



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:

3/19 Christian Mother's Ex Board 9:30

3/22 Adult Bible Study 9 AM Parish Hall

3/26 Christian Mother's Membership Mtg

3/29 Adult Bible Study 9 AM Parish Hall



MARCH 19, 2023

The Fourth Sunday of Lent

PARISH STAFF

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stations
of the
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Stations of the Cross

Holy Family: Wednesday's at 12PM

Fridays at 7 PM

St. Anne: Wednesdays at 6:30 PM

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.

WORSHIP TOGETHER



March 19 - Feast of St Joseph - because March 19 falls on a Sunday this year, the celebration of the Feast of St Joseph is moved to Monday March 20. St Joseph, the husband of Mary and the foster father of Jesus was a descendant of King David, according to the genealogy presented by the Gospel. Betrothed to Mary, he decided to divorce her quietly when he found that she was with child, but an angel of the Lord told him to take Mary as his wife, since the child to be born was the "Holy One of God." From the human character of his Son we can see that Joseph was a good and responsible father. He assisted at the birth of Jesus and became His support and guide through childhood. Although he is not officially a patron saint of anything in particular (though he is the patron of the Universal Church), St Joseph is widely venerated as a patron of artisans who honorably do good work with the gifts God has given to them. He is also the patron of a happy death.

March 25 - Feast of the Annunciation - One of the "Christmas Feasts" that is celebrated outside the Christmas Season, the Feast of the Annunciation recalls the coming of the Angel Gabriel to Mary at Nazareth to announce that she was to be the mother of Jesus. The Feast of the Annunciation is an ancient Feast of the Church. March 25, the time of the spring equinox, was seen as a significant day by the early Christians who regarded it as the day the world was created, the day of Christ's conception in Mary's womb, and the day of His death on the Cross.



Mass
Intentions

4:00 PM|Saturday, 3/18

Lector: Keegan

Eucharistic Minister: DeBlasio

11:00 AM |Sunday, 3/19

Lector: Null

Eucharistic Minister: Schehr

4:00 PM|Saturday, 3/25

Lector: Materkowski

Eucharistic Minister: Landini

11:00 AM|Sunday, 3/26

Lector: Beneccio

Eucharistic Minister: Page

Readings for the week of March 19, 2023

Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6
(1)/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Monday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/
Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk
2:41-51a

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

Next Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/Rom
y8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Observances for the week of March 19, 2023

Sunday: 4th Sunday of Lent

Monday: St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Thursday: St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop

Saturday: The Annunciation of the Lord

Next Sunday: 5th Sunday of Lent

FINANCIAL REPORT FROM 3/14/2023

OFFERTORY: \$1,827.00

MONTHLY: \$310.00

LOOSE: \$70.00

CANDLE: \$85.00

EASTER FLOWERS:
\$215.00

ASH WEDNESDAY:
\$5.00

SOLEMNITY OF
MARY: \$10

PARISH INCOME &
TOTAL OFFERTORY:
\$2,522.00

Saturday, 3/18

For: Bob Vertacnik

From: Fred Fundy

Sunday, 3/19

For: Manuel Monios

**From: Dale & Rudy
Kozieniak**

Tuesday, 3/21

**For: Joseph A De-
Marchi, Sr**

From: Family

Wednesday, 3/22

**For: Maryann Keegan
From: Family**

Saturday, 3/25

**For: Kathy Lowanase
From: Mike & Tina
Quinn**

Sunday, 3/26

**For: Frances Tekavec
From: Family**

2023 Diocesan Lenten Appeal

Diocese target for Holy Family = \$24,672

Our goal = \$83,077

Pledged to date = \$10,183

4th Sunday of Lent – (*I Samuel 16: 1, 6 – 7, 10 – 13; Ephesians 5: 8 – 14; John 9: 1 – 41*)

While last Sunday's Biblical readings focused on the symbolism of water, today's offer a prophetic challenge drawn from the symbolism of light. In an opening conversation prompted by the sight of a blind man, Jesus directed attention at once to the "night . . . when no one can work" and to Himself as the "light of the world." To appreciate His statement we need to recall the role of light in our daily existence. The light which emanates from the sun or is produced by electricity actually puts nothing new into our lives. It simply makes it possible to see whatever is already there and thus to achieve good relationships and know what to do. If we walk into a room without light, we are liable to stumble into furniture, toys, or the family pet. With light in that same room, all the furniture, decorations, etc. are appreciated and easily recognized. If we walk outdoors and meet the warm sunlight we can almost see the grass grow and the flowers burst into bloom. Sunlight does not plant the grass or flowers but through its life-caressing warmth it develops the full potential of life that is within mother earth. We, during the dark winter months, know the value of and appreciate the sun when it does make its presence known.

When Jesus said, "I am the light of the world", He is making a claim that says He makes it possible for eyes encased in darkness to see once again what was already in existence. What cures the blind man is not simply the power to distinguish tables and chairs, to behold people and the landscape; rather, the blind man really sees when he confesses Jesus as the Messiah and center of all human existence. The blind man, now miraculously cured, can perceive an entirely new hope and purpose in life. Life is more than squabbling over small details like the question: did somebody mix saliva with dirt and apply the mud to a person's eyes *and so* break the Sabbath? When faced with this jealous and pompous legalism, the man born blind quickly dismissed the question and remarked quite simply: "I know not whether Jesus is a sinner or not . . . I know this much: I was blind before, now I can see." As the questions continue, the man finally responds from the heart: "If this Jesus were not from God, He could never have done such a thing." The legalistic, better-than-thou opponents / the Pharisees were blinded by their own ignorance and their unwillingness to accept goodness (hardened hearts). Darkness closed in on them. They were the blind ones in this story! They live in darkness, blinded to the normal expressions of goodness, unable to rejoice that a man born blind can now see. Obsessed with their own interests they cannot see God's world. Where there should be celebration because of the man being healed, the Pharisees throw the man out bodily.

