



Holy Family Parish

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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

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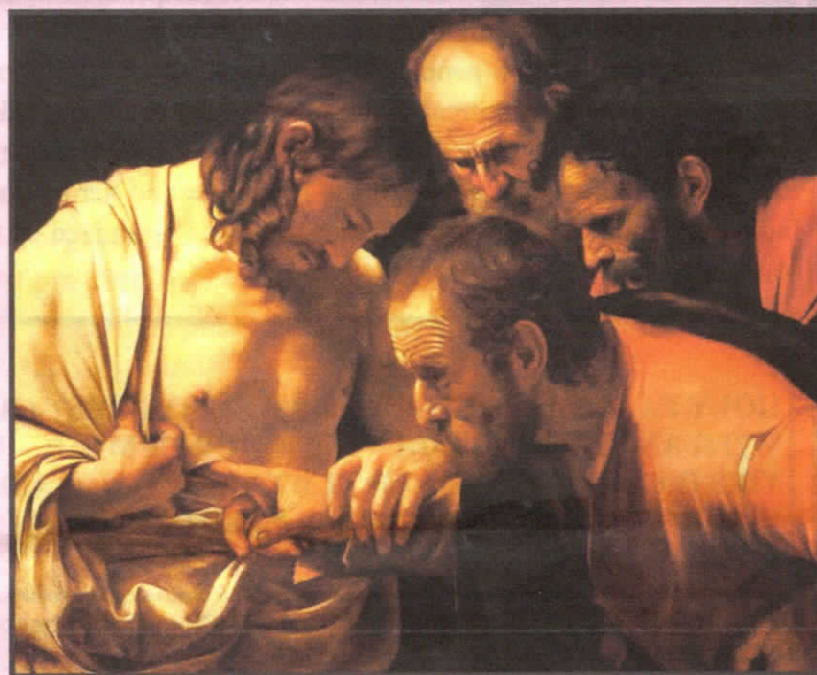
Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday at 3:30 PM

Save the Date:

4/16 Christian Mother's Sipology-Tastefully
Simple Party: 12-2:30 PM Social Hall
open to public

4/23 Christian Mother meeting



April 16, 2023

Divine Mercy Sunday

2nd Sunday of Easter

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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.

Divine Mercy Sunday

(Acts 2: 42 – 47; 1 Peter 1: 3 – 9; John 20: 19 – 31)

It's been one week since we celebrated Easter – the kids with the Easter Bunny and Easter Eggs, the grownups with their dinners, and all of us celebrating the message of Hope that Jesus came to give to all of us – life with Him forever in eternity. As we move along in our Liturgical Celebrations – the Mass – we move into this weekend. And our Readings at Mass focus on mercy, trust and the forgiveness of sins. How does God reveal His mercy? He does so, first and foremost by sending His only-begotten Son to become our Savior and Lord by His suffering, death and resurrection. Divine Mercy is given to us in each celebration of the Sacraments. Today, as we recall Jesus' appearance to the disciples on that first Easter evening, we are vividly reminded of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the Sacrament of Divine Mercy. Our merciful Lord gives to His apostles the power to forgive people's sins: *"Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."* (John 20: 23)

The first reading from the Acts of the Apostles explains how the Risen Lord continued to show His Divine Mercy to the sick through the healing and preaching ministry of the early Church. The Book of Revelations was written to comfort and bolster the faith of the persecuted Christians by reassuring them of the presence of the merciful Lord in their lives. Today's selection shows the vision of the resurrected Christ in glory. And today's Gospel emphasizes the importance of faith in the all-pervading presence of the Risen Lord, the source of Divine Mercy, within the Christian community. It is every Christian's experience to believe without having seen. We are invited to liberate ourselves from doubts and hesitation, and surrender our lives to the Risen Lord of Mercy. Above all – we are reminded that the mercy we receive, we are to share with one another.

