



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 & Wednesday ... 8 AM

Holy Days & Civil Holidays:
Consult the Mass schedule in
the bulletin

Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Saturday at 3 PM

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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.

2/24 to 3/31

Every Wednesday—Stations of the
Cross at Holy Family 12PM

Every Wednesday—Stations of the
Cross at St Anne 6:30 PM

4/2 Lenten Afternoon of Reflection
@ St Anne Holy HNS 2-3:30



"The Transfiguration"
From a window at St Regis Church, Trafford, PA

FEBRUARY 28, 2021
SECOND SUNDAY
OF LENT

4:00 PM | Saturday, February 27

Lector: Christina Null
Eucharistic Minister: Dan Landini

11:00 AM | Sunday, February 28

Lector: Bill Hughes
Eucharistic Minister: Ginger DeBlasio

4:00 PM | Saturday, March 6

Lector: Dan Landini
Eucharistic Minister: Ann Page

11:00 AM | Sunday, March 7

Lector: Aleta Keegan
Eucharistic Minister: Dennis Balenovich

Saturday, 2/27 | Vigil 2nd Sunday of Lent
For: Lucille Jordan
By: Christian Mothers

Saturday, 2/28 | 2nd Sunday of Lent
For: Living and Deceased Members of
Chopp/DiClaudio Family
By: Andy Chopp

Tuesday, 3/2 | Weekday
For: Margaret Seglowich
By: Gail Phillips

Wednesday, 3/3 | Weekday
For: Living and Deceased Members of Holy
Family Parish

Saturday, 3/6 | Vigil 3rd Sunday of Lent
For: Monica Sanutelli
By: Holy Family Bible Study

Saturday, 3/7 | 3rd Sunday of Lent
For: Fr. Reginald Russo
By: Fr. Dave & the Parishioners of Holy Family

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.

2nd Sunday of Lent / February 28, 2021**First Reading:**

God put Abraham to the test. (Gn 22:1)

Psalm:

I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living. (Ps 116)

Second Reading:

If God is for us, who can be against us? (Rom 8:31)

Gospel:

"This is My beloved Son. Listen to Him." (Mk 9:7)

Readings for the week of February 28, 2021

Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 [9]/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10
Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9 11 and 13 [cf. 103:10a]/Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 [17b]/Mt 20:17-28
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/Lk 16:19-31
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8a]/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Next Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25 or Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Observances for the week of February 28, 2021

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Lent
Wednesday: St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin
Thursday: St. Casimir
Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Lent

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Financial Report for 2/21/2021

Offertory: \$1,536.00

Loose: \$3.00

Home Missions: \$286.00

Monthly: \$25.00

Candles: \$109.00

Ash Wednesday: \$321.00

Flowers: \$23.00

Parish Income: \$2,017.00

Parish Budget: \$4,000.00

Under Budget: -\$1,983.00

Total Offertory: \$2,303.00

WORSHIP TOGETHER

2nd Sunday of Lent - Once, when visiting a Faith Formation class, the students of the class came up with a rather creative way of looking at what the Season of Lent is all about. We've all been raised with the idea that we should give up something for Lent. And many people still give up things like candy and sweets, pop, and the like. But giving up such things during Lent – what's that got to do with our Spiritual Journey and growing closer to God and one another. This particular class's catch-line for Lent was "Yank a weed and plant a flower seed." Kind of catchy – don't you think? What are the "weeds" / the sins, the vices in our lives that keep us from being as Christ-like and loving as we could be? What are the "flowers" / the virtues, the kindly acts that we could plant in our lives to replace the "weeds?"

In addition to August 6, the remembrance of the Transfiguration of Jesus occurs every 2nd Sunday of Lent. As Jesus begins His public ministry He takes Peter, James, and John with Him up on a mountain to witness His glory. He is comforted and assured by His Father's voice. This is a moment of truth, a moment of transfiguration. This gives Him the strength He needs to continue a journey that will lead to the cross. In our own lives as well, we need to know the love that God has for each of us. We need to be reminded that we have been created by Him and chosen in love. Today the apostles see the glory of our Lord. They want to remain in this beautiful place as long as possible. It is Peter who speaks up: "let us stay here, and I will set up camp." The impetuous apostle does not realize the significance of the moment. Just as Abraham imagined that the Lord would take his son, Peter imagines that they had already reached the end of their journey. Jesus has been acknowledged as the Chosen One of God – witnessed in the presence of the apostles and the great prophets Moses and Elijah. Jesus' next "transfiguration" will take place at Gethsemane, the cross and finally the risen glory of Easter morning.

As we continue our pilgrimage through this Lenten Season, we look within ourselves for the strength we need to follow the way of the cross. We need a reminder of God's love in every moment of our lives – in the joyful and celebrating moments, as well in the not so joyful, the sad and heavy moments. Such reminders can come to us thru the embrace of another person, thru a pat on the back or a word of encouragement. Similarly, each of us has the capability of building others up, of showing them the love of Christ by our actions and our lives. Thank God we do not struggle alone. Like Christ we each have moments of transformation along the way of faith that leads us to Easter.

