



Holy Family Parish

A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust
A Parish of the Diocese of Greensburg

225 North Second Street
West Newton, PA 15089

Phone: 724-872-6123 / FAX: 724-872-6133



Parish Telephone Numbers

Parish Office 724-872-6123

Hours: Monday-Thursday 8-4

Friday 8-12

Church Email: hfamilywn@comcast.net

Website: holyfamiwestnewton.org

St Anne Office.....724-872-3555

Faith Formation

(Office) at St Anne . . . 724-872-3486

Email: RLewis@dioceseofgreensburg.org

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:

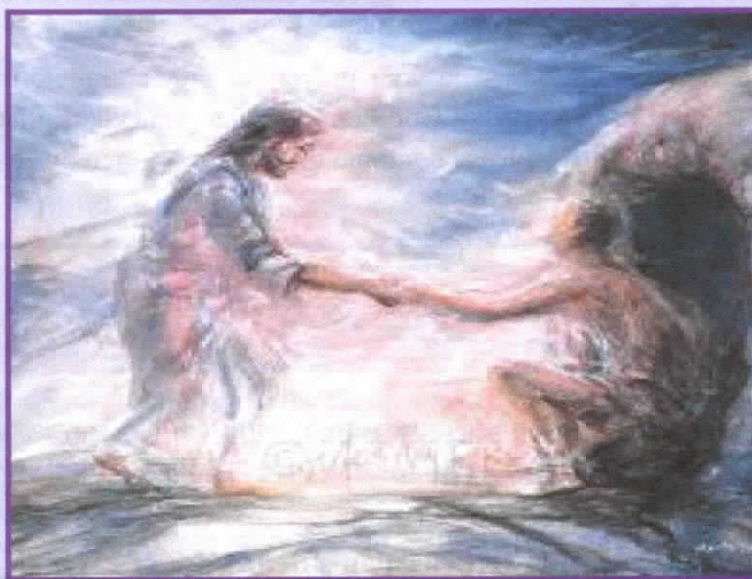
Saturday at 3:30 PM

Save the Date:

3/26 Christian Mother's Membership Mtg

3/29 Adult Bible Study 9 AM Parish Hall

4/8 Blessing of Baskets 12PM



MARCH 26, 2023

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

PARISH STAFF

The Reverend David J. Nazimek, Pastor
dnazimek@dioceseofgreensburg.org

The Reverend Richard J. Zelik, OFM, Cap,
weekend assistant

Regina Hopewell, Director of Religious Education
rhopewell@dioceseofgreensburg.org

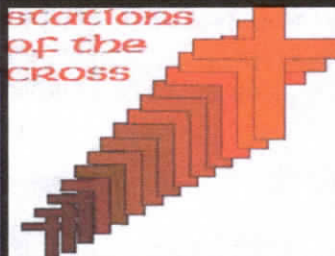
Rachel Lewis, Faith Formation Assistant

rlewis@dioceseofgreensburg.org

Denise Manley

dmanley@dioceseofgreensburg.org

stations
of the
cross



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

With joy and thanksgiving to God, the Diocese of Greensburg announces that Bishop Larry J. Kulick, JCL, has called Deacon Andrew J. Hamilton to the responsibility of the Presbyterate, and Misterys Craig Alexander, David M. Slusarick, and John Torres to the responsibility of the Diaconate. The priesthood ordination will be celebrated on June 3, 2023, and the diaconate ordination on May 20, 2023. Both liturgies will begin at 10:00 AM in Blessed Sacrament Cathedral in Greensburg, Pennsylvania.

We may recall David Slusarick and Craig Alexander were seminarians during the summer of 2021.

Please keep these men in your prayers as they complete the final months of the academic year. May God complete the good work that He has begun in them. In addition, please continue to pray for all men discerning God's call to the priesthood.

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

Regional Confession Schedule

Monday March 27 - St John's, Perryopolis - 6:00 PM

Thursday - March 30 - St Anne's, Rostraver - 6:00 PM

Saturday - April 1 - St Sebastian's Belle Vernon - 12 PM

Holy Thursday Mass time: 7PM

Good Friday Liturgy time: 3:30PM

Easter Vigil Mass Time: 8:30PM

Easter Morning Mass time: 11AM



Readings for the week of March 26, 2023

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

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56

Next Sunday: Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14-27:66 or 27:11-54

