



Holy Family Parish

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A Parish of the Diocese of Greensburg

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EUCCHARISTIC LITURGIES

Weekends: Saturday.... 4 PM

Sunday.....11 AM

Weekdays:

Tuesday & Thursday ... 8 AM

Holy Days & Civil Holidays:

Consult the Mass schedule in
the bulletin

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday at 3 PM

Parish

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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.

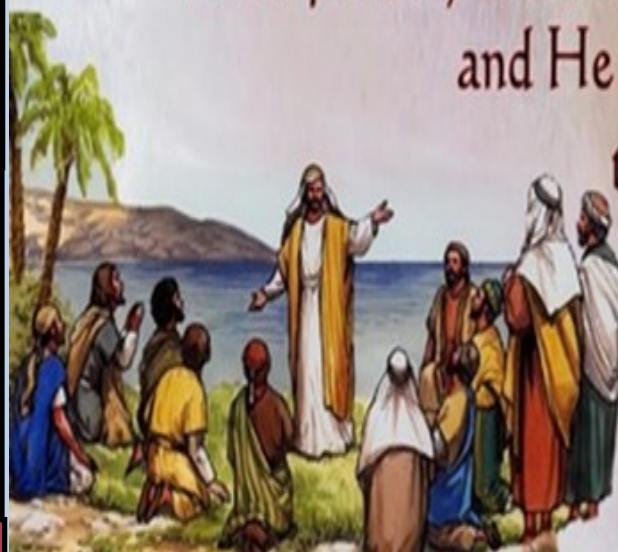
2/8 Cantor Practice 6:30 PM

2/17 Ash Wednesday 8 AM

2/24 to 3/31 12 PM

Every Wednesday—Stations of the
Cross

I will raise up a Prophet from
among their countrymen like you, and
I will put My words in His mouth
and He shall speak to
them all that I
command
Him



Deuteronomy 18:18

JANUARY 31, 2021

THE FOURTH SUNDAY

IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00 PM | Saturday, January 30
Lector: Bill Hughes
Eucharistic Minister: Armand Luzi
11:00 AM | Sunday, January 31

Lector: Pat Beneccio
Eucharistic Minister: Barry Beneccio

4:00 PM | Saturday, February 6
Lector: Dan Landini
Eucharistic Minister: Maryann Landini

11:00 AM | Sunday, February 7
Lector: Aleta Keegan
Eucharistic Minister: Darlene Schehr

Saturday, January 30
Vigil-4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Alex Merlino By Family

Sunday, January 31
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Stanley & Agnes Minkus
By Leonard & Jeanne

Tuesday, February 2 **Weekday**
NO MASS

Wednesday, February 3 **Weekday**
NO MASS

Saturday, February 6
Vigil- 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
John & Mary Simon
By Family

Sunday February 7
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
April Manley
By Family

Financial Report for 1/24/2021

Offertory: 2278	Accent: 25
Loose: 22	Poverty Rel: 3
Monthly: 502	Child & Fam: 10
Candles: 101	Priest Ret: 10
Sol. Of Mary: 10	Cath Univ: 10
First Offering: 10	Peter's Pence: 10
Immac Conception: 10	<i>Semin & Clergy: 10</i>
All Souls: 10	Parish Income: 3073
<i>Christmas : 50</i>	Parish Budget: 4000
World Mission: 10	Under Budget: -927
Assump of Mary: 10	Total Offertory: 3151
Thanksgiving: 40	
Flowers: 20	

First Reading:

I will raise up for them a prophet like you
from among their kin,
and will put my words into his mouth;
he shall tell them all that I command him. (Dt 18)

Psalms:

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.
(Ps 95)

Second Reading:

An unmarried woman or a virgin is anxious about the
things of the Lord,
so that she may be holy in both body and spirit. (1
Cor 7:34)

Gospel:

The people were astonished at his teaching,
for he taught them as one having authority and not
as the scribes. (Mk 1:22)

Readings for the week of January 31, 2021

Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 [8]/1 Cor
7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28
Monday: Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24 [25]/
Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 [8]/Heb 2:14-18/
Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-
18a [cf. 17]/Mk 6:1-6
Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9,
10-11 [cf. 10]/Mk 6:7-13
Friday: Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc [1a]/Mk
6:14-29
Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6
[1]/Mk 6:30-34
Next Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf.
3a]/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

Observances for the week of January 31, 2021

Sunday: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Catholic Schools Week
Tuesday: The Presentation of the Lord; World Day for
Consecrated Life
Wednesday: St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; St.
Ansgar, Bishop
Friday: St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr
Saturday: St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs
Next Sunday: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Matters of Sexual Misconduct Information

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.

WORSHIP TOGETHER

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time – The common theme of today's readings is Divine authority, as exercised in this world by the prophets of the Old Testament in their messages, by the apostles (including St. Paul), in their writings and teaching in the New Testament, and by Jesus in his teaching and healing ministry.

