



Holy Family Parish

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A Parish of the Diocese of Greensburg

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EUCHARISTIC 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:

1/8 Holy Name 9:30

1/8 Faith Formation Gr 1-3 St Anne

1/9 Faith Formation Gr 4-8 Holy Fam

1/11 Adult Bible Study 9 am Parish Hall

1/14 & 15 Burger & Fries sale Christian
Mothers



POPE EMERITUS BENEDICT XVI

BORN: APRIL 16, 1927 IN GERMANY

PASSED: DECEMBER 31, 2022 IN VATICAN CITY

**SERVED AS PONTIFF FROM APRIL 2005 UNTIL STEPPING
DOWN IN FEBRUARY 2013**

JANUARY 8, 2023 THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

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Monday - January 9—Baptism of the Lord

The commemoration of the Baptism of the Lord is the last of the Christmas Feasts, the close of the Christmas Season in the Church Calendar. All four Gospel writers include, near the beginning of their accounts, the encounter between Jesus and John the Baptist. The question then is, who is the more important? If Jesus is the Messiah, why should He have to undergo a ritual signifying repentance and purification? Matthew presents this dilemma in the form of a dialogue between the two main characters, in which John the Baptist acknowledges Jesus' superior status, but Jesus recognizes the ministry of His cousin John the Baptist and wants to identify Himself with all those who are coming to express their desire to reform their way of living and to be closer to the relationship with God which the covenant expects. It is in this incident that we experience another Epiphany - another revealing of Jesus to the world. Jesus is revealed as the Son of God. Soon He will be put to the test as to how He understands being the Son of God, the Messiah. That is the story we will look at in our future Sunday Gospel readings.

Matthew the evangelist tells us that Jesus is Emmanuel, "God-with-us". In today's scripture selection about the baptism of Jesus, Matthew is telling us that Jesus identifies Himself with anyone who wants to live a decent human life under the word of God. Jesus does not submit to being Baptized because He needs to be freed or absolved from sin: He does so to associate Himself with the rest of us. It might be useful to reflect that the biblical idea of sin is basically that of falling short of the ideal - of missing the mark. It is not always an outright rebellion against God. If we say that we have sinned, very often we are simply admitting that we have fallen short of our ideal, that we have not lived up to our Gospel and our Baptismal calling.

But in our Gospel reading, Jesus seems to be saying to John the Baptist, whom Matthew presents as the person concerned about proper procedure, that people are more important. In reality, what Matthew, and Jesus, is telling us is that Jesus - Emmanuel, God-with-us - is one of us, one with us, and Who understands us and lives our life completely.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, 1/7

For: Frank P. McGrogan, II
From: Martin & Rita A. McGrogan

Sunday, 1/8

For: Mary V Trasky Resetar & Lucille Belle DuCoeur
From: DuCoeur & Resetar Families

Tuesday, 1/10

For: Neal Genemore
From: Nettie DellaPenna

Wednesday, 1/11

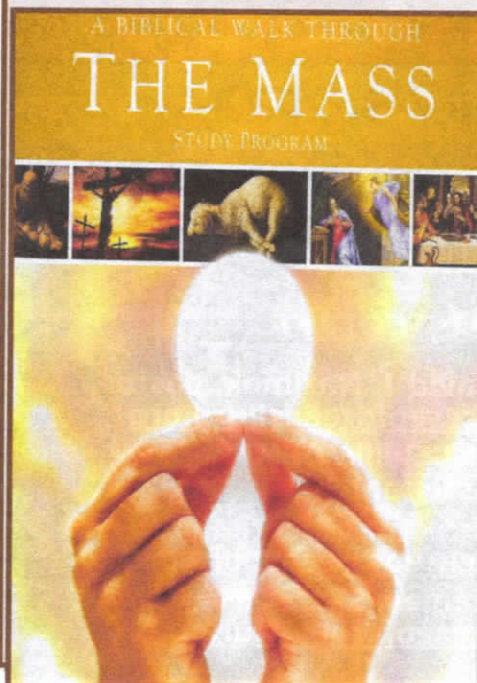
For: Living & Deceased Members of Holy Family Church

Saturday, 1/14

For: Bob Gabonay
From: Family

Sunday, 1/15

For: Anne Kosor
From: Barb & Mel Sleith



Join others as we take a fascinating tour of the Mass in a FivePart Study!

