



Holy Family Parish

A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust
A Parish of the Diocese of Greensburg

225 North Second Street
West Newton, PA 15089

Phone: 724-872-6123 / FAX: 724-872-6133



Parish Telephone Numbers

Parish Office724-872-6123
Church Email: hfamilywn@comcast.net
Website: holyfamilywestnewton.org
St Anne Office.....724-872-3555
Faith Formation
(Office) at St Anne 724-872-3486
Faith Formation (Cell). . .724-984-9255
Email:
RLewis@dioceseofgreensburg.org
AEhrhardt@dioceseofgreensburg.org

EUCCHARISTIC LITURGIES

Holy Family

Tuesday ... 8 AM

Wednesday ... 8 AM

Saturday.....4 PM

Sunday.....11 AM

Holy Days & Civil Holidays:

Consult the Mass schedule in the
Bulletin

Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Saturday at 3 PM or by appointment

St Anne

Monday....8AM

Thursday....8AM

First Friday .. 8 AM (preceded by Exposi-
tion of the Blessed Sacrament).. 7-8 AM

Saturday...4:30 PM

Sunday.....8 AM & 11 AM

Holy Days & Civil Holidays:

Consult the Mass schedule in the bulletin
Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Saturday at 3:30 PM

Save the Date:

Holy Name	July 10
Faith Fun Nights	July 28
Faith Fun Nights	August 11



JUNE 26, 2022
THE 13TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

PARISH STAFF

The Reverend David J. Nazimek, pastor
dnazimek@dioceseofgreensburg.org
The Reverend Richard J. Zelik, OFM, Cap, weekend as-
sistant

Angela Ehrhardt, Director of Faith Formation
aehrhadt@dioceseofgreensburg.org
Denise Manley, Secretary
dmanley@dioceseofgreensburg.org

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

Then Elisha left and followed Elijah as his attendant. (1 Kgs 19:21)

Psalms:

You are my inheritance, O Lord. (Ps 16)

Second Reading:

For You were called for freedom, brothers and sisters. (Gal 5:13)

Gospel:

As they were proceeding on their journey someone said to Him, "I will follow You wherever You go." (Lk 9:57)

Readings for the week of June 26, 2022

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Gal 5:1, 13-18/Lk 9:51-62

Monday: Am 2:6-10, 13-16/Ps 50:16bc-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23/Mt 8:18-22

Tuesday: Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12/Ps 5:4b-6a, 6b-7, 8/Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday: *Vigil*: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19 *Day*: Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19

Thursday: Am 7:10-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 9:1-8

Friday: Am 8:4-6, 9-12/Ps 119:2, 10, 20, 30, 40, 131/Mt 9:9-13

Saturday: Am 9:11-15/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 9:14-17

Next Sunday: Is 66:10-14c/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 [1]/Gal 6:14-18/Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9

Observances for the week of June 26, 2022

Sunday: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Wednesday: Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles

Thursday: The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

Friday: St. Junipero Serra, Priest

Next Sunday: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Thomas, Apostle

©LPi

Saints for this week

June 29 – Sts Peter & Paul

A feast honoring these two great saints has been celebrated by the Roman Catholic Church since the 3rd century. There is sound evidence that both Sts Peter and Paul peached in the city of Rome and were martyred there under the Emperor Nero about the year 64.

St Peter – originally Simon, a fisherman on the Sea of Galilee, was one of the first when Jesus called to follow Him. Changing his name from Simon to Peter (which translates – Rock), Jesus promised to build His Church on him and gave him power in heaven and on earth.

St Paul – originally Saul of Tarsus was a zealous Jew, a Pharisee, who after his dramatic conversion on the way to the city of Damascus became a fervent apostle of Jesus. Known as "Apostles to the Gentiles".

June 30 – First Martyrs of the Church of Rome

When the city of Rome had been devastated by fire in the year 64, the Emperor Nero launched a persecution against the Christians, who were thrown to the wild beasts in the arena or soaked in tar and used as living torches. Their deaths are documented in the writings of the Roman historian Tacitus and in Pope St Clement's letter to the Corinthians. Their feast was celebrated the day after the feast of Saints Peter and Paul.

