



# 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 Expo-  
sition of the Blessed Sacrament).. 7-8  
AM

Saturday...4:30 PM

Sunday.....8 AM & 11 AM

## Save the Date:

2/19 Christian Mother's Ex Board  
9:30 AM

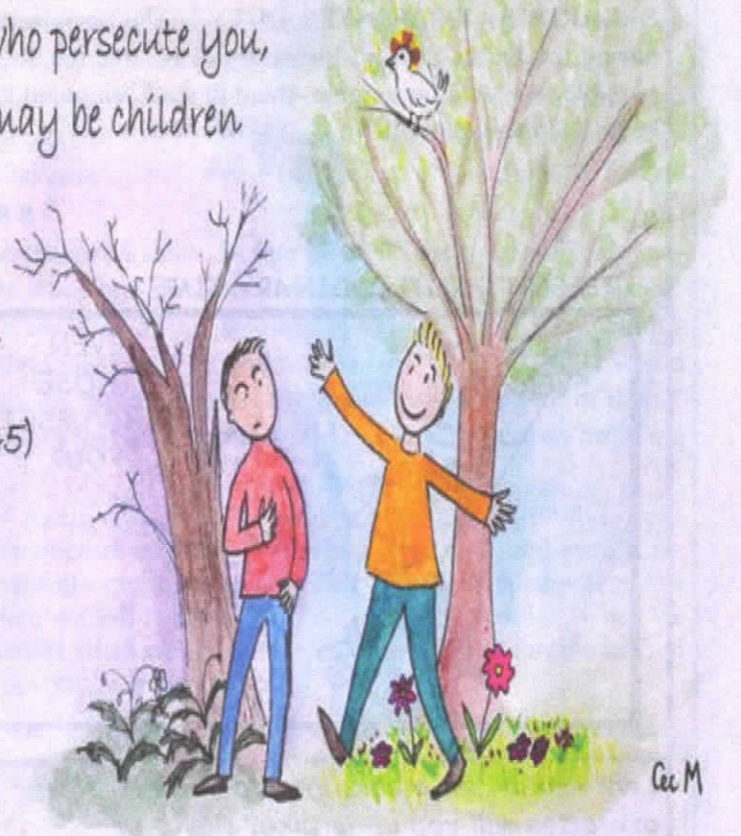
2/22 Ash Wednesday Mass at 8 AM

2/22 Adult Bible Study 9 am Parish  
Hall

2/26 Christian Mother's Membership

"Love your enemies and pray  
for those who persecute you,  
that you may be children  
of your  
heavenly  
Father."

(Mt 5:44-45)



**FEBRUARY 19, 2023**  
**THE SEVENTH SUNDAY**  
**IN ORDINARY TIME**

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## WORSHIP TOGETHER

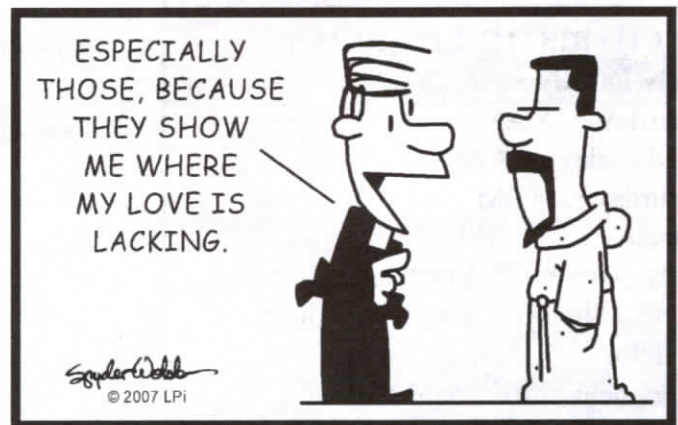
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**Lenten Regulations** - Lent is the penitential season of the Church's Liturgical Calendar, beginning on Ash Wednesday and ending with the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. Traditionally the Lenten Season is a time of penance throughout the Universal Church. Lent is also a season during which prayer, the reception of the sacraments, charity and almsgiving are emphasized. Fast and abstinence are to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. All the Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat. On the weekdays of Lent, there is no obligation to fast. However, voluntary acts of self-denial are encouraged, regardless how young or old one may be. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of Fast, and Abstinence from meat. Limit of one full meal on these days for all between the ages of 18 and 59 (*provided one is in good health and not advised otherwise by one's physician*). And even though one may not have reached their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday yet, there is no reason why the youngster can't begin practicing Fast and Abstinence. All who have reached their 14<sup>th</sup> year are bound to abstain totally from meat (and again, even if younger, the practice can begin with the younger members of the family).

