



Holy Family Parish

**A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust
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**

Save the Date:

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

Locations & Dates

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Simon Peter answered Him
"Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have words of eternal life:
**ETERNAL
LIFE**
John 6:68

AUGUST 22, 2021

THE 21ST SUNDAY

IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00 PM | Saturday, August 21

Lector: Dan Landini
Eucharistic Minister: Maryann Landini

11:00 AM | Sunday, August 22

Lector: Christina Null
Eucharistic Minister: Darlene Schehr

4:00 PM | Saturday, August 28

Lector: Stan Matyerkowski
Eucharistic Minister: Ann Page

11:00 AM | Sunday, August 29

Lector: Pat Beneccio
Eucharistic Minister: Tina Quinn

Saturday, 8/21

For: Catherine, Alex & Alex Jr
Romonosky
From: Family

Sunday, 8/22

For: William A. & Virginia A.
Shoaf
From: Robert A. & Arlene Shoaf

Tuesday, 8/24 Weekday

For: Deborah Simmons
By: Gail Phillips

Wednesday, 8/25 Weekday

For: Living/Deceased Members of Holy
Family Church

Saturday, 8/28

For: Gene Sacconi-Birthday
By: Anna Jean & Family

Sunday, 8/29

For: Stanley & Agnes Minkus
From: Leonard & Jeanne

Financial Report for 8/17/2021

Offertory: \$2,102.00
Loose: \$65.00
Monthly: \$45.00
Candle: \$76.00
Assumption: \$496.00

Parish Income: \$2,784.00**Parish Budget: \$4,000.00****Under Budget: \$-1,216.00**

Accent: \$88

Total Offertory: \$2,872.00**First Reading:**

"Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for He is our God." (Jos 24:18)

Psalm:

Taste and see the Goodness of the Lord. (Ps 34)

Second Reading:

This is a great mystery, but I speak in reference to Christ and the Church. (Eph 5:32)

Gospel:

Simon Peter answered Him, "Master to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." (Jn 6:68)

Readings for the week of August 22, 2021

Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 [9a]/Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69

Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Jn 1:45-51

Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab [1]/Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17 [14]/Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12 [12a]/Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [9]/Mt 25:14-30
Next Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 [1a]/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Observances for the week of August 22, 2021

Sunday: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Rose of Lima, Virgin
Tuesday: St. Bartholomew, Apostle
Wednesday: St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest
Friday: St. Monica
Saturday: St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Next Sunday: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saints for the week –

August 24 – St Bartholomew, apostle – one of the original twelve apostles (and probably the same person as Nathaniel, whom Philip brought to see Jesus (John 1: 45 – 51). Like some other apostles, little is known about Bartholomew after Pentecost.

August 27 – St Monica – the mother of St Augustine and born in North Africa about the year 332. Married to a pagan, she had three children (2 sons and 1 daughter). Through her efforts her husband converted to Christianity in the year 370. Augustine disappointed her by choosing a life of pleasure and rejecting Christianity. Turning to God, Monica spent herself in earnest prayer for her wayward son. She followed Augustine to Rome in 383, and then to Milan in 386. There she learned that he was converted to Christianity.

August 28 – St Augustine – one of the great Christian teachers of all time, was born in north Africa of Patricius (a pagan) and Monica (a Christian). Augustine abandoned Christianity, led a wayward life, and continued wondering looking for meaning in life. He thirsted for wisdom, and found what he was seeking as he listened to the preaching of St Ambrose in Milan. Augustine describes his spiritual journey in his *Confessions*, which recall his great struggle with evil and sin and his final experience of God's guiding grace. "*Late have I loved You, O Beauty ever ancient, O Beauty ever new!*" Augustine's later life echoes with grateful praise for the God he discovered to be so good. Monica followed Augustine to Milan in 386 and was present at his Baptism by St Ambrose on Easter in 387.

WORSHIP TOGETHER

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time –

"As for my house, we will serve the Lord"

The Book of Joshua is part of the Deuteronomistic History which chronicles the Israelites entry into the land, the rise of the kingdoms, and the eventual exile. The Book of Joshua tells of the conquest of the land, and the numerous battles the tribes fought in order to displace the peoples already living there.

In today's reading, Joshua (who succeeded Moses), is leading a covenant renewal ceremony to mark the occasion. ***I like this selection!*** Joshua reminds the people who brought them thru to the Promised Land safely. And he then gives them a choice as to which gods, or GOD, they will follow. He tells them that as for him and his family they "*will serve the Lord, for He is our God.*"

The reading from Paul many times causes problems both for the readers, and for the people in the pews. Most people hear the part "Wives be submissive to your husbands", and then stop there. They don't read the part that tells husbands to "*Love their wives, even as Christ loved the Church.*" YOU SEE – marriage in Paul's day was a business arrangement between parents. How could it help a family to make a marriage match? Put another way – how many sheep would the woman bring into the family? Does her family have a lot of land? And so on.