4:00 PM | Saturday,
June 25

Lector: Landini
Eucharistic Minister:
DeBlasio

11:00 AM | Sunday,
June 26

Lector: Null
Eucharistic Minister:
Schehr

4:00 PM | Saturday,
July 2

Lector: Keegan
Eucharistic Minister:
Balenovich

11:00 AM | Sunday,
July 3

Lector: Beneccio
Eucharistic Minister:
Houseman

Saturday, 6/25

For: Living & Deceased Members
Of the Chopp & DeClaudio Families
From: And Chopp

Tuesday, 6/28 Weekday

For: Joseph Malesic
From: Parishoners of Holy Family

Saturday, 7/2

For: Living & Deceased Members
Of Holy Family Church

Mass Intentions

Sunday, 6/26

For: Pete Azzari
From: Tina, Corrine, Annette

Wednesday, 6/29 Weekday

For: Andy Chopp
From: Gene, Ceil & Eileen Skutt

Sunday, 7/3

For: Frances Tekavec
From: Vivian Lesko

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

(I Kings 19: 16, 19 – 21; Galatians 5: 1, 13 – 18; Luke 9: 51 – 62)

Commitment – What does that mean to us today? Simply put, it merely means that when we decide to do something, we will remain committed – regardless! When the going gets tough, we will stick with it and not bail out.

Commitment is the one quality that is essential for being a disciple. When Elisha asks the prophet's permission to kiss his parents good-bye, Elijah answers somewhat ambiguously, but Elisha realizes this is the hour of decision.

In the first Scripture Reading from the First Book of Kings, Elisha is following the prophet Elijah. It's an interesting story and how it develops. When Elisha slaughters the oxen that had previously provided his livelihood, he makes a powerful statement of vocational commitment. There is no going back to his former way of life. Elisha must be prompted to make this move, cued by Elijah: "Go back, for what have I done to you?" This statement may be a rhetorical rebuke, but it may also be a question for which Elisha, at least for himself, must provide a real answer. What claim does this call make on his life? What ties must he leave behind?

In the Gospel account for this weekend, Jesus outlines a sort-of Fitness Program that His disciples must measure up to: an ability to live without the comforts of home, a freedom from any ties to family that might prevent preaching the kingdom of God, and the ability to live such a life with total commitment and with no regret. All this can be done by cooperating with God's Spirit.

Normally very accepting of the Samaritans, Jesus shocks His disciples by barely noticing the Samaritans as He heads to Jerusalem, so concentrated was He on his up-coming destiny. The Samaritan villagers "did not receive Him because His face was set toward Jerusalem." Did they reject Jesus, or did they not host Him overnight since "His face was set toward Jerusalem"?

Jesus uses the occasion to speak about discipleship and about the implications of following Him. As the text makes clear, Jesus is speaking to those who are indeed following Him, not to potential followers. As He often does, He speaks in hyperboles and exaggerations for emphasis in making His point. He is saying, "Be willing to let go of the past." You bury the dead and move on. There comes a time when you leave the comforts of home, let go of the doorpost, and move into uncharted waters.

He knows that His disciples will soon be doing exactly that after He has gone. Their lives will be radically and unexpectedly different than anything they had imagined. They will leave behind what they have known and done and go in totally new directions.

What does Jesus mean by saying, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God"? Anybody who has plowed a field knows you have to watch carefully in front of you to keep the furrows straight. Look backward and you will swerve one way or another. It's the same when driving a car – you gotta look in front of you if you're going to stay on the highway.

How ironic it is that the disciples did exactly that in the despair and confusion following the crucifixion and resurrection. They looked back and resumed their previous occupation of fishing. It isn't until Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit empowers them, that they begin their true work of spreading the Gospel of Jesus all around the Mediterranean.

These verses jar us into asking, "How are our lives different as followers of Jesus than what they might have been otherwise?" I remember a bumper sticker asking, "If you were on trial for being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you?" Discipleship means living in ways we might not otherwise live.

The umbrella truth above this whole topic of discipleship is that being a Christian and a disciple of Jesus gives us a whole new identity. We are no longer simply a biological unit on this earth, but a child of the God of the whole universe. We now live knowing that "our citizenship is in heaven" (Philippians 3:20). Because our lives are now measured by eternal things, we are "exiles and aliens" in this world (1Peter 2:11).

No matter what walk of life we choose – making a commitment is part of the choice. And when we say that we are a disciple of Jesus, commitment needs to be a part of that choice as well. With God's grace to assist us along life's way, we will be able to fulfill whatever commitment we have accepted.

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

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.



Upcoming

Faith Fun Nights

July 28	6:30 PM	St Anne Parish Hall
August 11	6:30 PM	St Anne Parish Hall

DLA

UP-TO-DATE DLA RECEIPTS: We have reached our Diocesan goal of \$24,672 for this year's campaign with 45.5% participation. Our Parish goal is \$13,653, so we have raised \$13,413.00. Your support is greatly appreciated and we thank you for your Donations.