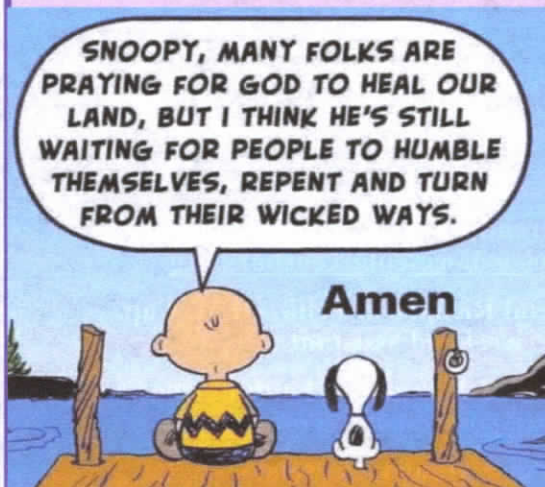
**REGARDING THE EASTER DUTY** - The Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion are to be received during the Easter Season. Please try to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation as soon as possible, and as often as possible. We will, once again, share in the Communal Penance Services with the other Parishes of our area. These will be posted in a later bulletin.

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### 7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**Lent begins this week. What spiritual exercises will you undertake? What will you give up?**



### Mass Intentions

**Saturday, 2/18**

For: Melvin & Pauline Maleski  
From: Son Ken

**Tuesday, 2/21**

For: Ann & Frank Balash  
From: Family

**Saturday, 2/25**

For: Living & Deceased Members of Holy Family Church

**Sunday, 2/19**

For: Frances Tekavec  
1 yr Anniversary  
From: Family

**Wednesday, 2/22**

For: Ash Wednesday

**Sunday, 2/26**

For: All Youth



## 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; I Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

This week, in the Gospel, we continue to hear from the Sermon on the Mount. In today's passage, Jesus teaches us four methods of becoming holy as God is holy. 1) The first method is to abstain from all forms of retaliation. Jesus discards even the milder form of retaliation developed by Hammurabi in ancient Babylon and passed on to Israel through Moses. The policy was one of limited, proportional retaliation (*Lex Talionis*, "tit-for-tat"): "*an eye for an eye, a tooth for tooth*," rather than allowing unlimited vengeance. In place of this limited, proportional retaliation, Jesus gives his new law of love, grace, forgiveness, reconciliation and no retaliation. For Jesus, retaliation, or even limited vengeance, has no place in the Christian life, even though graceful acceptance of an offense requires great strength and discipline of character and strengthening by God's grace. 2) The second method of becoming holy as God is holy is to take the offense gracefully and love the offender. Jesus illustrates this in three images: "*turning the other cheek, freely giving the tunic and adding the cloak to it, and walking the extra mile*." Jesus tells us that what makes Christians different is the grace with which they treat others, offering them loving kindness and mercy, even if they don't deserve this treatment. We are commanded to love our enemies as Jesus loves us, with *agápe* love, not because our enemies deserve our love, but because Jesus loves them so much that he died for them as He did for us. 3) The third method of sharing in God's holiness is by unconditionally and whole-heartedly forgiving the offender without planning revenge in any form. This means not only loving one's neighbors, but also forgiving those enemies who hurt us and willfully cause us suffering, hardship and unhappiness. 4) The fourth method of becoming holy as God is holy is to seal our determination to forgive our enemies by sincerely praying for their spiritual and physical welfare and for the grace needed for their conversion and renewal of life. Thus today's Scripture readings challenge us to become holy as our God is holy by loving, forgiving and blessing others as our Holy God does.

One day a truck driver stopped at a restaurant for dinner and ordered a steak. Before he could eat it, in walked a motorcycle gang, with dirty leather jackets and long, unkempt hair. They took the man's steak, cut it into six pieces, and ate it. The driver said nothing. He simply paid the bill and walked out. One of the gang members said, "That man couldn't talk. He didn't say a word." Another one said, "He couldn't fight, either; he didn't lift a hand." A waiter added, "I would say that he couldn't drive either. On his way out of the parking lot, he ran over six motorcycles crushing all of them." Something in us loves that story, because we like retaliation. But in the Sermon on the Mount Jesus prescribes forgiving love as the Christian way.

While we may smile at this story, we are reminded by Jesus' teaching that retaliation is not the way of His followers. Jesus demands that we should forgive, pardon and be generous whether or not our offenders deserve it, and even if we are not loved in return. He also tells us to pray for those who willfully cause us suffering, hardship and unhappiness. We are to try to be perfect, to be like God: We become perfect when we fulfill God's purpose in creating us, i.e., when we become Godlike by cooperating with His grace. We become perfect when we try to love as God loves, to forgive as God forgives and to show unconditional good will and universal benevolence as God does.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT** **FROM 2/14/2023**

OFFERTORY: \$2733.00  
MONTHLY: \$480.00  
CANDLE: \$75.00  
LOOSE: \$56.00  
FIRST OFFERING: \$5.00  
ASH WEDNESDAY: \$20.00

### **PARISH INCOME: \$3,369.00**

ACCENT: \$3.00  
HOME MISSION: \$40.00  
EASTERN EUROPEAN: \$50.00

**TOTAL OFFERTORY: \$3,462.00**

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**Members of Holy Family**  
**Church**

