**First Communion**

*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.

**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.*

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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

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**Holy Family Catholic Church**

**SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2019**

**Reverend Joseph E. Bonafed, Pastor**

jbonafed@dioceseofgreensburg.org

**Reverend James F. Bump, Administer 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.

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### PRAYER AND WORSHIP

#### MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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### WEEKLY BELL CHIMES

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**Everyday Stewardship**

I am struck by how Jesus addresses the disciples in the 21st chapter of John. They have been fishing all night, and when the dawn comes, Jesus asks, “Children, have you caught anything to eat?” They hadn’t caught a thing, so he tells them what to do to finally fill their nets. These children thought they knew best, but they couldn’t get the job done until they listened to Jesus. Like a child who needs a parent, these early followers of Jesus were learning that real maturity of faith requires trusting in and listening to the Teacher.

The stewardship way of life demands of us a certain maturity of discipleship. Just as a child is not yet ready to be a parent, an immature disciple may not yet be ready to sacrifice regardless of the cost or understand the true value of his generosity. So every day, we are challenged and called to respond, sometimes even with little cost to ourselves. But each step, no matter how small, brings with it growth. We are growing not only in maturity, but in the ability to trust in God and how to listen for the call as well.

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**Financial Report for 4/28/2019**

**Parish Income:**

- **Offertory:** $0.00
- **Loose:** $0.00
- **Candles:** 000

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**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.

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**Eric’s Music Notes**

God has indeed rescued us (psalm refrain) from death, yet if we follow the Lamb who has been slain (second reading) we shall run smack into death (first reading). What God rescues us from is our fear of dying for Jesus’ sake, and our shame when we have, like Peter, run from the costs of discipleship (gospel). Jesus comes to Peter with understanding and forgiveness, telling him that despite his fears and his failures, he will nonetheless catch an abundant harvest for God’s kingdom. And so for us. We are rescued from our lack of courage and fidelity by One who understands our weaknesses, forgives our failures, and knows our hidden strengths. (Cry Out With Joy, GIA Publications)

Easter Sunday may have been two weeks ago, but the Easter Season is just beginning. Because the resurrection of Christ is so important, the event calls for a celebration that continues for many weeks. We continue singing hymns that proclaim the resurrection. **Christ, the Lord, is Risen Today; At the Lamb’s High Feast; and Alleluia! Alleluia! Let the Holy Anthem Rise** all proclaim the joy of the season. Our Communion Hymn, **The Super of the Lord**, speaks of Christ as a Eucharistic theme. He is the Bread of God, The Living Spring, The Bread of Heaven, indeed, The Bread of Life. Through Him we find our life in the Living God. As we continue our Easter celebration, let us be inspired by the risen Christ and the Holy Spirit to be energetic and hopeful witnesses in the world.

Choir rehearsal continues this Thursday, May 9, at 6:30 PM, in Church. New members are welcome. Join us as we prepare for Pentecost, Trinity Sunday and Corpus Christi.

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**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.

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**Easter Thank You**

– to those who assisted with our Liturgies - to the Lectors who read for the Tenebrae Service on Good Friday, to those who participated in the Washing of Feet on Holy Thursday, to the altar servers who did such an awesome job with no rehearsal, and those who distributed the worship leaflets during the Triduum. Many thanks for your kind assistance in making our celebrations of the Paschal Mysteries a truly awesome experience!
**Second Grade:**

First Communion is today! Congratulations to Ty Hummel, Josephine Kopanic and Izsabella Lash who will be receiving Jesus today in the Eucharist. Please keep them in your prayers.

**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.

**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 8th. 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.

**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 dioceoseofgreensburg.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 dioceoseofgreensburg.org/HOPE. www.dioceoseofgreensburg.org/HOPE.

**We will have a commitment weekend** with a speaker on at both Masses on the weekend of May 25th and 26th. If you have not made your gift yet you may do so at the commitment weekend.

**Financial Report for 4/28/2019**

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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.

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

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.

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.

THANK YOU
Thank you to all who attended the Divine Mercy Devotion on Sunday, April 28th and for your generous contributions to the Free-will offering to the Sister’s mission work. It was very much appreciated.

FLEA MARKET: The Sisters of the Divine Redeemer will hold their annual flea market at 999 Rock Run Road, Elizabeth Twp. (across from Butler’s Golf Course) Thursday thru Saturday, June 6, 7, & 8. The hours are 9 AM to 8 PM on Thursday and Friday and 9 AM to Noon on Saturday. Donated items can be dropped off no later than May 17. (No TVs, computers, electronic devices, exercise equipment, clothing, or hard back books will be accepted.) Please call Sr. Rosemary at 412-751-8600 from 9 AM to 8 PM to make arrangements for dropping off donations. Donations will be accepted from 9 AM to 3 PM Monday thru Saturday.

FAMILY FEST JUNE 9 AT CHRIST OUR SHEPHERD CENTER
You are invited to a day of fun, games, food and faith at the diocese’s second annual FamilyFest on Sunday, June 9, at the Christ Our Shepherd Center. The day will include parish food vendors, an evangelization project #FindJesusRocks, and activities for people of all ages, including an Indoor Bingo. The day begins with an outdoor Mass celebrated by Bishop Malesic at 11 a.m. with music provided by a Diocesan Youth Honors Choir. We look forward to seeing you and your family there! For information and to register your child, go to FamilyFestGreensburg.org.

FIRST COMMUNION

First Communion Prayer
Dear Jesus,
through bread and wine at the Last Supper, and by your holy word, you gave the Eucharist to your church.
You transformed common food and drink into your Body and Blood, and offered us a share in your life in ways we still cannot fully understand.
Grant now that these young people will always treasure the gift they have in you.
Give them the grace to be faithful to you and to remain in communion with your church. As they receive their first Communion, the Bread of Life and Cup of Salvation, make them always aware of the hope they have for eternal life in you.
Amen.

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