Catholic Charities seeks donations of baby clothing, diapers

Catholic Charities is requesting donations of diapers (sizes 4-6) and new clothing in boys' sizes newborn, 3 months and 9-12 months and girls' sizes 12 months, 18 months and 24 months. To donate, call 724-837-1840 to schedule a drop-off time at 711 E. Pittsburgh St., Greensburg

13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Cancer patients' conference July 11-12 at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, North Huntingdon

A conference on St. Peregrine, the patron saint of cancer patients, is planned Monday, July 11, and Tuesday, July 12, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, North Huntingdon. All cancer patients are invited. Monday will begin with a talk by Father John A. Moineau, who is battling pancreatic cancer, followed by a novena and reverence of a relic of St. Peregrine. Tuesday will include a Mass for cancer patients. For information, call 724-864-6364.

Confirmation

Information has been mailed to the parents of 8th graders who will be making Confirmation this fall. If you have a child -- attending public or catholic school -- and have not received this information, please contact Rachel Lewis at 724-797-2216 or

rlewis@dioceseofgreensburg.org.

Please note in order to receive the sacrament, your child must have completed 7th grade faith formation classes.

Substitute Catechists

We are now in need of substitute catechists for the upcoming school year. If interested, please contact Angela Ehrhardt at

aehrhardt@dioceseofgreensburg.org or 724-984-9255.

Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill speakers available

The Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill offer speaker programs to parishes and organizations. Topics include prayer, human trafficking, the pandemic and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. For topics or to schedule a speaker, contact Sister of Charity Colette Hanlon at 203-809-1574 or chanlon@scsh.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 www.CatholicSchoolsGuide.org or call 724-552-2565.

Catholic Charities annual Paul R. Smiy Memorial Golf Outing Aug. 12

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg will host its 20th annual Paul R. Smiy Memorial Golf Outing Friday, Aug. 12, at Ligonier Country Club, with a 10 a.m. shotgun start. The outing will feature theme holes, "Pope Putt," skill prizes and more. Cost is \$150 per golfer or \$600 per foursome. Sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information or to register, visit ccharitiesgreensburg.org

CRS Spotlight

As of mid-2021, there are more than 26 million refugees worldwide. Half of the world's refugees are children. And this number does not include the more than 6.5 million people who have fled Ukraine since the beginning of the war. Please visit www.crs.org today to see how you can help!

"It's hypocrisy to call yourself a Christian and chase away a refugee or someone seeking help, someone who is hungry or thirsty, toss out someone who is in need of my help... If I say I am Christian, but do these things, I'm a hypocrite." ~ Pope Francis

Financial Report for 6/21/2022

Offertory: \$1,944.00	Loose: \$71.00
Monthly: \$358.00	Candle: \$96.00
Ascension: \$10.00	Palm Sunday: \$10.00
Holy Thursday: \$10.00	

Parish Income: \$2,499.00

Total Offertory: \$2,499.00

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK AND HOLY COMMUNION:

Anointing and Holy Communion are available upon request to those who are sick, elderly or homebound. Families are requested to call the Parish Office to arrange a visit.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

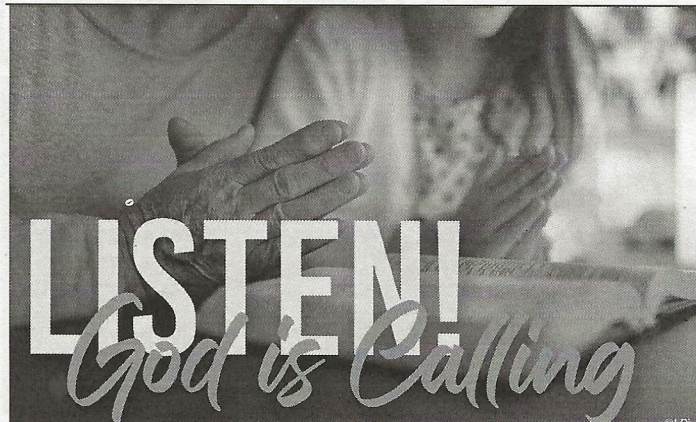
Baptism Preparation Catechesis is required for parents and sponsors prior to the child's baptism. Please call the Office of Faith Formation to register and arrange a time for the ceremony.