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# FEBRUARY

## Upcoming

- 2/19 Christian Mother's Ex Board 9:30 AM
- 2/22 Ash Wednesday Mass at 8 AM
- 2/22 Adult Bible Study 9 am Parish Hall
- 2/26 Christian Mother's Membership Meeting 9:30
- 3/1 Adult Bible Study 9 am Parish Hall
- 3/4 Christian Mother's Burger & Fries sale
- 3/5 Christian Mother's Burger & Fries sale
- 3/8 Adult Bible Study 9 am Parish Hall
- 3/12 Holy Name 9:30 Parish Hall
- 3/15 Adult Bible Study 9 am Parish Hall
- 3/19 Christian Mother's Ex Board 9:30 AM
- 3/22 Adult Bible Study 9 am Parish Hall
- 3/26 Christian Mother's Membership Meeting 9:30

## ASH WEDNESDAY MASS

- Holy Family: 2/22 at 8 AM  
St Anne: 2/22 at 7 PM  
St Anne: At 12 PM  
Liturgy of the Word with Ashes

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cross



Holy Family  
Wednesday:  
12 PM

St Anne  
Wednesday:  
6:30 PM

## CHRISTIAN MOTHERS

The Christian Mothers are selling Sunny's Homemade perogies.

There are several fillings to choose from prices \$8 to \$9 per dozen. For filling choices contact Christy Sweeney at (724) 872-4785pr any Christian Mothers. Orders and money are due by Wednesday March 8<sup>th</sup>. Pick-up is March 31-April 1.

The Christian Mother's Easter bread sale is back! Bread is being made on March 30-April 1.

Prices are as follows:

Small plain loaf: \$5.00

Large plain loaf: \$8.00

Small raison loaf: \$5.50

Large raison loaf: \$8.50

Breads may be picked up afternoon on Thursday March 30 or after mass on April 1 or April 2

Save the date for the Christian Mothers Burger Bash!

The next Burger Bash will be held on March 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> after Mass for eat in or take out. Burger and fry combo plus dessert is just \$7.00. Ala Carte prices vary and all condiments are included.

Bring your family, friends, & neighbors to enjoy the fellowship and let the Christian Mother's do the cooking.

## 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).



## SUNDAY'S READINGS

### First Reading:

"Take no revenge and cherish no grudge against any of your people. You shall love your neighbor as yourself. I am the LORD." (Lv 19:18)

### Psalm:

The Lord is kind and merciful. (Ps 103)

### Second Reading:

All belong to you, and you to Christ, and Christ to God. (1 Cor 3:22-23)

### Gospel:

"You have heard that it was said, *You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy*. But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you." (Mt 5:43-44)

### Readings for the week of February 19, 2023

Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 (8a)/1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48

Monday: Sir 1:1-10/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40/Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: s 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32

Next Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17 (see 3a)/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11

### Observances for the week of February 19, 2023

Sunday: 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Presidents' Day

Tuesday: St. Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Wednesday: Ash Wednesday

Thursday: St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr

Next Sunday: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent

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### Fat Tuesday celebration Feb. 21 at St. Agnes Parish, North Huntingdon

A Fat Tuesday celebration is planned Tuesday, Feb. 21, at 6:30 p.m. at St. Agnes Parish, North Huntingdon. The evening will include an interactive explanation of Mardi Gras and the season of Lent, plus pretzel making, King Cake and other Fat Tuesday foods. For information, contact Mary Blythe at 412-996-2115. Donations of time and food are welcome.

**The Catholic Accent** TV Show "Faith and Food" edition highlights Bishop Kulick's Pastoral Visits and the Official Diocesan Fish Fry Guide. The much anticipated "Faith and Food" edition of *The Catholic Accent* television program premieres on WPXI, Channel 11, on Sunday, Feb. 19, at 11:30 a.m. The program will also air on Channel 11 on Sunday, Feb. 26, and a half dozen more times on MeTV.

In this episode, Bishop Larry J. Kulick talks about renewing our commitment to Christ during Lent. He invites the faithful to join him at a series of Lenten Reflections at parishes throughout the Diocese. The episode also features the popular Diocese of Greensburg Fish Fry Guide (all Lenten fish fry locations, dates and times are available at [theaccentonline.org](http://theaccentonline.org)); Father Christopher J. Pujol making his recipe for Frutti di Mare; and Father Anthony Onoko, a Nigerian soccer player who traded his cleats for a collar and became what he says is "a superstar for Christ," now serving the faithful of the Diocese as Pastor of St. Raymond of the Mountains Parish in Donegal. *The Catholic Accent* is always on at [TheAccentOnline.org](http://TheAccentOnline.org).

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### Upcoming Fish Fry

**Monessen:** The Epiphany of Our Lord Parish hall, fish dinners Fridays, 11 a.m.-6 p.m., dine in or takeout, free local delivery. Orders: 724-684-5512.

**North Huntingdon:** St. Agnes Parish hall, fish fries Fridays, 2-7 p.m., drive-thru only. Information: 724-863-2626 or [stagneschurch.info](http://stagneschurch.info).

**Perryopolis:** St. John the Baptist Parish hall, fish fries Fridays, 11 a.m.-6 p.m., dine in or takeout. Orders: 724-736-0158. Information: [sjbperry.org](http://sjbperry.org) or 724-736-4442.

### 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](http://www.CatholicSchoolsGuide.org) or call 724-552-2565.