Observances for the week of March 26, 2023

Sunday: 5th Sunday of Lent

Saturday: April Fools' Day

Next Sunday: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, Holy

Mass Intentions

Saturday, 3/25

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

Sunday, 3/26

**For: Frances Tekavec
From: Family Kozieniak**

Tuesday, 3/28

**For: Deceased Members of Kemmery Family
From: Family**

Wednesday, 3/29

**For: Bertha Janitor
From: Mary Houseman**

Saturday, 4/1

For: Living & Deceased Members of Holy Family

Sunday, 4/2

**For: Margie Azzari
From: Tina, Corrine & Annette**

Saturday, 3/25

Lector: Materkowski

Eucharistic Minister:
Landini

Sunday, 3/26

Lector: Beneccio

Eucharistic Minister: Page
Saturday, 4/1

Lector: Landini

Eucharistic Minister:
Houseman

Sunday, 4/2

Lector: Keegan

Eucharistic Minister:
Quinn

FINANCIAL REPORT FROM 3/21/2023

OFFERTORY: \$2,229.00

MONTHLY: \$265.00

LOOSE: \$50.00

CANDLE: \$78.00

EASTER FLOWERS:

\$150.00

ASH WEDNESDAY: \$20.00

EASTER: \$50.00

PARISH INCOME:

\$2,842.00

ACCENT: \$3.00

HOME MISSIONS: \$10.00

TOTAL OFFERTORY:

2,855.00

2023 Diocesan Lenten Appeal

Diocese target for Holy Family = \$24,672

Our goal = \$50,000

Pledged to date = \$13,157

Over the last several weeks we have seen a progression of themes in our Sunday Scripture Readings – from a thirst for living water on the 3rd Sunday of Lent, to a desire to be healed of our spiritual blindness (last weekend), to what we hear this weekend about our ultimate desire to share in eternal life with the Risen Lord. Death and Resurrection are the themes that we hear from the prophet Ezekiel, from St Paul's selection in his letter to the Church in Rome, to the passage from St John's Gospel.

Ezekiel, in the first reading, bears witness in his vision to the Lord God's promise to reanimate the dead Israel in preparation for her return to the Promised Land. The Lord God guarantees His community in exile that He will one day bring them back to live in the freedom of the Promised Land. God assures His people that not even death will stop Him from carrying out this promise.

St Paul assures the early Roman Christians who were facing death by persecution, and he assures us who are surrounded by a culture of death, that the same Spirit Who raised Jesus from the dead and Who dwells within us will give life to our mortal bodies. He considers the Resurrection of Jesus as a reality, the ground of our Faith and the basis for our Hope of sharing in Jesus' Resurrection. And St John sees the raising of Lazarus as the final and greatest sign of Jesus. This miracle anticipates Jesus' very own Resurrection. According to John, the raising of Lazarus is the sixth of seven signs. It is also the last and greatest of the miracles worked by our Lord to prove that He is the Messiah, the Christ, the Son of God, and that through faith in Him believers will receive eternal life. In other words, Jesus wanted to make this, His last recorded miracle, a convincing proof of His claim to be what He was---the Messiah, sent by God to give new life, eternal life, to mankind.

Martha, Mary and Lazarus were good friends of Jesus. John tells us that Jesus loved them. Lazarus' sisters had sent word to Jesus that their brother Lazarus was ill and perhaps would soon die. On receiving the message, Jesus waited two days so that the will of God might be demonstrated and that God might be glorified by His Son through a major miracle. At last, Jesus does go to their home. Upon arrival He learns of Lazarus' death, pacifies Martha with one of the most treasured of His teachings which brings great consolation at any funeral service. He tells her: "I am the Resurrection and the Life. Whoever lives and believes in me will never die." Jesus is offering for all of us eternal life, which begins with Faith now and lasts forever in its fullness. Jesus then asks one of the most important questions found in the Bible: "Do you believe this, Martha?" You and I are familiar with her answer: "I have come to believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God, the One Who is coming into the world." In a sense, we could call this statement Martha's profession of faith / her creed. Her faith did not depend upon seeing her brother raised from the dead. She already believed in Who Jesus was.

Describing the raising of Lazarus the Church assures us that we, too, will be raised into eternal life after our battle with sin and death in this world. As we connect the dots and join this weekend's readings we come to realize that Resurrection Hope is the central theme for this Fifth Sunday of Lent. The readings assure us that our Faith in Jesus, Who is "the Resurrection and the Life," promises a participation for you and for me in His Resurrection and new Life.

Martha then calls Mary and she is surrounded by grieving friends. Mary's grieving friends represent the supporting Church community. There is something therapeutic about having friends around us when we are grief-stricken. Hence, the Church (which is you and me) must be a community of compassion and consolation to one another. Too often, in our busy and active culture, we do not have time to live deeply with our feelings or to be present for another's time of need. And then Jesus speaks those words: "Roll away the stone, unbind him and let him go."

