



Holy Family Parish

A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust
A Parish of the Diocese of Greensburg

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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 Exposition
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:

9/11 Holy Name 9:30

9/25 Faith Formation Gr 1-3 St Anne

9/26 Faith Formation Gr 4-8 Holy Family

9/28 Adult Bible Study 9am Holy Family



“The Prodigal Son”

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Rembrandt
Circa 1687

SEPTEMBER 11, 2022

THE 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PARISH STAFF

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Saints for this week –

September 14 - St Paul the Apostle spoke of the power of Christ's Cross. According to tradition, the Empress Helena discovered the Lord's Cross in Jerusalem on September 14, 320. Five years later, a great church was built on Mount Calvary by Emperor Constantine to shelter the holy relic. Parts of the wood of the Cross were sent to the major cities of Christendom, where they were shown to the faithful on this special feast. We may want to repeat those words from time to time that we pray during Lent: *"We worship You, O Christ, and we praise You, because by Your holy Cross You have redeemed the world."*

September 15—The Feast, popular in the Middle Ages, follows the feast of Mary's birth on September 8. It recalls the special bond between Jesus and Mary and reminds us of the torment and suffering of Christ. Mary suffered greatly as the Mother of God, and the pain she felt was real. The feast of Our Lady of Sorrows recalls the succession of sorrows Mary experienced during her life: 1) the prophecy she heard from Simeon in the Temple, 2) the flight into Egypt, 3) the three day loss of Jesus on the pilgrimage to Jerusalem, 4) the meeting of her Son, Jesus, on the way to Calvary, 5) The hours she stood beneath the Cross, 6) the removal of Jesus from the Cross, and 7) the burial of Jesus in the tomb.

On this day, we may want to keep in our prayers our neighboring Parish - Seven Dolors, in Yukon.

Financial Report for 9/6/2022

Offertory: \$2,588.00 Loose: \$151.00
Candle: \$103.00
Assumption: \$10.00 Monthly: \$325.00
Parish Income: \$3,177.00

Accent: \$6.00 Seminarian: \$30.00
Catholic Univ. & Schools \$25.00
Total Offertory: \$3,238.00

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.

**11:00 AM | Saturday,
September 10**

**Lector: Materkowski
Eucharistic Minister:
Landini**

**4:00 PM | Saturday,
September 17**

**Lector: Landini
Eucharistic Minister:
Houseman**

**11:00 AM | Sunday,
September 11**

**Lector: Beneccio
Eucharistic Minister:
Keegan**

**11:00 AM | Sunday,
September 18**

**Lector: Hughes
Eucharistic Minister:
Luzi**

Mass Intentions

Saturday, 9/10

For: Hazel Keegan
From: Pat & Steve Shirley

Sunday, 9/11

For: Living & Deceased Members
Of Holy Family Parish

Tuesday, 9/13 Weekday

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

Wednesday, 9/14 Weekday

For: Delores Novacek
From: Family

Saturday, 9/17

For: Nick & Mary Jo Cyktor
From: Children

Sunday, 9/18

For: John & Mary Simon, Birthday Rem.
From: Family

HAVE LIFE QUESTIONS? THIRSTING FOR GOD?

Are you, or do you know someone, not baptized or baptized in another Christian denomination who maybe thirsting for what it means to be Catholic? Are you already Catholic through baptism but has not yet received Communion and/or Confirmation? This may be the time and place to start exploring this journey, ask the questions and seek the understanding of what it means to be Catholic. If you're ready to learn more about the Right of Christian Initiation for Adults, contact Angela Ehrhardt at aehrhardt@dioceseofgreensbur.org.



WORSHIP TOGETHER

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Exodus 32: 7 - 11, 13 - 14; I Timothy 1: 12 - 17; Luke 15: 1 - 32)

There's an old story that I think is rather funny. The phone rings and a little boy answers in a whisper: "Hello?" The caller says: "Hi, is your Mommy there?" "Yes!" "Can I talk with her?" "No! She's busy." "What about your Daddy, can I talk to him?" "No, he's also busy." "Well, is there anyone else there?" "My little sister." "Is there another adult there?" "Uh, huh. The Police." "Can I talk to one of them?" "No, they're busy." "How about anyone else?" "Well, there's the firemen, but they're also busy." "Good heavens", says the caller. "Your whole family is busy, the police and fire departments are there and they're busy!" What's everyone doing?" The little boy giggles and whispers: "They're looking for me." Today's passage of Scripture is about searching and finding. And that's an old story that illustrates the frantic nature of people who have lost something and are in search of it.