Today's first reading from the Old Testament Book of Deuteronomy tells us that a true prophet like Moses speaks with authority because it is God Who speaks through him. After the Babylonian exile, the Jewish priests began to interpret the words of Moses given in the first reading, namely, "*a prophet like me*," as referring to one individual, the expected Messiah. This passage is chosen for today's first reading because it refers to Jesus, the "preacher with authority," mentioned in today's Gospel.

The response for today's Responsorial Psalm, (Ps 95), speaks of not hardening our hearts when we hear God's authoritative voice through the Scripture and the Church's teaching authority. In Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, St. Paul exercises his God-given authority as the *Apostle to the Gentiles* to teach people in Corinth that marriage is a holy state ordained by God and that it is a life-long partnership according to the teaching of the Lord. But he opts for, and recommends, celibacy, so that one may serve the Lord without the distractions of married life.

In today's Gospel selection, Mark describes one sample Sabbath day of Jesus' public life. Jesus joins in public worship in the synagogue as a practicing Jew, heals the sick, drives out evil spirits and prays privately. People immediately noticed that Jesus teaches with authority and heals with Divine power. Jesus explains the Scriptures with complete confidence, and when questioned by people, he answered with authority. Jesus is using His real (authentic) Divine authority to teach, empower, liberate, and heal others. **In today's Gospel, the evil spirit** recognized and loudly declared **Jesus as the Messiah**. Jesus harsh, command, "*Be quiet! Come out of him!*" exorcises the demon who departs, obedient to Jesus' Divine authority.

Jesus did not use His authority and Divine power to rule and control people, but to set them free. Similarly, let us approach Jesus with trusting Faith so that He may free us from the evil spirits that keep us from praying and that prevent us from loving others and sharing our blessings with them. Jesus also frees us from all the "evil spirits" of fear, jealousy, anger, envy, addictions, compulsions, selfishness, resentment, and hostility. May God free us from all those spirits which make us deaf, dumb, blind, lame, and paralyzed, physically and spiritually.

So many people with authority have made a lasting impression on our lives either for good or ill. Perhaps it was a grandparent, an uncle, or a parent, who loved us and cared for us. Perhaps it was a Sunday school teacher who encouraged us in our Faith and exerted a positive impact on our lives. Perhaps we remember the kindness as well as the firm discipline that a schoolteacher gave us. Teachers are powerful because they change and mold lives. Let us all become good teachers like Jesus and use our authority to mold young lives in the right way.

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

Saints for this week –

February 2 –Forty Days after His birth, Jesus was presented in the temple by Mary and Joseph to fulfill Jewish law. There He was recognized by Simeon and Anna, who were waiting for the coming Messiah.

Blessing of Homes – a Catholic Tradition around the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus Once blessed, a blessing does not disappear over time. When rosaries, or a crucifix, or a statue is blessed – that blessing remains with the object. So also with our homes. If, however, you feel the need to "re-bless" your homes, the following prayer can be used.

When Christ took flesh through the Blessed Virgin Mary, He made His home with us. Let us now pray that He will enter this home and bless it with His presence. May He always be here among us; may He nurture our love for each other, share in our joys, comfort us in our sorrows. Inspired by His teachings and example, let us seek to make our home before all else a dwelling place of love, diffusing far and wide the goodness of Christ.

Lord, be close to Your servants who move into this home (today)/ (or – who live in this home) and ask for Your blessing. Be their shelter when they are at home, their companion when they are away, and their welcome guest when they return. And at last receive them into the dwelling place You have prepared for them in Your Father's house, where You live for ever and ever. AMEN. And then, and usually at the main entrance, you may inscribe over the door with chalk – **20 C + M + B 21.**

(The **20** and the **21** signify the year of the blessing. The initials **C + M + B** represent the names of the 3 Magi who visited the infant Jesus – Caspar, Melchior, Balthasar).

February 3 – St Blase – According to tradition, Blasé retreated to a cave and became a hermit during the persecution of Licinius. While there, he befriended wild animals and cared for them when wounded or sick. One day, hunters found Blase in the woods surrounded by wild animals. They captured him with the intention of putting him in prison. On the way to Sebaste, Blasé encountered a woman whose little boy was choking to death on a fishbone. Blasé healed him and the blessing of throats on this day derives from that story.

Blessing of Throats – because of COVID.....The traditional Blessing of Throats, commemorating the Feast of St Blase, will take place at this weekend's Masses as part of the Final Blessing of the Mass. Rather than individual throat blessings, the Final Blessing will incorporate the words of the St Blase blessing.



2/8 Cantor Practice 6:30 PM

Bishop-elect Kulick Installation and Ordination Mass to be celebrated Feb.