Jesus brings us back to the real world in freshness, goodness, and wholesomeness. Light not only enables us to see, but pure light makes sure that we see the world and people as they really are. We are reminded of the various sons of Jesse summoned before Samuel in the first reading and yet not chosen by God. "Do not judge from appearance or looks or from . . . lofty stature, because the Lord with strong light looks into the heart." David, the youngest son, uncontaminated by false values and selfish ambitions, fresh from "tending the sheep," unspoiled and open to the Lord's will, is the Lord's choice. During the Season of Lent we are encouraged to fast and to give alms. We pray and wait, so that the Lord will purify our eyes and straighten out our values. Humbled into the spontaneity of David and the common sense of the man cured of blindness, we now are challenged to put everything together rightly – in Jesus, "the light of the world." The question for us is this: Are ready to let go of whatever blinds us in order to allow Christ the Light to enter our hearts and free us?

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

Welcome - to Regina Hopewell as the new **Director of Religious Education** for the parishes of Church of St Anne and Holy Family. Regina brings with her a well-rounded background in Team Leadership, Liturgical Ministries, Instructor and Spirituality that will serve her well in this position. Welcome aboard and know that you have our prayers and support.

MARCH

Upcoming

- 3/19 Christian Mother's Ex Board 9:30 AM
- 3/19 Faith Formation Gr 1-3 St Anne
- 3/22 Adult Bible Study 9 AM Parish Hall
- 3/26 Christian Mother's Membership Meeting 9:30
- 3/26 Faith Formation Gr 1-3 St Anne
- 3/27 Faith Formation Gr 4-8 Holy Fam
- 3/29 Adult Bible Study 9 AM Parish Hall
- 3/31 Perogies pick up at Parish Hall
- 4/1 Perogies pick up at Parish Hall
- 4/2 Faith Formation Gr 1-3 St Anne
(First Communion Practice during class)
- 4/3 Faith Formation Gr 4-8 Holy Fam
(Will be at St. Anne)
- 4/5 Adult Bible Study 9 AM Parish Hall
- 4/16 Faith Formation Gr 1-3 St Anne
- 4/17 Faith Formation Gr 4-8 Holy Fam
- 4/15 First Communion 10 AM Saturday
- 4/23 Faith Formation Gr 1-3 St Anne
- 5/6 Christian Mother's Burger & Fries sale
- 5/7 Christian Mother's Burger & Fries sale
- 6/11 Graduation Mass

HELP NEEDED HOLY FAMILY IS IN NEED OF AN ORGANISTOR KEYBOARDIST WITH AN UNDERSTANDING OF CHURCH MUSIC. RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE PLAYING FOR WEEKEND, HOLY DAY & OTHER LITURGIES,. IF INTERESTED PLEASE CALL OFFICE AT (724) 872-6123



RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

Seven Dolors, Yukon, March 20 11:00 am
 Holy Family, West Newton, March 21 6:00 pm
 St. Edward, Herminie, March 23 6:00 pm
 St. John the Baptist, Perryopolis, March 27 6:00
 Epiphany of Our Lord, Monessen, March 28 6:00
 Church of St. Anne, Rostraver, March 30 6:00 pm
 St. Sebastian, Belle Vernon, April 1 12:00 pm

Bus trip to Sight and Sound Theatre's 'Moses' planned June 23

St. Paul Parish, Greensburg, is planning a bus trip to the Sight and Sound Theater, Lancaster, to see "Moses" Friday, June 23. Cost is \$178 (\$75 deposit due by Friday, March 17. The bus will leave at 10 a.m. The trip will include an Amish-style dinner at Plain & Fancy. Participants can register, pay the deposit and sign waivers at

<https://scholasticatravel.groupcollect.com/go/15477a>. For information, call 724-989-6034.

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT



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CHRISTIAN MOTHERS

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 afternoons on Thursday March 30 and on Friday March 31 or after mass on April 1 or April 2

Way of the Cross for married couples April 2 at St. Edward Parish, Herminie

St. Edward Parish, Herminie, will host the Way of the Cross for married couples on Palm Sunday, April 2, at 6 p.m. Married couples can walk with Jesus in His Passion and meditate on the role that suffering can sometimes play in marriage. Refreshments and fellowship will follow in the church hall. Couples wishing do readings or carry the cross should call 724-446-5197. Those who are not married are also welcome to attend.

THE WELL

Diocesan Men's Conference, 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.

FOURTH WEEK OF LENT

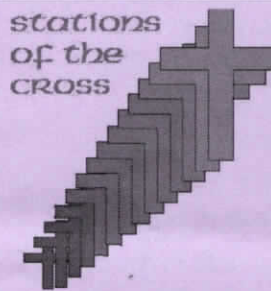
Upcoming Fish Fry

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 or 724-736-4442.

Yukon: Yukon Fire Company fish fries Fridays, 11 a.m.-7 p.m., dine in or takeout. Orders: (724) 722-3080

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.



Holy Family:

Wednesday's at 12 PM
Friday's at 7 PM

St Anne

Wednesday's on 6:30 PM



St. Anne Church in Rostraver is in need of an Organist/Keyboardist/Choir Director. An understanding of Church music is needed. Responsibilities include playing for weekend and holy day-liturgies, funerals, and weddings, organizing and directing the choir, and providing music for other Parish functions when needed. Please call the office if interested. 724-872-3555