For the last several weeks, our readings have been focusing on the aspect of "getting involved" in the way that we live our Faith. To some, this may have seemed a "downer." But really, as St James tells us in his letter – "Faith without works is not Faith." In another words, the depth of our Faith is best displayed in the way we live Christ-like lives in service for one another; caring for each other. This week the readings take a turn that shows us another side of God – more of the compassionate side of Him (And doesn't each of us have different personalities – depending on the situation at hand). We sometimes forget about the tremendous Love God has for each of us and which is revealed in so many ways.

The central theme of today's readings is the invitation to believe in a loving, patient, merciful, and forgiving God. Today's readings remind us that God actively seeks out the lost, wants their repentance and rejoices when the lost are found. God is always eager to be merciful toward us, not vengeful and punishing (as some of us may have been raised to believe). He is always in search of His lost and straying children, as Jesus explains using the three short parables.

God's mercy is not parsed out in dribs and drabs, or divvied up based on who is most worthy of it. Rather, god's mercy is lavishly poured out upon us because we need it – not because we deserve it. We must be careful to not fall into the trap of being the other son mentioned in today's Gospel. If we are to be faithful to God's plan for us in this life, we cannot walk around with hardened hearts. God's plan for us is to bring Saint Paul's message alive in our time and place. Do we live our lives in such a way that people will believe us when we tell them, "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners"?

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

If I believe that Jesus came to save me, then I must walk and talk as someone saved, not as someone still lost. Holding onto grudges, past hurts, bitterness or hostility have no place in the life of a Christian. Remember that when Jesus was asked by His disciples how to pray, He gave them the Lord's Prayer. He indicates that being forgiven is linked to how we forgive – *Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors*. We need to remember this the next time we try winning a grudge match with someone. Walking in the ways of the Lord requires that we be ever-mindful that we have been saved by our faith in Jesus, and that there is no room in our lives for revenge. Rather, there is room only for love, mercy, and forgiveness.

As we go through today – and through the week and our life – we always need to evaluate ourselves. This can be seen as a self-reflection – or better yet – how do other people perceive us? If we have been in sin, God's mercy is seeking us, searching for our souls with a love that is wild and beyond all imagining. No sin is too big for God to forgive. He gave His Son to us to show us not only how much He cares for and loves us. But also – the extent to which He will go so that we do not get lost, but will be found so that we can live with Him forever in Heaven. Imagine that! Do you have any friends who would go that far for you?

Let us pray today and every day that we will allow God's love and forgiveness into our lives. Let us also ask God for the courage to extend this forgiveness to others who have offended us. As forgiven prodigals, we must be willing to forgive those who hurt us.

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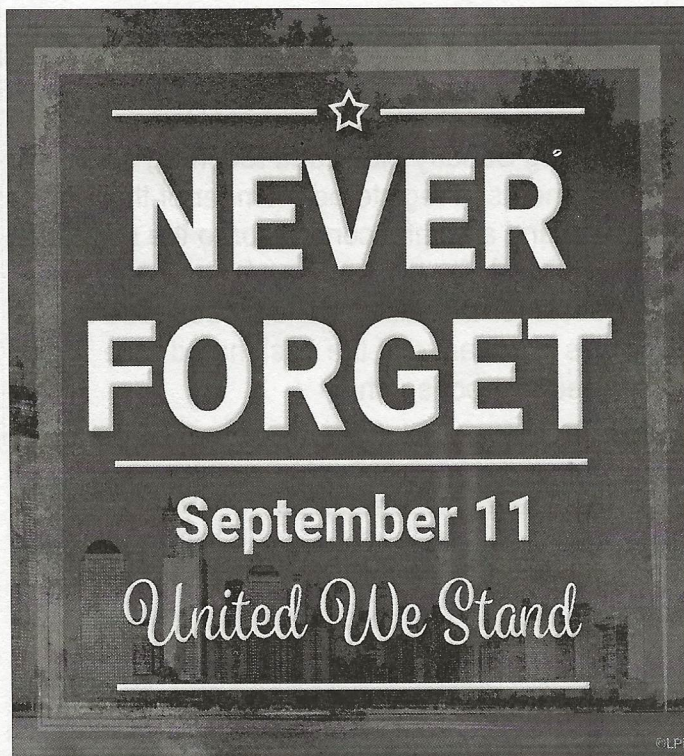
Upcoming

9/11 Holy Name 9:30 Holy Family
9/18 Christian Mothers: Gary's, 12:30PM
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Pennsylvania March for Life Sept. 19

The Diocese of Greensburg will provide bus transportation for the Pennsylvania March for Life Monday, Sept. 19 in Harrisburg. A free-will offering will be taken on each bus to help defray the cost. Participants will attend a rally, march around the Capitol, attend Mass at St. Patrick Cathedral and join local elected officials for a reception in the Capitol. Buses will leave from 14 locations around the Diocese:

For more information or to reserve a seat, contact Chris at 724-552-2581 or ccerilli@dioceseofgreensburg.org.



