



# Holy Family Parish

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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:**

2/5 Faith Formation Gr 1-3 St Anne

2/6 Faith Formation Gr 4-8 Holy Fam

2/8 Adult Bible Study 9 am Parish Hall

2/11 Christian Mother's Soup & Bake  
sale after Mass

2/12 Christian Mother's Soup & Bake  
sale after Mass

2/12 Holy Name 9:30 Parish Hall

You flavor the world.  
*You illuminate*  
it with your kindness.  
And you have the privilege of being both  
*salt and light,*  
pointing others to God.

(MATT. 5:13-16)

**FEBRUARY 5, 2023  
THE FIFTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

## **PARISH STAFF**

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## Saints for this week

**February 6 - St Paul Miki (1564/6 - 1597)** - He was born in Japan between 1564 and 1566. He joined the Society of Jesus and preached the gospel to the Japanese people with great success. When a persecution of the Catholics arose he was arrested together with twenty-five others. Mocked and tortured, they were eventually taken to Nagasaki on 5 February 1597, bound to crosses and speared.

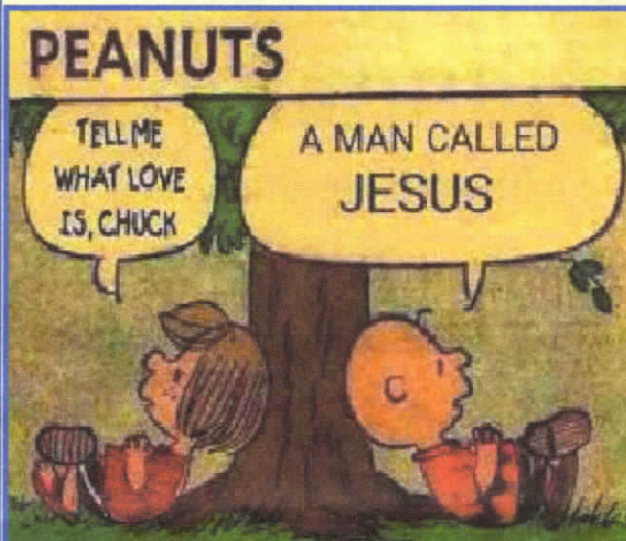
**February 8 - St Josephine Bakhita (1869 - 1947)** - Josephine Bakhita was born near Jebel Agilere in South Darfur (Sudan). Kidnapped when still very young, she experienced the cruelty of slavery as she was sold several times in slave markets of Africa. Finally she was rescued by an Italian family and brought to Italy where she not only became a Christian but also felt the call to consecrate her life to God as a sister. She joined the Canossian Daughters of Charity and lived the rest of her life at Schio, a small village near Vicenza. She died on 8 February, 1947.

**February 10 - St. Scholastica (480 - 547) virgin** - the sister of St. Benedict, most probably his twin. She followed Benedict when he moved to Monte Cassino and established his own monastery.

Scholastica settled nearby in Plombariola and founded a community of women, also believed to be under the direction of Benedict. Scholastica is considered to be the first Benedictine nun. The only knowledge we have of her is from an incident St Gregory the Great describes: She met with her brother once a year, and as she was not allowed in the monastery, Benedict would come to meet her in a home with several of his followers. At their last meeting, sensing that her death was near, Scholastica was anxious to continue their conversation throughout the night and asked Benedict to remain with her to praise God. When Benedict sought to go, Scholastica began to pray, and such a violent storm arose that he could not go out the door. "I asked you a favor and your refused," she said. "I asked ift of God and He granted it."

Benedict left the next morning. Three days later, Scholastica died and Benedict saw her soul ascending to God like a dove.

**February 11 - Our Lady of Lourdes** - The Virgin Mary appeared to Bernadette Soubirous from a cave near Lourdes, France, in 1858. From February 11 to July 16, the young peasant girl saw "the lady dressed in white" about eighteen times. Mary told her to pray for sinners and to have a church built on that spot. When Bernadette asked her who she was, she replied, "I am the Immaculate Conception." Today the great shrine of Lourdes is a sacred place where pilgrims gather from all the world for prayer, healing, and a renewal of faith.