11 The Ordination and Installation Mass for Bishop-elect Larry J. Kulick, J.C.L., as the Sixth Bishop of the Diocese of Greensburg will be celebrated Thursday, Feb. 11, at 2 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral. In an abundance of caution and in order to prioritize the health and safety of the faith community, attendance will be extremely limited and by invitation only.

However, the entire diocesan community is invited to participate in the celebration, which will be available for viewing on the diocesan website,

DioceseofGreensburg.org, our diocesan Facebook page and YouTube Channel. The Mass will also be broadcast on EWTN (Eternal Word Television Network) live at 2 p.m. EST.

Catholic Charities offers virtual counseling

Social distancing can take a toll. So can waiting in line to get into a grocery or hardware store. It's not unusual to feel angry, or frustrated, or confused. For some people, the pandemic restrictions can magnify feelings of anxiety, depression, interpersonal conflict, grief and a wide variety of other issues. Catholic Charities provides virtual counseling to help address those issues and more. Taking care of your own emotional well-being is very important to you and the people you love. You don't need to face these feelings alone. Call Catholic Charities at 724-837-1840 or email counseling@dioceseofgreensburg.org

Catholic Schools Week observed Jan. 31-Feb. 6

Catholic Schools Week will be celebrated Jan. 31 through Feb. 6. This year's theme is "Faith. Excellence. Service." The week will promote the positive experiences of past and present Catholic School students, as well as the efforts of many to continue to facilitate the best education for students under the current circumstances. Each of the 12 schools of the Diocese of Greensburg will have activities throughout the week that are traditional to that school, as well as a Mass to celebrate Catholic Schools Week. It's also an opportunity for those interested in a Diocese of Greensburg school to make a Catholic school connection. Virtual open houses and private tours are now available. Learn about ways we educate students safely in-person and the many options we provide for connectivity. Register at CatholicSchoolsGuide.org!

Modifications made for Ash Wednesday

Providing for the safety and welfare of the faithful has necessitated many modifications to our ritual practices. To reduce the risk of transmitting the coronavirus, it is not permitted this year to sign the faithful with ashes in the customary fashion. Rather, on Ash Wednesday (Feb. 17), the tradition of being marked with ashes will take place in a different fashion, through a sprinkling with ashes.

The minister, using a thumb and index finger, secures a pinch of ashes from the vessel containing the ashes. Without using words, the minister then sprinkles the ashes on the heads of the recipients. Please remember that the reception of ashes on Ash Wednesday is not required. Whether participating in this ritual or not, all the faithful are urged to undertake penitential practices during these Lenten days

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on 2/2

The World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated in the Church on Sunday, February 2, 2021 and in parishes on the weekend of February 6-7, 2021. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

Artwork contest entries being accepted

Entries are being accepted for the 2020-21 Missionary Childhood Association National Christmas Artwork Contest. The contest is open to young Catholics in grades K-8. Entries must be postmarked or received by your local mission office or online at mcaartcontest.missio.org by no later than Jan. 31, 2021. Entries also may be mailed to MCA Artwork Contest, 70 West 36th St. 8th floor, New York, NY, 10018.

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the souls of recently departed during the month of January: Lucille Jordon, 1/6, Bob Gabonay 1/17, Nick Cyktor 1/24, all members of Holy Family Parish and Anna Scanga, mother of parishioner Pat Beneccio, who passed away on 1/28. Kindly remember their families and friends with prayers for peace and comfort in the coming months.

Please note the Offertory and Readings are now included in the Bulletin instead of here in the insert.

Alternatives.Yes schedules 2021 essay contest

Alternatives.Yes is taking submissions for its 2021 pro-life sixth-eighth grade essay contest. The theme is "Life, God's Most Precious Gift." Submissions must reflect the theme and be typed double-spaced, with name, grade, phone number, address and school name shown on a separate page or on the back of the essay. Essays must be 300-500 words. Prizes are: first place, \$100; second place, \$75; third place, \$50, and honorable mention, \$25. Submissions may be mailed to or dropped off at: Alternatives.Yes, 6 Frank Gallo Lane, Connellsville, Pa. 15425. Email submissions to pregnancysupport@zoominternet.net. They must be postmarked by Jan. 22, 2021.

Thank you!

We send a big thank the Community Foundation of Fayette County for the donation of three-ply masks to our Parish. We continue to get donations once a month through this foundation. If at all possible consider donating to this worthy organization.

Be the Light

2021 Diocesan Lenten Appeal

Our parish has continued to "Be the Light" for many during the darkest days of 2020. We can only continue God's work with your support during the annual Diocesan Lenten Appeal. Even a small gift can make a big impact on our faith community. Consider keeping the enclosed pocket card in your wallet as a reminder that Christ is the light in your life.



To donate visit: DioceseofGreensburg.org/BeTheLight