GODPARENT/CONFIRMATION SPONSOR CERTIFICATE:

For a Catholic to be a sponsor for the Sacraments of Baptism or Confirmation, one must be a practicing Catholic regularly attending Sunday Mass and receiving the Sacraments, a registered member of the Parish and a faithful contributor to the support of the Parish for a minimum of four months. All requests for a certificate should be made four weeks in advance of the designated date needed for sponsorship.

TRASH 'N TREASURE EVENT

The Rosary Altar Society of Saint Paul Parish in Greensburg will be holding its annual Trash 'n Treasure Sale on Thursday, July 14, (9am-6pm) and Friday, July 15, (9am-6pm) with ½ off starting on Friday. A special Early Bird preview will be held on Wednesday, July 13, from 4-8 p.m. for a \$5 admission. There will be a \$5 "Bag Sale" on Saturday, July 16 from 9am-1pm (Large items will be ½ off original sticker price). The deadline for dropping off items for this event is Thursday, July 7. For more information, please contact the Church Office at 724-834-6880.





Bishop Larry J. Kulick

A PASTORAL LETTER ON THE CATHOLIC CHURCH'S POSITION ON PROLIFE ISSUES

Donum Vitae: The Gift of Life

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

By now, you have heard that a decision has been rendered by the United States Supreme Court on the *Dobbs v. Jackson Health* case, on a six to three vote, overturning the 1973 *Roe v. Wade* decision which allowed abortions without restriction. For nearly 50 years, parishioners from our Diocese, joining with the faithful all across the country, have prayed, marched for life in Washington, D.C. and in Harrisburg, and have used their voices to defend the rights of the unborn. As Catholics, we can rejoice that our prayers have been answered with this decision. However, the truth is that much work still needs to be done. The debate on abortion now moves to the state legislature and to the voters. Our fight will not ever truly be settled until all acknowledge the truth that life is sacred from the moment of conception until natural death. For that reason, our diligent work to protect the rights of the unborn must continue.

The title of this Pastoral Letter is *Donum Vitae: The Gift of Life*, as disciples of Christ, we know life is a divinely designed gift given to us from God. This cherished gift allows humanity to build up and propagate the Kingdom

of God. The right to life is preeminent. It is **the** fundamental right.

As Bishop, and as a successor to the Apostles, asserting these teachings with clarity and without ambiguity is one of my most important pastoral responsibilities. I must clearly convey these teachings so that they are known and understood and so that there is no confusion on the part of the faithful when forming and informing conscience, in order to advocate for the truth in the world. In light of the high court's recent decision, now is a most appropriate and incredibly important time to remind those entrusted to my pastoral care about the Church's teachings on the dignity of all human life through this pastoral letter.

From its beginning, the Catholic Church has consistently upheld the sanctity of human life. Although our language has evolved as science and technology have developed, the Church's moral foundation on the issue of life, from conception to natural death, has never changed. Before the use of the microscope, the science of fertilization was unknown and unobserved. In 1827, the human ovum was observed under a microscope for the first time. Forty-two years

later, in 1869, the Catholic Church, following the science, codified its most ancient position on the matter of when life begins by declaring that, from the moment of conception, a new person has come into existence. While science and technology continue to advance, new discoveries with DNA only more clearly demonstrate our teaching that every human life is unique a gift.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church clearly defines our relationship with God on this issue. *"Human life is sacred because from its beginning it involves the creative action of God and it remains forever in a special relationship with the Creator, who is its sole end."* (CCC2258) Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, tells us that every human being has *"great dignity...a dignity based not on circumstances but on the intrinsic worth of their being. Unless this basic principle is upheld, there will be no future either for fraternity or for the survival of humanity."* (Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti* 107). To oppose this teaching directly contradicts Sacred Scripture, the Tradition of the Church, and the will of Almighty God. No number of protests, criticisms or condemnations can change this truth or will cause us to waver from proclaiming that truth. We as Catholics are not alone in this

– in many other faith traditions and men and women of good will stand with us on this fundamental right to life.

Because of the separation of Church and State in our country, many believers have remained silent on this issue, seeing it solely as a political issue. This silence has led to the perception that we are the minority. The result has been the enactment of many public policies inconsistent with our beliefs, the use of public office to break with the Church's pro-life teachings, and the attempt to codify positions supporting abortion rights. However, because pro-life issues transcend political lines, they are not reserved for a particular political affiliation. We cannot continue to be silent and sit on the sidelines. Silence is a fast track to a continuation of policies against human dignity and an implicit acceptance of the evil of abortion. If we do not advocate with elected officials for the rights of the unborn, we shall fail in our efforts to change minds and hearts. With prayerful consideration, we must always speak for those who are unable to speak for themselves, such as the unborn.

