



Holy Family CATHOLIC CHURCH



Save the Date:

Here is a list of upcoming activities. Listed below are some of the dates you will want to reserve in the coming months.

February

Bible Study: Wednesday's in the Social Hall 9:00-11:00 AM

Faith Formation: Check your schedule for times, location and dates

Holy Name Society Meeting: 3/8
9:30 AM in Social Hall

CCM Board Meeting: 3/16, 9:30 AM at Gary's ChuckWagon

CCM Meeting: 2/23, 9:30 AM in Social Hall

[Check Mass times for Holy Days](#)

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

Weekday Masses
Tuesday & Wednesday
8:00 AM
Confessions

Saturday
3:00-3:30 PM

*Holy Days
Vigil-9:00 PM

[*See Insert for detailed information](#)

Weddings—Baptisms: Contact
Parish **Secretary for appointment.**
724-872-6123

PRAY



"Love your enemies
and pray for those
who persecute you."

MATTHEW 5:44

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2020

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412-582-2512

Robin Stahl, Organist
rstahl@dioceseofgreensburg.org
Denise Manley, Parish Secretary
724-872-6123

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

MINISTRY SCHEDULE



4:00 PM | Saturday, February 22

Lector

Stan Materkowski

Eucharistic Ministers

Michalene Lovato, Ginger DeBlasio, Barry Beneccio

Altar Servers

Gina Beneccio

11:00 AM | February 23

Lector

Sienna Lehner

Eucharistic Ministers

Bill Ryckman, Dan & Mary Ann Landini

Altar Servers

Raphaella Lombardozi

4:00 PM | Saturday, February 29

Lector

Dan Landini

Eucharistic Ministers

Mary Houseman, MaryAnn Landini, Ann Page

Altar Servers

Jacob Boyer

11:00 AM | Sunday, March 1

Lector

Christina Teaters

Eucharistic Ministers

Aleta Keegan, Mary Ryckman, Bill Hughes

Altar Servers

Noah Lehner

Saturday, February 22

4:00 PM

Vigil—7th Sunday of Ordinary

John Kosor—Anniversary of Death

by Marvin & Betty Sleith

Sunday, February 23

11:00 AM

Vigil—7th Sunday of Ordinary

Julia Materkowski—Birthday

by Stanley Materkowski

Tuesday, February 25

8:00 AM

Weekday

Ann & Frank Balash

by Family

Wednesday, February 26

8:00 AM

Weekday

Rita Ryckman—Anniversary of Death

By Mary & Bill Ryckman

Saturday, February 29

4:00 PM

Vigil—8th Sunday of Ordinary

Pauline & Melvin Maleski

by Son Ken

Sunday, March 1

11:00 AM

8th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Agnes Brunory

by Rita & Bob Gabonay

WEEKLY BELL CHIMES

DAY

NOON

6:00 PM

SAT 2/22 Nicholas Stulock

SUN 2/23 HFC HNS Charter Date

MON 2/24

TUES 2/25

WED 2/26 Lee Ann Conrad

THURS 2/27 Steve Kurutz, Jr.

FRI 2/28

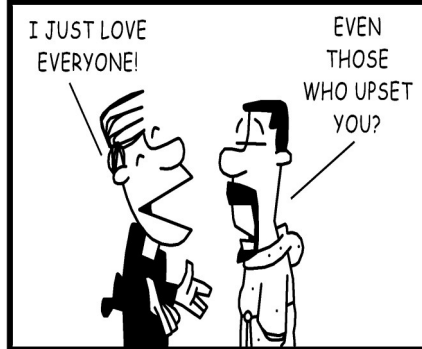
SAT 2/29 Happy Leap Year

SUN 3/1 David L. Harper

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INSPIRATION

7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Scripture Verse

"You have heard that it was said, You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy. But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father." - Mt 5:43-45a

Holy Family Church

Ash Wednesday Mass
February 26, 8 AM, Distribution of Ashes
Stations of the Cross
Every Wednesday at 12 noon
From March 4 to April 8

Church of St Anne

Ash Wednesday Mass
February 26
12 Noon, Liturgy of Word w/ Ashes
7:00 PM, Mass w/ Ashes
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Every Wednesday at 6:30 PM
From March 4 to April 8

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

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time - The first reading, taken from the book of Leviticus, teaches us that we should be holy because it is the command given to us by God through Moses: "*Be holy, for I the Lord, your God, am holy.*" It also shows us the way to share in God's holiness: "*Love your neighbor as yourself.*" The Responsorial Psalm (Ps 103) challenges us to be holy as our God is holy by becoming kind and merciful and forgiving.

In the second reading, St. Paul gives us an additional reason to be holy. We are to keep our bodies and souls holy because we are the temples of the Holy Spirit, and the Holy Spirit lives in us.