How did Divine Mercy Sunday originate? It begins with a humble Polish nun who eventually became the instrument for an extraordinary work of God in the 20th century. Born HELENA Kowalska in a small village west of Lodz Poland on August 25, 1905, she was the third of ten children. When she was almost twenty, she entered the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy, whose members devote themselves to the care and education of troubled young women. In the 1930 she received from the Lord a message of mercy that she was told to spread throughout the world. She was asked to become the apostle and secretary of God's mercy, a model of how to be merciful to others, and an instrument for reemphasizing God's plan of mercy for the world. When Jesus appeared to her on February 22, 1931, He requested that she paint an image *according to the pattern you see*, and He asked that the image be venerated throughout the world in connection with the observance of Divine Mercy Sunday. Following Christ's revelations of His mercy to St Faustina during the 1930's and then after her death in 1938, the Polish people developed a great devotion to Jesus, The Divine Mercy. It grew in popularity there and then spread around the world – especially in the



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of the World & for Peace!

United States and the Philippines. In 1995, the Holy See granted the Polish bishops conference permission to celebrate Mercy Sunday nationwide. Since 2001, it has been celebrated throughout the Universal Church.

WORSHIP TOGETHER

Saints for the Week -

April 17 - St Kateri Tekakwitha (1656 - 1680) - was born at Auriesville, New Yourk to a Christian Algonquin and a Mohawk Indian chief. She suffered the loss of her father and mother at the age of four in an epidemic of smallpox which left her disfigured. In 1675, she embraced the Catholic faith through her contacts with Jesuit missionaries, namely Fr. Jacques de Lamberville. Her strong faith caused her to be persecuted among her own people, so she journeyed nearly 200 miles to a Christian Indian village near Montreal, Canada. While there, Kateri dedicated her life to God and lived an exemplary Christian life. She died in 1680 at the age of twenty - four. She is known as the Lily of the Mohawks and her example has inspired the Indian communities of North America. She was canonized on October 21, 2012 at Vatican City.



Mass Intentions

Saturday, 4/15
For: Michaelene Nohavicka
From: Jill, Beth, Liam, Mia & Laney

Sunday, 4/16
For: Stanley & Agnes Minkus
From: Leonard & Jeanne

Tuesday, 4/18
For: Deceased members of Balash Family
From: Family

Wednesday, 4/19
For: Jack & Frances Tekavec (wedding anniversary)
From: Jean Zupanc

Saturday, 4/22
For: John, David & Joe Gabonay

Sunday, 4/23
For: Mary Irene Aronckes & Dorothy Fasekas
From: Linda Aronckes

HELP NEEDED

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Misters Craig Alexander and David M. Slusarick to become Deacon's

The Diocese of Greensburg announces that Bishop Larry J. Kulick, JCL, has called Craig Alexander and David M. Slusarick to the responsibility of the Diaconate. The diaconate ordination will be on May 20, 2023 at 10:00 AM in the Blessed Sacrament Cathedral in Greensburg, Pennsylvania. Craig and Dave spent the summer of 2021 here.

Readings for the week of April 16, 2023

Sunday: Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31
 Monday: Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9/Jn 3:1-8
 Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15
 Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 3:16-21
 Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/Jn 3:31-36
 Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15
 Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21
 Next Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 (11a)/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35

Observances for the week of April 16, 2023

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)
 Friday: St. Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
 Saturday: Earth Day
 Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Easter

In Christian charity please pray for the repose of the soul of Kathleen Sette, who was a parishioner of our Church who passed away on April 7, 2023. Please keep his friends and family in your prayers.

Saturday, 4/15
Lector: Keegan
Eucharistic Minister: Page

Sunday, 4/16
Lector: Beneccio
Eucharistic Minister: Beneccio

Saturday, 4/22
Lector: Materkowski
Eucharistic Minister: Balenovich

Sunday, 4/23
Lector: Null
Eucharistic Minister: Quinn

APRIL

UPCOMING

APRIL

- 4/16 Faith Formation Gr 1-3 St Anne
4/16 Christian Mother's Sipology-Tastefully
Simple Party: 12-2:30 PM Social Hall
open to public
4/17 Faith Formation Gr 4-8 Holy Fam
4/23 Faith Formation Gr 1-3 St Anne
4/23 Christian Mother meeting

MAY

- 5/6 Christian Mother's Burger & Fries sale
5/7 Christian Mother's Burger & Fries sale
5/14 Holy Name meeting
5/20 Christian Mother's Mother Daughter
banquet

JUNE

- 6/11 Graduation Mass



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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 Misters 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. Dave and Craig spent the summer of 2021 here!