There are so many dark areas in our lives. We often bind ourselves with chains of addiction to alcohol, drugs, gambling, sexual deviations, slander, gossip, envy, prejudices, hatred or uncontrollable anger and we bury ourselves in the tombs of despair. Sometimes we may be in tombs of selfishness, or negative feelings such as worry, fear, resentment, hatred, or guilt. Jesus is speaking to us today in a particular way through these readings. He wants us to seek out His help and the help of the community around us to loosen those chains that keep us bound by our sins and addictions. He wants us to come out of those tombs that we create for ourselves.

Is there an area of life where hope is gone? Why don't we invite Jesus to visit those areas? If we want Jesus to visit our dungeons of sin, despair and unhappiness, let's ask Him to bring the light and the power of His Holy Spirit into our private lives and free us from our tombs – just as Jesus freed Lazarus. Whenever we celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession), Jesus is calling our names and saying the same thing He said at the tomb of Lazarus: "Come out and be freed." This is truly Good News for anyone – particularly for the tired, those who are hurting, the person who is ready to throw in the towel. This Gospel story is Good News for all of us for it can be the beginning of a new life.



Upcoming

- 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
- 3/30 Christian Mothers Bread pick-up: 2-4PM
- 3/31 Perogies pick up at Parish Hall
- 3/31 Christian Mothers Bread pick-up: 12-4PM

APRIL

- 4/1 Christian Mothers Bread pick-up: 5-6PM
- 4/1 Perogies pick up at Parish Hall
- 4/2 Christian Mothers Bread pick-up: 12-1PM
- 4/2 Faith Formation Gr 1-3 St Anne
(First Communion Practice during class)
- 4/3 Faith Formation Gr 4-8 Holy Fam
- 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

MAY

- 5/6 Christian Mother's Burger & Fries sale
- 5/7 Christian Mother's Burger & Fries sale

JUNE

- 6/11 Graduation Mass

RECONCILIATION **SCHEDULE**

- 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
-
-

FIRST COMMUNION

First Communion will be held on APRIL 15, 2023
at 10 AM at Church of St. Anne

We have 3 communicants from Holy Family that will
be making their First communion.

Director of Religious Education

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.

BAPTISM PREP CLASS

A baptism preparation class for parents of babies
who will be wanting to be baptized in the
upcoming four months. The class will be held
Tuesday, April 11 from 5-7PM. People should call
the Faith Formation Office (724) 872-3486 to
register.

.....
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 receiving contribution
envelopes to support the Parish for a minimum of
four months. Young adults of parishioners who
have earlier been under their parent's registration
and who are now on their own and remain in the
Parish must register as an adult parishioner and
receive envelopes. All requests for a certificate
should be made four weeks in advance of the
designated date needed for sponsorship
.....

Parents of 2nd Graders

*2nd Grade Parents - First Communion practice is
next Sunday, April 2nd during our regularly
scheduled faith formation classes. Parents and
students should arrive in the church by 9:45—
there is no need to go to the social hall first.*

*Also, please remember to bring that day your
picture order form and letter to your child. If
you have any questions, please contact Regina at
724-872-3486 or Rachel at 724-797-2216.*

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 raisin loaf: \$5.50

Large raisin loaf: \$8.50

Breads may be picked up afternoons on Thursday March 30, 2-4PM and on Friday March 31, 12-4PM or after mass on April 1, 5-6PM or April 2, 12-1PM



Holy Family:

Wednesday's at 12 PM

Friday's at 7 PM

St Anne

Wednesday's on 6:30 PM

CRS Spotlight for Sunday, 3/26/23

Conflict, climate change, rising costs and the COVID-19 pandemic are pushing millions of people into poverty and contributing to one of the worst global food crises in recent memory. As people of faith, we are called to support our sisters and brothers who are most in need. You can do this by urging your members of Congress to support increases to international poverty-reducing development and humanitarian assistance in the fiscal year 2024 federal budget. This assistance helps to address global hunger, conflict and the consequences of climate change for communities around the world.

Immediate aid—like emergency food assistance—and long-term solutions—like training for farmers to adapt to climate change—ensure all members of our global family can survive and thrive. Thank you for putting your faith into action at this critical time! Please visit www.crs.org for more information!

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.

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/15477> a. For information, call 724-989-6034.

HELP NEEDED HOLY FAMILY IS IN NEED OF AN ORGANIST/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

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

FIFTH WEEK OF LENT