**4:00 PM | Saturday  
February 4**

**Lector: Keegan  
Eucharistic Minister:  
Houseman**

**11:00 AM | Sunday  
February 5**

**Lector: Null  
Eucharistic Minister:  
Beneccio**

**4:00 PM | Saturday  
February 11**

**Lector: Hughes  
Eucharistic Minister  
Page**

**11:00 AM | Sunday  
February 12**

**Lector: Beneccio  
Eucharistic Minister:  
Keegan**

**Mass Intentions  
Saturday, 2/4**

For: Living & Deceased  
Members of Holy Family

**Sunday, 2/5**

For: Elizabeth Griffin  
From: Mike & Tina

**Tuesday, 2/7**

For: April Manley  
From: Family

**Wednesday, 2/8**

For: Alex Romonosky, Jr  
From: Family

**Saturday, 2/11**

For: Living & Deceased  
Members of Holy Family

**Sunday, 2/12**

For: Stanley & Agnes Minkus  
From: Leonard & Jeanne

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



## WORSHIP TOGETHER

### 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time - *Isaiah 58: 7 – 10; 1 Corinthians 2: 1 – 5; Matthew 5: 13-16*

Last week we heard about the Beatitudes and the blessedness or happiness that can be ours. This week we are summoned not to hide this blessedness. Both the prophet Isaiah and Jesus in the Gospel impress upon us the importance of light. Isaiah tells us not to turn our backs on our own: meaning – we are to share our plenty with others. Then light shall rise for us in the darkness. Put another way – when times are tough for us God will see us through, and usually through Him working in another person. Jesus tells us pretty much the same thing. We are to be salt and light for the Earth. We are encouraged to show forth the light of Christ to all who live in darkness. In the selection of Paul's first letter to the Corinthians that we have for this weekend, Paul advises us that light does not come from "wise" argumentation and clever sophistry but from the cross of Jesus.

Light, we should note, adds nothing to the place or object which it illumines. Chairs and tables are in a room whether there is light or not; flowers and vegetables are growing outside at night as well as in the daylight. Whether it is dark or light in the place, everything remains the same. *What light does do* is help us see what is in the room so that we do not crash into chairs and tables. Outside, in the darkness of the night, we run the risk of walking on the flowers; with sunshine we can enjoy their delicate beauty. Not only does light enable us to enter into a comfortable and enjoyable relationship with our surroundings, but also light does still more. It adds no new chairs or flowers, but light brings warmth. Warmth, in turn, draws new life out of the plants and vegetables. It adds a stronger dash of color to flowers. Light attracts!

So – what's all this mean? Sometimes we can feel overwhelmed when we consider the saints who have gone before us and what they were able to do. Especially when we compare ourselves to saints like Blaise, whom we remembered a few days ago, or Valentine who the Church will remember in a couple of weeks. But when we hear Jesus' words in the context of the first reading, we can seem less overwhelmed and more empowered. We don't have to do great things or be the "brightest bulb" in the bunch. We simply need to share the gifts God gives to us. We can clothe people with love and care. We can pay attention to those around us. We can listen to the needs of the world and refuse to turn our backs on others. With the grip of Winter's cold, we can visit the neighbor who lives alone and probably doesn't see anyone from day to day. We can do what we can, nothing more but nothing less. That's Paul's message to the Corinthians – and to us. When we share what God gives to us every day, Christ's light will shine, we will be salt that flavors the world with God's presence, and we glorify God.

Light is no good if there is no one to use it or to bask in its glow. That's what Jesus is telling us when He says, "you do not light a lamp and then hide it." Light is meant to penetrate and overcome darkness: it does not make sense to hide it. Likewise, salt is no good unless it brings flavor to food.

So our faith is serving no real purpose if it is only all about us. As we deepen our relationship with God through prayer and the Eucharist, we will be strengthened to go out and share our faith with others. Only then will we be fulfilling the Gospel mandate to be Christ's disciples, and to bring glory to God.

St Francis de Sales advised the Curé of Get, a priest he counseled, to do what he was doing and to do it better if he could. Good advice for all of us. We don't need to do extraordinary things to be Christ's light in our world. We simply need to use our God-given gifts and talents – for our own selves, but more importantly to spread God's message of Love, Care, Hope, and Compassion with others. When we do these simple everyday acts of kindness people will be able to see the presence of a God who lessens the darkness of evil and oppression in our world.

#### 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.



# FEBRUARY

## Upcoming

- 2/5 Faith Formation Gr 1-3 St Anne
- 2/6 Faith Formation Gr 4-8 Holy Fam
- 2/8 0Adult Bible Study 9 am Parish Hall
- 2/11 Christian Mother's Soup & Bake sale after Mass
- 2/12 Faith Formation Gr 1-3 St Anne
- 2/12 Holy Name 9:30 Parish Hall
- 2/12 Christian Mother's Soup & Bake sale after Mass
- 2/19 Christian Mother's Ex Board 9:30 AM
- 2/26 Christian Mother's Membership Meeting 9:30
- 2/26 Faith Formation Gr 1-3 St Anne
- 2/27 Faith Formation Gr 4-8 Holy Fam
- 3/4 Christian Mother's Burger & Fries sale
- 3/5 Faith Formation Gr 1-3 St Anne
- 3/12 Faith Formation Gr 1-3 St Anne
- 3/12 Holy Name 9:30 Parish Hall
- 3/13 Faith Formation Gr 4-8 Holy Fam
- 3/5 Christian Mother's Burger & Fries sale
- 3/12 Holy Name 9:30 Parish Hall
- 3/13 Faith Formation Gr 4-8 Holy Fam
- 3/19 Christian Mother's Ex Board 9:30 AM
- 3/26 Christian Mother's Membership Meeting 9:30
- 5/6 Christian Mother's Burger & Fries sale
- 5/7 Christian Mother's Burger & Fries sale



