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 28—CCM Meeting
April 28—Divine Mercy Sunday
May 5—First Holy Eucharist-11:00 AM Mass
May 11—Wine and Cheese Social at the Greenhouse Winery, Irwin; Limited to 120 tickets.
May 12—Holy Name Society Meeting
May 18—CCM Mother/Daughter Banquet
May 19—Bingo
May 19—Challenger Baseball Game
June 1—Confirmation at St. Agnes, No. Huntingdon
June 2—Graduates Mass
June 18—Catholic Youth Day at Cedar Point

Check the bulletin insert for more details.

SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2019

Reverend Joseph E. Bonafed, Pastor
jbonafed@dioceseofgreensburg.org
Reverend James F. Bump, Administrator Pro Tem
Deacon John D. Zombar—JZombar@dioceseofgreensburg.org

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.
MINISTRY SCHEDULE

4:00 PM | Saturday, April 27
Lector
Bill Hughes
Eucharistic Ministers
Tony Lovato, Coreen Goetz
Altar Servers
Volunteer

11:00 AM | Sunday, April 28
Lector
Sienna Lehner
Eucharistic Ministers
Darlene Schehr, Tina Quinn
Altar Servers
Noah Lehner

4:00 PM | Saturday, May 11
Lector
George Thuransky
Eucharistic Ministers
Tony Lovato, Bill Hughes
Altar Servers
Jocelyn Siburt

11:00 AM | Sunday, May 12
Lector
Aleta Keegan
Eucharistic Ministers
Ann Page, Darlene Schehr
Altar Servers
Nick Boyer

WEEKLY BELL CHIMES

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Saturday, April 27
4:00 PM Vigil – Sunday of Divine Mercy
Christine Ponco
by Sally Forbes

Sunday, April 28
11:00 AM Sunday of Divine Mercy
Vera Schwet by Fr. Edward Schwet

Monday, April 29
8:00 AM St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
Francis Greenwood by Mary and Bill Ryckman

Tuesday, April 30
8:00 AM Easter Weekday
Lynn DeBlasio by Ginger

Wednesday, May 1
8:00 AM Easter Weekday
Julia Candelore by Peg Brown

Thursday, May 2
8:00 AM St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Elizabeth Chopp by Andy Chopp

Friday, May 3
8:00 AM Saints Philip and James, Apostles
Joseph Keegan by Family

Saturday, May 4
4:00 PM Vigil – Third Sunday of Easter
Robert Kemmery by Family

Sunday, May 5
11:00 AM Third Sunday of Easter
For the Students of the First Holy Communion Class.
2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER

LAST NIGHT, I DREAMED THAT NO-ONE LEFT MASS AFTER COMMUNION...

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Financial Report for 4/21/2019

Parish Income: Offertory: $0.00

BINGO SOCIAL

Come Join us for the NEW & IMPROVED BINGO Sunday May 19th Early Birds start at 12:30 and will pay out at least $15/game 15 Regular games paying $30 There will also be BONZAI, SPECIALS and QUICKIES. Oh, don’t forget about the final game—JACKPOT. The kitchen will be open serving hamburgers, hot dogs, pizza, chips, pop, water and coffee. So come join the fun and try your luck winning larger prizes. Admission is only $15 for the 15 game boards. The more who play, the more the payouts will be.

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 Chapel 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.

For this week’s Financial Report, please see the insert!

Praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet

Begin with the Our Father, Hail Mary, and the Apostles Creed. Using regular rosary beads, work your way around the five decades with the prayers below. On the standalone beads, pray: "Eternal Father, I offer you the body, blood, soul, and divinity of your dearly beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world." On the decade beads, pray: "For the sake of his sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world." At the end, pray the following three times: "Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world." It is typical to conclude the Divine Mercy Chaplet with the words: "Jesus, I trust in you."

Concerns Regarding Sexual Abuse

If you have any suspicion about the sexual abuse (or any other type of abuse) of a minor child by anyone — please contact PA Childline immediately at 1-800-932-0313. If the alleged abuser is functioning in a parish, school or diocesan position as clergy, religious, paid staff or volunteer you are also requested to contact the Bishop’s Delegate for Matters of Sexual Misconduct after you have called the Childline number and made the report. The Bishop’s Delegate may be reached at 724-837-0901, Ext. 1221.

Financial Report for 4/21/2019

Parish Income: Offertory: $0.00

Eric’s Music Notes

Amazingly, God takes what is flawed and weak – the rejected stone (psalm), our diseased bodies (first reading), our doubting hearts (gospel) – and turns them into cornerstones of faith and forgiveness. This is what the Lord has done and is doing, “what is happening, and what will happen” (second reading). This is the “marvel in our eyes” we proclaim in Psalm 118. (Cry Out With Joy, GIA Publications)

Today we hear the story of Thomas, who was absent when the Risen Lord first appeared in the Upper Room. He doubted. He needed proof of the Resurrection. Our Communion Hymn, Ye Sons and Daughters, tells the story of Thomas, from doubt to belief. Our Recessional, We Walk By Faith, reminds us that though we may be predisposed to needing proof, we are to suspend our human unbelief and put our faith and trust in our Risen Savior. May we recognize the presence of the risen Lord in our lives this week.