In our Spiritual Journeys, we should have individuals who are not afraid to be our confidant, and whom we are not afraid to have them tell the truth about us to us. Such truth can help eliminate the weeds / the sins and vices as we replace them with virtues that reflect the Love of God that we received in Baptism. Such "weeding" can be, at times, painful – much like carrying the cross. And yet, such needs to be done if we are going to have a weed-free garden. Spiritual transformation is more than a fleeting moment. For Christ, it is the start of a long journey of endurance towards another hill and a more painful spectacle that leads to our freedom. Peter hopes that the moment will last. But Jesus reminds him that there is still work to be done and that they must come down from the mountain. Each of us also eventually learns that lesson. We savor the spiritual "highs" when they occur and wish that they would never go away / that we could "set up camp" and stay a while. Like Peter, we need to be reminded that we have to "come back down to earth" and get on with work the work that purifies us / the work that leads others to God and lets them know of His love and care for them. If we always stayed on that mountain, we wouldn't be assisting Christ with the building of the Kingdom. We would be savoring the moment solely for ourselves rather than sharing His love with others as we are meant to be doing.

As we think of the Transfiguration of Jesus, we think of how we can be "transfigured" thru our Lenten Spiritual Exercises" – transfigured to be more Christ-like and loving, and caring. To become more like Him, we do need to eliminate from our lives all that is not of Him and replace it with His love.

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



Stations of the Cross:

St. Anne 6:30 p.m. Wednesday's
Holy Family 12:00 Noon Wednesday's

*St. Anne Holy Name Society is inviting **All Men** to a Lenten Evening of Reflection on Tuesday March 2nd at 6:30 PM in the Main Church at St. Anne*

TV show set to air about new Bishop

"The Accent On-Air" will premiere on WTAE Channel 4 on Sunday, March 21 at 11:30 a.m. The show will re-air on Sunday, March 29 at 11:30 a.m. This special episode of "The Accent On-Air" features a video biography of newly ordained and installed Bishop Larry J. Kulick, including a visit to his hometown of Leechburg and his alma mater, St. Joseph High School in Natrona Heights. Plus, highlights from his Ordination and Installation as Sixth Bishop of the Diocese of Greensburg and a look at how his strong Slovak roots influenced his formation. "The Accent On-Air" is always on TheAccentOnline.org.

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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.

THE WELL Men's Conference virtual conference set for March 20

The Diocese of Greensburg men's conference, THE WELL, will have a virtual conference from 9-11:30 a.m. March 20. The seminar is free to anyone who wishes to attend and will be available on the Diocese of Greensburg website and Facebook page.

The theme of the event is "Jesus is Knocking, Open the Door!" Two dynamic speakers will be featured: Mike Aquilina of Bridgeville, an award-winning author of more than 50 books on Catholic history, and Father Boniface Hicks, O.S.B., director of spiritual formation at St. Vincent Seminary in Latrobe. Interested men are asked to register for this free event so they are able to receive detailed information.

Registration can be found at www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/THEWELL. Those who have paid and registered for the in-person conference, scheduled for Sept. 25 at Christ Our Shepherd Center, 2900 Seminary Drive, Greensburg, are registered for this event.

Franciscan Sisters, TOR Lenten Retreat 2021

The Franciscan Sisters, TOR are excited to invite you to our annual Lenten Retreat, held virtually on Saturday, March 27th. Our theme is *Into Your Hands, Father*, focusing on trust and abandonment to our Heavenly Father, seen in the life of Jesus and our own lives! The retreat will offer talks, testimonies, music, meditations, and optional small groups led by a sister.

Our sisters will also share short video reflections during Lent, leading up to the retreat, on our Facebook page and Youtube channel, and offer weekly share groups. If you'd like to participate, register on our website by Sunday, February 14. More information about the Lenten Retreat can be found on our webpage www.franciscansisterstor.org, under Events.

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



Dear Parishioner,

As the Lenten season approaches, we are once again reminded that Christ is the light of our lives. Our greatest celebration, the Easter Vigil, opens by lighting a paschal candle from new fire and acclaiming the light of Christ. Jesus is the light! He helps us to see things. In fact, Jesus shows us the truth, warms and comforts us, guides us as we travel and helps us find a path to our heavenly home. Our parishes are a place to find the light of Jesus. And despite the struggles of 2020, I am proud to say that our parishes worked tirelessly to "Be the Light" for thousands of people in our community.

More than 100 new ministries were founded at parishes across the Diocese of Greensburg including homebound phone and mail outreach, volunteer cooks who packed and served free takeout meals, clothing, coat and canned good drives, grocery delivery to the homebound, phone trees of prayer intentions, virtual Religious Education and Youth Ministry, Ministry of Hospitality consisting of ushers who ensure socially distant seating and volunteers to greet and cleaning crews to sanitize the church and restrooms after each use, and video ministries that utilize the expertise of volunteer parishioners to stream Mass on YouTube and social media.

What is just as impressive is that more than 2,000 parishioners came to the aid of their parishes and volunteered to assist in these new ministries.

So often during the pandemic, many could not gather to celebrate Mass, but our parishes were determined to stay connected. Today, more than half are now streaming Mass on their websites, YouTube pages or social media, spreading the light of Jesus to those who are able to attend.

All of our parishes either donated items or facilitated financial assistance to those in need totaling nearly a quarter million dollars to help those who were negatively impacted by COVID-19. And all told in 2020, nearly 15,000 people were helped by our parishes during COVID-19.

I am proud of the tremendous work done by our parishes, Catholic Charities, Catholic schools and Diocesan missions and ministries. God's work can only continue with your help. I ask you to please consider supporting this year's Diocesan Lenten Appeal and "Be the Light" for your faith community.

May God Bless You,

+ Larry J. Kulick, J.C.L.
Bishop of Greensburg