This week, in the Gospel, we continue to hear from the Sermon on the Mount. In today's passage, Jesus teaches us four methods of becoming holy as God is holy. **1)** The first method is to abstain from all forms of retaliation. Jesus discards even the milder form of retaliation developed by Hammurabi in ancient Babylon and passed on to Israel through Moses. The policy was one of limited, proportional retaliation (*Lex Talionis*, "tit-for-tat"): "*an eye for an eye, a tooth for tooth,*" rather than allowing unlimited vengeance. In place of this limited, proportional retaliation, Jesus gives His new law of love, grace, forgiveness, reconciliation and no retaliation. For Jesus, retaliation, or even limited vengeance, has no place in the Christian life. **2)** by taking the offense gracefully and love the offender. Jesus illustrates this in three images: "*turning the other cheek, freely giving the tunic and adding the cloak to it, and walking the extra mile.*" Jesus tells us that what makes Christians different is the grace with which they treat others, offering them loving kindness and mercy, even if they don't deserve this treatment - *agápe* love, not because our enemies deserve our love, but because Jesus loves them so much that He died for them as He died for us. **3)** by unconditionally and whole-heartedly forgiving the offender without planning revenge in any form. This means not only loving one's neighbors, but also forgiving those enemies who hurt us and willfully cause us suffering, hardship and unhappiness. **4)** The fourth method of becoming holy as God is holy is to seal our determination to forgive our enemies by sincerely praying for their spiritual and physical welfare and for the grace needed for their conversion and renewal of life. Thus today's Scripture readings challenge us to become holy as our God is holy by loving, forgiving and blessing others as our Holy God does.

One day a truck driver stopped at a restaurant for dinner and ordered a steak. Before he could eat it, in walked a motorcycle gang, with dirty leather jackets and long, unkempt hair. They took the man's steak, cut it into six pieces, and ate it. The driver said nothing. He simply paid the bill and walked out. One of the gang members said, "That man couldn't talk. He didn't say a word." Another one said, "He couldn't fight, either; he didn't lift a hand." The waiter added, "I would say that he couldn't drive either. On his way out of the parking lot, he ran over six motorcycles crushing all of them." Something in us loves that story, because we like retaliation. But in the Sermon on the Mount Jesus prescribes forgiving love as the Christian way.

While we may smile at this story, we are reminded by Jesus' teaching that retaliation is not the way of His followers. We are to try to be perfect, to be like God: We become perfect when we fulfill God's purpose in creating us, i.e., when we become Godlike by cooperating with His grace. We become perfect when we try to love as God loves, to forgive as God forgives and to show unconditional good will and universal benevolence as God does.

Let us pray for the Conversion of the World & for Peace.

This Week – The Church begins the Penitential Season of Lent with Ash Wednesday, and which ends with the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. Traditionally Lent is a time of penance and of prayer. All the Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat. On the weekdays of Lent, there is no obligation to fast. However, voluntary acts of self-denial are encouraged, regardless how young or old one may be.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of Fast, and Abstinence from meat. Limit of one full meal on these days for all between the ages of 18 and 59 (*provided one is in good health and not advised otherwise by one's physician*). And even though one may not have reached their 18th birthday yet, there is no reason why the youngster can't begin practicing Fast and Abstinence. All who have reached their 14th year are bound to abstain totally from meat (and again, even if younger, the practice can begin with the younger members of the family).

REGARDING THE EASTER DUTY – The Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion are to be received during the Easter Season. Please try to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation as soon as possible, and as often as possible. We will, once again, share in the Communal Penance Services with the other Parishes of our area. These will be posted in a later bulletin.

LENTEN SCHEDULE

ASH WEDNESDAY – 8:00 AM Holy Family – Mass w/ Ashes
12 NOON – St Anne – Liturgy of Word w/ Ashes
7:00 PM – St Anne – Mass w/ Ashes

FEBRUARY

MEETINGS:

Adult Bible Study – Wednesday's from 9-11:00 AM.

Holy Name Society – March 8th at 9:30 AM - Social Hall.

Confraternity of Christian Mothers

Regular Meeting – February 23, 9:30 AM in the Social Hall

CCM Board Meeting – March 16, 2020 9:30 AM at Gary's Chuckwagon

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY all scheduling of events must be done through the Parish office and with Fr. Dave's knowledge and permission. Please contact Denise to place your request for Masses, baptisms, weddings, or any other event. She will pass your request on to Fr. Dave. No parishioner or anyone else may schedule or give permission for any event.

All sponsor letters, and official forms are to be obtained through the Parish office. Contact the secretary by calling 724-872-6123 or stop in during business hours.

Also, as a clarification, the Social Hall is not available for use except for the Societies, Faith Formation or Church sponsored activities. The Social Hall has not been available for general use for quite a long while because we do not have adequate staff to set up for events, monitor the events, open and close the building and clean-up after the events. There will be no exceptions.

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 2/16/2020

Parish Income:

Offertory: \$1692.00

Loose: 223.00

Monthly: 35.00

Candles: 53.00

Ash Wednesday: 5.00

Total: \$2008.00

Parish Budget \$4000.00

Total Income 2008.00

Under Budget: \$ -1992.00

Total Offertory \$2008.00

CHOIR REHEARSAL

Rehearsal will begin for Holy Week/ Easter will be held on Thursday evenings at 6:30 pm beginning February 27. For more information, contact Eric at eblanda@dioceseofgreensburg.org

Lenten 40 Days for Life campaign

February 26 – April 5

40 Days for Life is a focused pro-life effort that consists of:

40 days of peaceful vigil held from 7am – 7pm in front of Planned Parenthood, 933 Liberty Ave., Pittsburgh

40 days of community outreach

Contact Nikki Bruni, 412-926-9413 or

nbruni@40daysforlifepgh.com for more information.