I would like to thank all those who attended our Tenebrae Service on Good Friday evening. Your attendance and prayerful, reverent participation in the hymns helped make it a truly awesome experience. Thank you to our cantors and choir for their hard work and dedication in preparing for the Tenebrae, as well as the liturgies of Palm Sunday, the Paschal Triduum and Easter Sunday. Your efforts greatly enhanced our celebrations.

Choir rehearsal continues this Thursday, May 2, at 6:30 PM, in Church. New members are welcome. Join us as we prepare for Pentecost, Trinity Sunday and Corpus Christi.

Eric
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.

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.

Confirmation prayer: Dear St. Rose of Lima, May you be an inspiration to women and girls across the world to show their true beauty inside of them, rather than distracted people from just your looks. May you be the strength of these women in their time of low self-esteem and self-doubt. May you guide these women into a better person with confidence in their true being. May you bring life, happiness and fulfillment throughout their lives. May you be a bright light to those who see only darkness. Please guide and strengthen women all over the world and show them to be themselves in the face of adversaries throughout their lives. In God's name we pray. Amen ~ Riley D.

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.

NEW MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES: Are you interested in growing more in your faith and want to become more involved in our parish? We would like to start a RCIA team and Baptism preparation team. If you would like to be part of these ministries, please let Cheryl know in the Faith Formation office. Brief training and materials will be provided.

LITTLE ROCK BIBLE STUDY
The next meeting of the Little Rock Bible Study Group will be on Wednesday, May 1st. 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.

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 in the Social Hall.

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.

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 May 12th in the Social Hall beginning at 9:30 AM.

DIOCESAN LENTEN APPEAL
“Open your heart to HOPE,” the 2019 Diocesan Lenten Appeal, helps HOPE abound. Go to dioceseofgreensburg.org/HOPE for a video of Bishop malesic describing how the DLA supports our International Priests Program, which helps ensure our Church is the center of prayer. To make an online DLA donation to your parish visit dioceseofgreensburg.org/HOPE www.dioceseofgreensburg.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.
**Financial Report for 4/21/2019**

**Parish Income:**
- Offertory: $1,949.00
- Loose: 800.00
- Candles: 0.00
- Monthly: 255.00
- Holy Days: 739.00
- Easter: 3,325.00

**Total:** $6,329.00

**Parish Budget:** $4,000.00

**Total Income:** $6,329.00

**Over Budget:** $3,068.00

- Total Offertory $7,738.00
- Including Catholic Accent: $42.00
- Holy Land $628.00

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**Attention All 2019 Graduates!!!!!**

The First Sunday in June is traditionally the day that Holy Family Church honors all Graduates at the 11:00 AM Mass. All Graduates are invited to attend Mass on June 2nd and if you have your Cap and Gown you are invited to wear them for the Mass.

Following the 11:00 AM Mass all Graduates of Holy Family Parish (High School, College, Trade School, Military, and any post-secondary school) and their families are invited to attend a luncheon in their honor. To reserve your place, call Barbara Saxberg @ 724-872-9116.

This is proudly sponsored by the Confraternity of Christian Mothers.

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**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.

In addition to a wide selection of fine wine, the Winery offers a variety of craft bottled/draft beer, soda and bottled water for sale.

**Hey Folks – Your Help is Needed for this Event!**

The Wine and Cheese Event is fast approaching — Saturday, May 11 — and the Parish needs your support to make this fundraiser successful.

**The Church roof is leaking, the inside needs painted and the carpet needs replaced!** If you really want to help keep your parish looking good and operating efficiently you can help by making this fund raiser a success. **You could buy a scratch off ticket (or 2 or 3) and place them in the box by the Baptismal room.**

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**You could put together items for a Chinese Auction Basket and bring it to the office. 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.**

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**You could invite a group of friends to buy a few tickets and join you at the event or ask friends to donate a basket to the Basket Auction. Please get on board and spread the word for a fun evening out! Your support will be greatly appreciated.**

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**Gospel Meditation**

He has you in mind. Do we think about that much? The God of the universe has us in mind, individually as persons and together as one human family. We hear this truth in today’s Gospel story of Thomas. His doubt is likely familiar to us by now. “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.”

Jesus is God. He could have risen any way he wanted. He could have risen perfectly healed, as a further sign of his power over death and suffering. But when Thomas encounters him, we see what Jesus chose. “Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe.” In resurrecting his body, Jesus already has Thomas in mind. Jesus retains his wounds for Thomas, for the disciples, and for all who would doubt the sacrificial power of love. This intentional love of Jesus is echoed by John and his disciples, who authored this Gospel. “Jesus did many other signs...these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ...and that through this belief you may have life in his name.”

From its earliest beginnings, the Church knew the power of sign and story. When they wrote the Gospels, they had us in mind. We are all Thomas from time to time. We need to see the mercy of God lived and real in our lives. This can happen throughout the circumstances of our daily comings and goings. It can also happen through meditating on the Scripture, through placing ourselves in the stories and listening to God’s voice speaking. We don’t get to see what the disciples got to see, but we know, through them, that God always has us in mind. As he reminds the disciples, “Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.”

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**In Loving Remembrance**

Remember in your prayers Mary Negro who passed away on April 21st and whose funeral was on Thursday, April 25th.

And also Michaelene Nohavicka who passed away on April 24th and whose funeral will be on Monday, April 29th at Holy Family Church.

Kindly remember Mary Negro and Michaelene Nohavicka’s families and friends with prayers for comfort and peace.