The idea of marrying for love is mostly a concept from the last 200 years. Before that, parents got together and two of their children were chosen to get married – and then they all hoped for the best. So what Paul is saying in today's reading is really radical for his day. He is saying husbands should do more than treat their wives with respect. He is saying husbands should LOVE their wives, should cherish them.

Of all Olympic events, the marathon probably requires the most endurance. A road race of slightly more than twenty-six miles, its origin lies in ancient history. The legend tells that 1,525 years ago, a Greek by the name of Pheidippides, the central figure in the legend, ran that 26 mile distance (from Marathon to Athens) to tell the people of Athens that their army had just beaten the Persians in a three-day battle at Marathon. He had two possible routes: one was approximately thirty-five miles long and safer; the other was about twenty-six miles and included a very steep hill. We do not know which road Pheidippides selected, but tradition says that he ran without stopping. When he reached Athens, Pheidippides passed on the message of the victory and then collapsed and died.

In today's Gospel selection, Jesus watches as many of His followers abandon Him, unable to accept the challenge He has just presented. He has just told them that He is the bread of life, which will sustain them until they reach the kingdom of God. Perhaps the crowds misunderstand His words and take them literally as He speaks of eating His flesh and drinking His blood. Perhaps they are just unprepared to take on the demands of discipleship. As they leave Jesus, He tells them that His words are spirit and life, but those same words fall on deaf ears.

Did Jesus think that His closest friends were also ready to abandon Him? He gave them their option: they could go or they could stay, but He could not change His message or His identity. He would not water down His teaching to suit the audience. The closest disciples would choose to accept what was being taught by Jesus. Peter has a wonderful response: "Lord, to whom would we go. You have the words of everlasting life, and we believe." And in accepting this they acknowledge that Jesus was the Holy One of God and they would follow Him, however difficult the journey might become.

If Pheidippides had studied the difficult road between the victory over the Persian army at Marathon and the waiting and anxious people of Athens, he might never have started his epic run. Had he known that the journey would kill him, he might never have made the effort to run the whole distance. His message was of success and glory for his people with a promise of future security. Pheidippides' heart gave out only in a physical sense: his courage, self-sacrifice and integrity are immortal.

Olympic and Paralympic athletes only reach the Games because of their continuing determination to do the very best that they can. That is why they often talk more of their "personal best" than of their position in the final results. This is also why many athletes are surprisingly humble about their achievements, recognizing where they could have done better just as much as seeing where they have performed well. In a very real sense, these people are ambassadors and role models for others.

Jesus knew that His would be a hard act to follow. Nobody would find it easy to imitate His willingness to give His all, both to His Father and for His people. Where do I stand? Do I choose the easy path, even if it leads me further from God. Or do I opt for a life with Jesus, which might be harder and raise more questions but which, in the long run, brings heavenly happiness and joy?

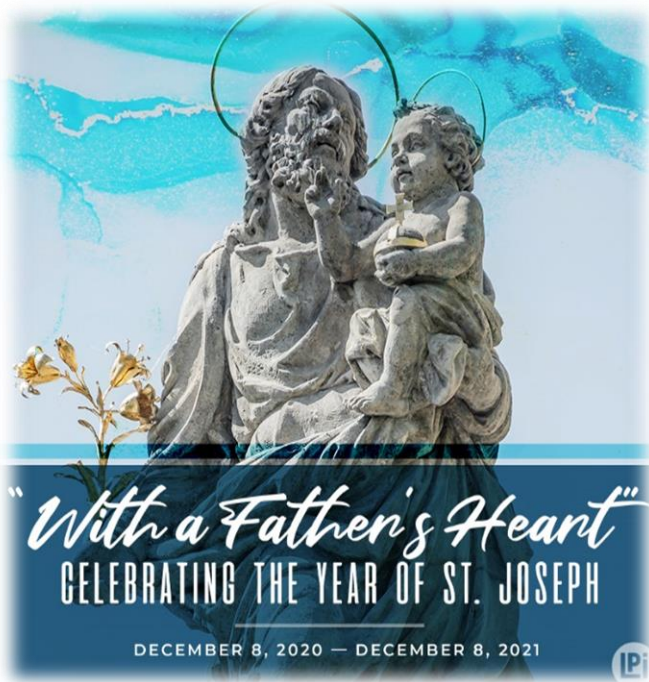
One of the images, in Christian art, for the Church is that of a ship. Like any water craft, there are times when the waters are smooth. At other times the weather can be quite turbulent. We see that image in the one Gospel when the Apostles are fishing at night and Jesus is asleep in the boat. Jesus is awakened by the Apostles. He gets up, and rebukes the winds and the sea saying "Quiet, be still."

When we turn to Jesus, He will calm the storms that we encounter on life's journey. Like Joshua, let us turn to the Lord. Like St. Peter, let us realize that Jesus has the words of everlasting life.

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

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Virtual open houses and private tours are available at each of the 12 schools of the Diocese of Greensburg. Learn about ways we educate students safely in-person and the many options we provide for connectivity. More than \$4 million is available in tuition assistance. Make a Catholic school connection today. Register at CatholicSchoolsGuide.org!