## ALL OF THE FOLLOWING EVENTS HELD AT ST ANNE'S

### First Communion Dates

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

**Saturday, March 4** – First Communion Workshop - 9:00 - 12:00

**Sunday, April 2** – First Communion Practice during class

**Saturday, April 15** - First Communion 10 AM

## CRS Spotlight

Providing meals for children at school in Sierra Leone through the USDA Foreign Agricultural Service "Food for Education" program does more than feed a child. We nourish a bright future. We feed a future leader. We sow the seeds of knowledge that go on to build strong communities. Visit [www.crs.org](http://www.crs.org) for more information and to see how you can help!

"No one must say that they cannot be close to the poor because their own lifestyle demands more attention to other areas. This is an excuse commonly heard in academic, business or professional, and even ecclesial circles. None of us can think we are exempt from concern for the poor and for social justice." ~ Pope Francis

Join Bishop Larry J. Kulick for

## Lenten Evenings of Reflection

**Tuesday, February 28 - 6:00 PM**  
Saint Mary, Mother of God Parish, Yatesboro  
**Topic:** Called to Confidence in Faith: The Temptation of "Now"

**Tuesday, March 7 - 6:00 PM**  
Saint Mary (Nativity) Parish, Uniontown  
**Topic:** Transfiguration through Listening

**Thursday, March 16 - 6:00 PM**  
Church of the Resurrection Parish, Clymer Site  
**Topic:** Companions on the Journey

**Tuesday, March 21 - 6:00 PM**  
Saint Joseph Parish, Derry  
**Topic:** Seeing Through Our Blindness: Light in the Darkness

**Wednesday, March 29 - 6:00 PM**  
Saint Bruno Parish, Greensburg  
**Topic:** The Compassion of Christ: Rising to New Life

Diocese of Greensburg

In Christian charity please pray for the repose of the soul of Patricia Ulyan, who was a parishioner of our Church who passed away on January 24. Please keep her friends and family in your prayers.



**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time / February 5, 2023**

**First Reading:**

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn and your wound shall quickly be healed. (Is 58:8)

**Psalm:**

The just man is a light in darkness to the upright. (Ps 112)

**Second Reading:**

When I came to you, brothers and sisters proclaiming the mystery of God, I did not come with sublimity of words or of wisdom. For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. (1 Cor 2:1-2)

**Gospel:**

"You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket." (Mt 5:14-15)

**Readings for the week of February 5, 2023**

Sunday: Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16

Monday: Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24 and 35c/Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: Gn 1:20—2:4a/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30/Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mk 7:24-30

Friday: Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13/Mk 8:1-10

Next Sunday: Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34 (1b)/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

**Observances for the week of February 5, 2023**

Sunday: 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs

Wednesday: St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin

Friday: St. Scholastica, Virgin

Saturday: Our Lady of Lourdes

Next Sunday: 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, World Marriage Day

**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.

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**Super Bowl 'Souper' Feb. 12 at St. Edward Parish, Herminie**

Will be held from 11:30 a.m.--2:30 p.m. In addition to an all-you-can-eat sampling of more than 20 different homemade soups, sandwiches, desserts and beverages will be provided. There will also be a basket raffle and 50/50. Cost is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children under 10. Leftover soup can be purchased for \$5. For information, call 724-446-5197.

**THE WELL, Diocesan Men's Conference, planned March 25**

Men in the Diocese of Greensburg are invited to get out of their comfort zone and make t Catholicism a way of life at "THE WELL – BE NOT AFRAID," the Diocesan Men's Conference, Saturday, March 25 at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg. It will be a day of inspiring speakers, Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation and Mass celebrated by Bishop Larry J. Kulick. Cost is \$50 and includes lunch. Scholarships are available through the Diocesan Francis Fund. Register now at [DioceseofGreensburg.org/TheWell](http://DioceseofGreensburg.org/TheWell).

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Diocese of Greensburg Catholic schools seeks Substitute Teachers

Send resumes to the Office of Catholic Schools at [CatholicSchools@DioceseofGreensburg.org](mailto:CatholicSchools@DioceseofGreensburg.org). For information, call 724-552-2594.