In "*A Biblical Walk through the Mass*", Dr Edward Sri explores the biblical roots of the words and gestures we experience at mass and explains their profound significance. You will come to know and understand the Mass like never before, leading you to a richer, more fruitful worship experience. You will: Discover how the Mass is a "true representation" of Jesus' redeeming sacrifice on the Cross; explore the three key aspects of the Mass as Sacrifice, Real Presence, and Holy Communion; Gain helpful insights for getting the most out of every Mass; and more. Beginning Thursday - February 2, 2023, join us in the St Anne Parish Social Hall at 10:00 AM, or Thursday evenings at 6:30 PM. thru March 2, 2023. If interested, please call St Anne Parish Office at (724) 872-3555 to reserve your seat.

WORSHIP TOGETHER

The Epiphany of the Lord -

Guidance systems on modern planes are incredibly powerful and extremely complicated. Designed to ensure the safety of passengers, and using information from both satellites in space and sources on the ground, they are able to pinpoint the position of the plane with precise accuracy and avoid other planes or hazards in the vicinity and obstacles on the ground. From holiday flights, through cargo journeys, to aid and rescue missions, our modern world would be very different without them. To a large extent, we depend on such systems to ensure the viability of our modern way of life.

The Magi were guided on their journey to Bethlehem by a more ancient form of travel guidance: a bright shining star. That journey involved them in leaving the familiarity of their homelands and embarking on a risky, and uncertain voyage to an unclear destination. Trusting in the star, and in their own insight and instincts, they were invited to take a risk. They travelled from town to town, as did the trading caravans in that part of the world. Some of those routes were familiar; others were less well known. No doubt, they met individuals offering helpful, and not so helpful, advice on the route they should take, while others were merely fascinated by their story and purpose of their journey. The questions asked of them by King Herod seem at first motivated by interest, but we know that there was an ulterior motive based on his fear and jealousy. On reaching their destination it turned out that they were guided not to a place, but to an individual—the newborn Infant King, Jesus Christ, Who was revealed to them as the One Whom they should worship. That worship was supported by the gifts they brought and presented: GOLD meant Kingship and power; FRANKINCENSE, a highly fragrant and aromatic gum that was burned in Temple worship to God and symbolizing holiness and righteousness; MYRRH, an embalming spice - foreshadowing the crucifixion of Jesus.

On any journey we need reference points to stay safe or to avoid getting lost. For Christians, guidance is provided not by a star or a satellite but by an individual, Jesus Christ. We are followers of Him, His teaching, His example, His inspiration,. Inspired by the Holy Spirit, we are invited to leave the comfort of our familiar surroundings and travel through a world that can be quite hostile and in which we will find much to concern us, challenge us and sometimes even scare us. However, with our hearts and minds fixed on Jesus - Who has been revealed not only to the Magi but to us and to all people - we have a sure, safe and certain means of travelling through life. Sharing the gifts that He has given to us with others, opening the treasures of our faith, hope, and love, we can travel the landscape of life, bringing the light of Jesus to others. Wherever life takes us, if we keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, we will truly be His disciples, making our way, sometimes by unexpected routes, back to our Heavenly homeland.

How do we pinpoint our position in life as we seek to witness to Jesus? How do we navigate our way along the journey of life trying to avoid obstacles and pitfalls? How do we offer the gift of our lives as an encouragement and example to others? Today perhaps we can learn from the Magi, continuing our travels with trust in the guiding light of Jesus in word and sacrament, and believing that He really is the way, the truth, and the life.

4:00 PM | Saturday

January 7

Lector: Null

Eucharistic Minister: Page

11:00 AM | Sunday

January 8

Lector: Hughes

Eucharistic Minister: Quinn

4:00 PM | Saturday

January 14

Lector: Keegan

Eucharistic Minister: Landini

11:00 AM | Sunday

January 15

Lector: Null

Eucharistic Minister: Schehr

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

JANUARY

Upcoming

Holy Name	1/8 9:30AM	Parish Hall
Faith Formation	1/8 9:30AM	St Anne
Faith Formation	1/9 7PM	Parish Hall
Adult Bible Study	1/11 9AM	Parish Hall
CCM Burger & Fries Sale	1/14 1/15	Parish Hall
CCM Executive Board	1/15	Parish Hall

NET Ministries Lenten Retreat

at

Saint John the Baptist, Perryopolis

Attention all teens in Grades 7-12

Is Jesus Christ truly present in the Eucharist, and if so, how does that change our lives? The life of Blessed Carlo Acutis, a teenager who is on his way to becoming a canonized saint, answers those questions by showing us that we don't need to be very old to recognize the beauty and utmost importance of the Eucharist.

