville, OH as well as the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Adoration and Benediction. There will also be light refreshments after the devotion. Please plan to attend this very sacred event in a time that Mercy is needed all over the world. The Sisters have asked for a free will offering to help with their mission to bring our Lord to those in need throughout the world.

**CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN MOTHERS NEWS**
*Invitations to the Mother Daughter Banquet*: If any member of the CCM has not received their invitation to the Mother Daughter Banquet they can be found in the vestibule near the bulletins. On the left side of the Church. Please look for yours there. Hope to see you in May.

The Executive Board meeting will be held on April 23 at Gary’s Chuck Wagon at 9:30 AM and the regular meeting will be held in the Social Hall on April 28th at 9:30 AM.

**WINE AND CHEESE TASTING EVENT**
*Saturday, May 11 – 7:00-9:30 PM at The Greenhouse Winery, Rillton.* Only 120 tickets available @ $20.00 each. Wine tasting and food provided. Chances for a basket raffle and other exciting events are being planned. For tickets, an opportunity for a $5.00 discount and other information call 724-256-6042. First come first served. Get your tickets soon. This event benefits Holy Family Parish, West Newton.

Please refer to the bulletin for more news about this event.

The Wine and Cheese Event is fast approaching — Saturday, May 11 — and the Parish needs your support to make this fundraiser successful. Therefore, we are asking for donations of Lottery Scratch.
Off tickets of all denominations to be used at the Event. You may place them in the box by the Baptismal room.

Also, the Parish needs items for Chinese Auction baskets. The baskets can have various themes—like a Spring Planting basket, a cat basket, a doggie basket, a spring cleaning basket, etc.—so many items are needed to fill these baskets. Please help by depositing the items in the bins in the rear of the church. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

Financial Report for 4/7/2019

Parish Income:
Offertory: $2,957.00
Loose: 230.00
Candles: 95.00
Monthly: 130.00
Holy Days: 532.00
Flowers: 00.00
Total: $3,944.00
Parish Budget $4,000.00
Total Income $3,944.00
Under Budget - $56.00

Total Offertory $3,996.00
Including Catholic Accent & Holy Land $52.00

DIOCESAN LENTEN APPEAL

"Open your heart to HOPE," the 2019 Diocesan Lenten Appeal, helps HOPE shine. In our Catholic schools, the DLA helps more than 2,300 students shine! Go to dioceoseofgreensburg.org/HOPE to see a video of Jesse Dermotta, who attends Queen of Angels Catholic School. She was one of the founding members of the Kindness Club, which strives to walk the path of Christ, doing unto others as they would have done unto them. To make an online donation visit www.dioceoseofgreensburg.org/HOPE.

We will have a committal Weekend with a speaker on at both Masses on a weekend after Easter. If you have not made your gift yet you may do so at the commitment weekend. Watch your bulletin for details.

Monday-April 15th
8:00 AM Mass
Lenten Penance Service at 7:00 PM at Holy Family Church, West Newton.

Tuesday-April 16th
8:00 AM Mass
Lenten Penance Service at 7:00 PM at St. Sebastian Church, Belle Vernon.

Wednesday-April 17th
8:00 AM Mass

Holy Thursday-April 18th
10:00 AM Chrism Mass at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Greensburg
7:00 PM Mass of the Lord’s Supper at Holy Family Church, West Newton followed by Exposition and Benediction at 10:00 PM.

Good Friday-April 19th
3:00 PM The Passion of the Lord at Holy Family Church.
8:00 PM Tenebrae at Holy Family Church (Correct time-error in previous publication)

Holy Saturday-April 20th
12:00 Noon, Blessing of the Easter Food Baskets at Holy Family Church.
9:00 PM Easter Vigil Mass at Holy Family Church.

Easter Sunday-April 21st
11:00 AM Easter The Resurrection of the Lord at Holy Family Church
*No 8:00 AM Mass on Thursday 4/18 or Friday 4/19.

As he rode along, the people were spreading their cloaks on the road; the whole multitude of his disciples began to praise God aloud with joy for all the mighty deeds they had seen. - Lk 19:36, 37b