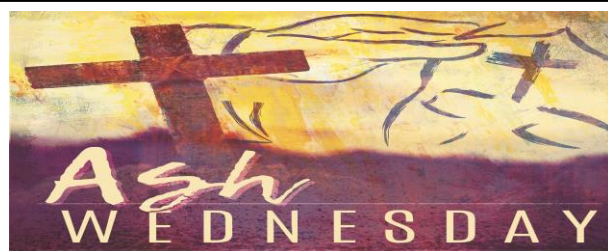
THE WELL Men's Conference at WCCC March 21

The diocese's second THE WELL Men's Conference will be held March 21 at Westmoreland County Community College, Youngwood. The event includes workshops, discussions, the sacrament of reconciliation and adoration, and it concludes with Mass celebrated by Bishop Malesic at 4 p.m. Open to men 18 years of age and older. The keynote speaker will be Mike Clark. Doors open at 7:15 a.m. and the conference begins at 8:30 a.m. Register at

www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/THEWELL by March 11.

Registration includes breakfast and lunch. Francis Fund scholarships are available to cover the \$50 registration fee. Apply at dioceseofgreensburg.org/francisfund by March 2. Questions? Email

THEWELL@dioceseofgreensburg.org.



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7:00 PM. Mass w/ Ashes

STATIONS of the CROSS

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From March 4 to April 8

Church of St Anne

Every Wednesday at 6:30 PM

From March 4 to April 8

CCM Meeting - Sunday, February 23, 2020
 9:30 AM in our Social Hall
 CCM Board Meeting - Monday, March 16, 2020 (note date change)
 9:30 AM at Gary's Chuckwagon
 For more information about joining our Confraternity, please call our Membership Chairlady, Betty Sleith, (724/872-9495).

THANK YOU to everyone who everyone who helped make our "Sweetheart Bake Sale" a great success. We appreciate our members and friends who made such a variety of delicious items – and we very much appreciate Fr. Dave and our Parish for your wonderful support (in spite of chilly conditions!)

FOR ALL OUR "LITTLE PEOPLE"

Did you see the "Little Peoples' Table" when you came into Church for Mass? The items on it each week are just for you.

Sponsored by the Confraternity of Christian Mothers

Clearances

In accordance with the laws of the State of Pennsylvania and the Diocese of Greensburg, ALL Church employees and volunteers must obtain mandated clearances and be trained in child protection courses as part of our Protecting God's Children. The mandated Pennsylvania clearances are: PA Criminal History Check, Child Abuse Clearance, FBI Fingerprints (employees or those who have not lived in the state of Pennsylvania or the past ten (10) consecutive years), Affidavit (notarized) verifying residence for past ten (10) consecutive years. Additionally, employees must have taken the Virtus course, Mandatory Reporter Training, and have read the Diocese of Greensburg Code of Conduct. The state clearances must be renewed every five years. For many of our PA clearances will expire this year. We are currently reviewing our records and will be notifying those parishioners who clearances will be expiring so that you can renew when necessary. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Faith Formation Office at the Holy Family Church at 724-872-2106.

Baptism Congratulations

Congratulations to Joseph Jason Smith, son of Jason Roger Smith and Jennifer Petrovich Smith who was baptized here at Holy Family on Saturday, February 15th. We welcome Joey on this joyous occasion and ask Our Lord to watch over Joey and his family as they continue on their Faith Journey.

First Reading:

"Take no revenge and cherish no grudge against any of your people.

You shall love your neighbor as yourself." (Lev 19:18a)

Psalm:

The Lord is kind and merciful. (Ps 103)

Second Reading:

Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? (1 Cor 3:16)

Gospel:

"I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you." (Mt 5:44)

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Readings for the week of February 23, 2020

Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13

[8a]/1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48

Monday: Jas 3:13-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [9a]/Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday: Jas 4:1-10/Ps 55:7-8, 9-10a, 10b-11a, 23

[23a]/Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17

[cf. 3a]/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps

40:5a]/Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 [19b]/Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [11ab]/Lk 5:27-32

Next Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17 [cf. 3a]/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11

Observances for the week of February 23, 2020

Sunday: 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wednesday: Ash Wednesday

Next Sunday: 1st Sunday of Lent

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ALTAR FLOWERS

In the past, our parish had sponsors for flowers on the altar on a weekly basis. We have started that program up again with a good response. There are a few weekends available in the last half of the year. If you would like to participate in this effort to have flowers on our altar, please complete the following form and drop it in the collection basket. Once a schedule is set up, you will be notified. Also, the florist will bill you directly. Your participation will be greatly appreciated.

NAME _____

PHONE# _____

DATE DESIRED _____

IN MEMORY/HONOR OF _____