All Faith Formation Catechists....Please don't forget our beginning of the year meeting on Sunday, September 11th at 12:15 in the social hall of St. Anne. If you have any questions, please contact Angela or Rachel.

MISSION CO-OP

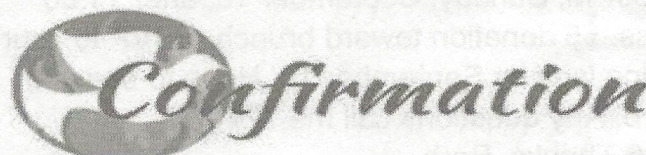
September 17&18

Fr Roniel Duenas will be here next weekend and will be speaking at all Masses about this year's mission cooperation plan. We will have the envelopes in this week's bulletin insert.



Faith Formation classes begin the weekend of September 25-26.....that's 2 weeks away! If you have misplaced the schedule that was included in the registration packet, please contact the office (724) 872-6123

Drop off and Pick up guidelines will be emailed soon. Once you receive them and you have any questions, please contact Angela or Rachel.



Confirmation September events. Any questions, please contact Angela or Rachel.

September 18 Service Project

All families attending 11:00 Mass at St. Anne

Cleaning St. Timothy Cemetery - arrival 12:15ish. Parents need to provide transportation and stay. Bring any gardening tools (rakes, shovels), garbage bags, gloves. etc.

Wear appropriate clothing and shoes!

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West Newton Library is Hosting:

You, Me & a Cup of Tea

Sunday, Sept. 25 at LeGrande Banquet Room

Cost & 20 per person and is from 1PM-4PM
Tickets on sale at West Newton Library or Gary's Chuckwagon or call (724) 633-0798

Resources available for Respect Life Month in October

October is Respect Life Month, and the first week of October is Respect Life Week starting with Sunday, Oct. 2, Respect Life Sunday. The USCCB Respect Life webpage has free resources to support the dignity of life, including ways of implementing these ideas in parish communities. Available resources include:

- bulletin announcements
- petitions
- posters
- prayer cards
- homily suggestions

If you'd like more ideas on how to celebrate Respect Life Week/Month, contact Carolyn Cannizzaro, Director of Pro-Life Advocacy, at ccannizzaro@dioceseofgreensburg.org. More information is available from the USCCB at www.respectlife.org/called-to-serve

HOLY FAMILY CCM NEWS

Members only meeting at Gary's Chuckwagon, 12:30PM, Sunday, September 18, after 11:00 mass. \$5 donation toward brunch, RSVP to your calling lady by September 10. Hope to see you there. Any questions call me 724-872-9116. Thanks, Barb

Catholic Men's Retreat Sept. 30-Oct. 1 **Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg**

The Diocese of Greensburg Men's Ministry Team is planning a Catholic Men's Retreat from 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 30, until 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 1 at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg. Bishop Larry J. Kulick will celebrate a closing Mass for all participants. For those staying both days, the cost is \$100 for a single room, \$80 for a double room, with all meals included. There are also options for those not staying overnight or only attending one day. High school and college students receive a registration discount, and financial assistance is available. For more information, contact Jim Pencola at 724-726-5315 or Dan Lieberum at 724-787-1797. Registration is due by Thursday, Sept. 15.

CRS Spotlight

Communities across the world are experiencing life-threatening levels of hunger and malnutrition on an unprecedented scale. Families are struggling to meet their food needs as they face conflict, displacement, climate change, COVID-19 and rising costs. Inflation has put people under tremendous strain, while supply chain interruptions have slowed humanitarian operations and disrupted local and regional markets. Please consider giving an urgent gift today and provide vital aid to your sisters and brothers by visiting www.crs.org. Thanks for your support!

St. Sebastian Parish, Belle Vernon **Parish Festival**

St. Sebastian Parish, Belle Vernon, will hold its festival Sunday, Sept. 18, from noon-7 p.m. Homemade food, entertainment and games are planned. For information, call 724-929-9300

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.

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.

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 (724) 872-6123 to arrange a visit.