Homemade Halupki Dinner

Saint John the Baptist, Perryopolis is holding a Homemade Halupki Dinner on Sunday, May 7 beginning at 11am until sold out.

Take out orders only. \$12 per meal – 2 halupki, potatoes, green beans, roll and cupcake.

Bulk orders of halupki must be placed by April 28 and paid for in advance. 6 halupki \$18; 12 halupki \$36 – pick up the day of dinner.

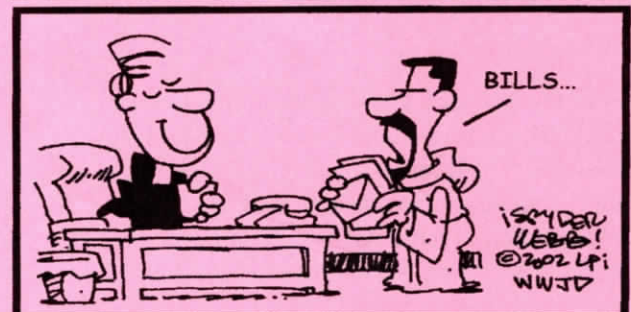
To order contact Adelle at 724-736-4442.

All proceeds benefit St. John the Baptist Youth Ministry / NCYC 2023

Bible Drama Camp set for June at St. Agnes Parish, North Huntingdon

St. Agnes Parish, North Huntingdon, will hold its Bible Drama Camp for students in kindergarten through 12th grade June 26-29 from 9 a.m.-noon, with an extended rehearsal June 28 and a performance at 6:30 p.m. the final day. This year's musical will be "The Genesis Files." Cost is \$20, with reservations due by May 26. To register, visit www.stagneschurch.info.

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER



Monday Night Faith Formation

students.....Monday April 17th we will be celebrating our last class of the year with a Luau Bingo! If any parents, who have their clearances, would like to help, please contact the Faith Formation Office at 724-872-3486. If you would like to start the easy process of obtaining your clearances, please contact Regina at the same number.



CRS Spotlight for Sunday, 4/16/23

In the Asia-Pacific region, Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) work is of utmost importance. The region is vulnerable to disasters like floods, drought, cyclones, earthquakes, tsunamis and other natural disasters.

What is DRR? DRR helps families, communities and governments prepare for a disaster and bolsters their resilience in a disaster's aftermath. CRS's goal is to help people survive disasters with dignity; rebuild their lives, livelihoods and homes; and strengthen their resilience capacities to better withstand the impacts of future disasters. Visit www.crs.org for more information and to see how you can help!

American Red Cross seeks blood donors

In April, anyone who donates blood to the American Red Cross will receive a Peanuts T-shirt and be entered for a chance to win a trip to Sonoma, Calif. To book an appointment, visit RedCrossBlood.org, download the Red Cross Blood Donor App or call 800-REDCROSS

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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

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 or call 724-552-2565.

CHRISTIAN MOTHERS

Sipology/Tastefully Simply Fundraiser

April 16, 12-2:30 PM Holy Family Social Hall

Open to the public

Mother Daughter Banquet

The Christian Mother's mother daughter banquet will be held on Saturday May 20. Reservations are due back by the April meeting (4/23/23)

If you have not received an invitation, please call Michalene Lovato at (724) 872-7645

2023 Diocesan Lenten Appeal

Diocese target for Holy Family = \$24,672

Our goal = \$50,000

Pledged to date = \$23,222

Percentage of Diocesan target = 94.1%

Percentage of combined target = 31.1%