As Bishop, I will not remain silent. My episcopal motto is Christ is the Truth.

(continued on back)

The teachings of our Church, based on Christ, are unchanging truths. Scripture tells us Jesus Christ is *the way, the truth, and the life* (John 14:6).

We must proclaim the truth as Christ did, and always with his compassion and love. We see the same face of Christ in the unborn child, in the child's mother, and in the abortion activist. We must always be ready to love in the face of anger. Many believe abortion solves an immediate problem of an unplanned or unexpected pregnancy and provides a necessary solution for those who are living on the margins of poverty. The truth is that 60 million unborn children have already lost their lives to abortion since Roe v. Wade, and it has caused countless women to suffer physical and emotional trauma. It has led to what St. Pope John Paul II called a culture of death and what our Holy Father, Pope Francis, described as a throwaway culture. This can and must change. Anyone impacted by abortion must come to know that we are here to join you on your journey with the love, compassion, and mercy of Christ.

Stating what we believe is often the easy part. Our greater challenge is to respond to the needs of women and those around them who see abortion as the only possible answer to their situation. In the United States, the Catholic Church is the largest non-governmental funder of human service support. Our parishes, schools, hospitals, and food banks continue their constant work to support many who struggle,

including mothers and young families in need. Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg provides clothing, food, housing and utility assistance regardless of an individual's religious affiliation. We have done much, but we can do more.

I pledge to you as your Bishop that our Diocese will not only continue this work but will build upon it on both a Diocesan and Parish level. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) "Walking with Moms in Need" initiative has begun in our Diocese and is a ministry of which I am very proud and remain committed to in the future. I call on everyone to help us expand our outreach for women and couples facing unexpected or difficult pregnancies. My hope is that this ministry and other efforts will help our faithful in the Diocese of Greensburg to know more about what resources Catholic Charities, our Parishes, and the many pro-life centers around our Diocese can offer those in need of assistance. I pray that together we shall make the sacrifices necessary to assist young mothers and families during and after pregnancy. We must be willing, as a Diocesan family, to reach out to these men and women – to support them, love them and show them the compassion of Christ.

I want to share with you a prayer offered in 2010 by Pope Benedict XVI at the beginning of the Advent season. His Holiness wanted to stress the need to support women in their pregnancies and to hold up the dignity of every

human person. I hope you will join me in praying this prayer:

Lord Jesus,

You who faithfully visit and fulfill with your Presence the Church and the history of men; You who in the miraculous Sacrament of your Body and Blood render us participants in divine Life and allow us a foretaste of the joy of eternal Life; We adore and bless you.

Prostrated before You, source and lover of Life, truly present and alive among us, we beg you.

Reawaken in us respect for every unborn life, make us capable of seeing in the fruit of the maternal womb the miraculous work of the Creator, open our hearts to generously welcoming every child that comes into life.

Bless all families, sanctify the union of spouses, render fruitful their love.

Accompany the choices of legislative assemblies with the light of your Spirit, so that peoples and nations may recognize and respect the sacred nature of life, of every human life.

Guide the work of scientists and doctors, so that all progress contributes to the integral well-being of the person, and no one endures suppression or injustice.

Give creative charity to administrators and economists, so they may realize and promote sufficient conditions so that young

families can serenely embrace the birth of new children.

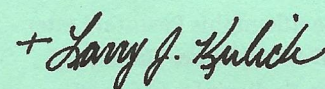
Console the married couples who suffer because they are unable to have children and in Your goodness provide for them.

Teach us all to care for orphaned or abandoned children, so they may experience the warmth of your Charity, the consolation of your divine Heart.

Together with Mary, Your Mother, the great believer, in whose womb you took on our human nature, we wait to receive from You, our Only True Good and Savior, the strength to love and serve life, in anticipation of living forever in You, in communion with the Blessed Trinity.

As a faith community, we must redouble our efforts in prayer for a change of heart for all people. We must continue to expand the available resources and support those in need, spiritually, emotionally, and financially, and welcome them with the mercy and compassion of Christ. And we must always stand with courageous resolve to defend the sanctity of human life in all cases. May our actions be a sign to the world of the sacred truth of ***Donum Vitae: The Gift of Life.***

Your brother in Christ,



The Most Reverend
Larry J. Kulick, J.C.L.
Bishop of Greensburg

Given at Blessed Sacrament
Cathedral on June 24, 2022