THE GOALS OF A NET RETREAT

- To help young people understand and accept God's unconditional love for them.
- To offer the faith of the team members as a witness to the youth that faith in God is a desirable, acceptable, and exciting part of their lives.
- To encourage young people to grow in their commitment to Jesus Christ and His Church.
- To show young people what it means to be a son or daughter in Christ and how to find their identity in Him.

Saturday, February 25 + 9am to 4pm
Breakfast will be served at 8:30am and we will conclude with attending the 4pm Saturday Anticipated Mass. Lunch will be served. (Please let us know if you have a food sensitivity or allergy). Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available.

To register please email:
aslebodnik@dioceseofgreensburg.org by:
February 19

CRS Spotlight

Great news! Congress passed the Global Food Security Reauthorization Act, which will reauthorize the "Feed the Future" initiative to address root causes of hunger in vulnerable countries. This is a huge legislative win to help end hunger! Thank you for all of your advocacy to help move this important issue forward! Visit www.crs.org to learn more.

"This is a huge legislative win for the fight against global hunger," said Bill O'Keefe, executive vice president of Mission, Mobilization and Advocacy for CRS. "By passing this bill into law, Congress rightly acknowledges the negative impacts of extreme weather on food security, made worse in the era of climate change."



ALL OF THE FOLLOWING EVENTS HELD AT ST ANNE'S

First Communion Dates

Sunday, February 5 - Communion Parent Meeting 9:45 - (cry room area)

Saturday, March 4 - Workshop - 9:00 - 12:00

Sunday, April 2 - Practice during class

Saturday, April 15 - First Communion 10:00 AM

Financial Report from 1/3/2023

Offertory: \$2,447.00	Loose: \$75.00
Candle: \$89.00	Monthly: \$420.00
Christmas: \$865.00	First Offering: \$210.00
Sol. Of Mary: \$626.00	Uplift & Faith: \$25.00
Imm. Conception: \$35.00	

Parish Income: \$4,792.00

Accent: \$40.00	Child/family Serv: \$90.00
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Total Offertory: \$4,922.00

The Epiphany of the Lord / January 8, 2023

First Reading:

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. (Is 60:1)

Psalm:

Lord, every nation on earth will adore You. (Ps 72)

Second Reading:

It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to His holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body. (Eph 3:5-6)

Gospel:

"Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw His start at its rising and have come to do Him homage." (Mt 2:2)

Readings for the week of January 8, 2023

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13
(see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 (11b)/Mt 3:13-17

Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 1:21-28 or Heb 1:1-6 and 2:5-12/Mk 1:14-20 and 1:21-28

Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11/Mk 1:40-45

Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

Observances for the week of January 8, 2023

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord

Monday: The Baptism of the Lord

Friday: St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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.

Saint John the Baptist, Perryopolis

Upcoming events

Bereavement Support - Beginning January 25, 2023, we will gather on the Last Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm in the Social Hall Lodge Room. Those who have experienced loss of any kind are invited to join us as we support one another along the path of grief.

Servants of the Holy Spirit - a group whose focus is on opening yourself to the Holy Spirit and letting the Spirit work through you, will be hosting an evening of Praise, Worship and Reflection on the last Sunday of each month at 4pm in the Church. All are invited to join us and to bring along a friend.

Sisters in Grace - a place for women to gather as friends. We pray together, spend time together, talk about a wide variety of stresses, topics, life issues that are part of our world and our kids and to support each other as we balance our lives as wife, mom, aunt, sister. The 1st, 2nd, 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7pm.

January 11 - Adoration - Letting the stress of the holidays go

January 18 - Bring a snack to share (Lodge Room)

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 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.