2021-2022 Faith Formation

Grades 1-3 will meet every Sunday from 9:30-10:45 AM @ St Anne Social Hall

Grades 4-8 will meet every other Monday from 7:00-8:30 PM @ Holy Family Social Hall

Any questions contact Angela @

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HAITI EARTHQUAKE

The USCCB has asked every diocese in the United States to take up a special collection to help the Church and the people of Haiti who were devastated by the earthquake that occurred there on August 14, 2021. This disaster has left thousands dead, wounded others, and caused catastrophic damage across one of the poorest countries in the world. The Diocese of Greensburg will respond to this urgent need with a special collection to support earthquake recovery on the weekend of September 4 and 5, 2021. Please pray for those who have lost so much, and thank you in advance for your generosity.

The Accent On-Air premieres Aug. 22

"The Accent On-Air: Grow in the Lord," a television show produced by the Diocese of Greensburg, will air on WTAE Channel 4 at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, Aug. 22 and Sunday, Aug. 29. The episode features Bishop Larry J. Kulick in his garden talking about planting the seeds of faith in our young people and what it means for all vocations, especially future priests; Father E. George Saletrik talking about "praying it forward" after he received special support as a seminarian; and a local dance teacher shot by a mass shooter in Las Vegas discussing how her faith helped her survive. You can also watch online at TheAccentOnline.org.

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.

St Agnes Church

As we approach the 20th Anniversary of 9/11, we would like to take the opportunity to show our deepest appreciation for the service and sacrifice from our First Responders to our community. St. Agnes Church will be celebrating a Blue Mass to honor all First Responders on September 11, 2021 at 11:00AM. During this Mass, we will also remember all of our fallen heroes. If you would like specific names to be included, please email the name, position, and any other pertinent information to kbrown@dioceseofgreensburg.org. Immediately following Mass, there will be a blessing of the vehicles outdoors. Please extend an invitation to any fire, police, or ambulance personnel from our area. All are welcome.

Night of Healing

Sept. 10 at St. Agnes Parish, Irwin

Hem of His Garment Healing Ministry will hold a Night of Healing Friday, Sept. 10, at 6:30 p.m. at St. Agnes Parish, Irwin. The night will include Eucharistic exposition, corporate prayer, individual prayer and worship led by Carolyn Cannizzaro. For information, email hutchins@hssop.org.

Catholic Charities

Catholic Charities offers in-person, face-to-face counseling services
Catholic Charities offers face-to-face, in-person counseling services. Clients must adhere to CDC and Pennsylvania Department of Health guidance. Those who are not vaccinated are asked to wear masks. Clients who are sick are asked to avoid coming to the office. Virtual counseling is available for those who prefer that option. To make an appointment, call 724-837-1840 or email counseling@dioceseofgreensburg.org.

Millions in Catholic school tuition assistance available

SPREAD THE NEWS! The 12 Diocese of Greensburg Catholic schools now have millions of dollars in tuition assistance available! Become a TOP Student today. Visit <http://www.CatholicSchoolsGuide.org> or call 724-552-2565.

Face Coverings

These requirements apply to Mass but also other sacramental, liturgical, and ritual moments as Baptism, Confirmation, Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick, Marriage, and Funerals

In general:

It is strongly encouraged that face coverings be worn by everyone while in church.

No restrictions on Seating Capacity.

Cleaning/Sanitizing required regularly.

Hand Sanitizer should be **available at church entrance**.

Receptacles for Offertory Envelopes should be provided. Baskets are not to be passed through the Assembly.

The Procession of Gifts remains suspended.

The Sign of Peace is to be exchanged in a non-physical fashion.

Restrictions remain in place for Communion from the Chalice.

Liturgical Ministers:

All liturgical ministers (includes Ushers, Greeters, Altar Servers, Communion Ministers, Readers, Cantors, Instrumentalists, etc.) must wear a face covering while in church. Readers and Cantors may remove face coverings during the exercise of ministry, provided they are able to maintain six-foot distancing from other persons.

Priests and Deacons must wear a face covering: During the distribution of Holy Communion. Any time their ministerial role brings them within close proximity (six foot) of other persons.

Music Ministry:

Choirs and Scholas are prohibited.

Wind instruments are permitted. Brass and woodwind players should use a bell cover when playing their instrument.

Pastoral Practices:

Vessels for the Bread to be consecrated and distributed to the assembly are to be placed, on the Altar, at some distance from the Priest Celebrant. The "priest's host" is to be placed in a vessel separate from the bread for the assembly.

Hand sanitizing is to be practiced before, during, and after the distribution of Holy Communion:

After receiving Holy Communion, Priests, Deacons, and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are to put on a face covering.

Once the face covering is secure, all Communion Ministers are to sanitize hands.

During the distribution of Holy Communion hand sanitizing is to be employed: When contact is made with a communicant. Following the distribution of Holy Communion on the tongue.

Following the distribution of Holy Communion all Communion Ministers should sanitize hands.