



Holy Family Parish

A Parish in the Diocese of Greensburg

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A Pennsylvania
Charitable Trust

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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.

Eucharistic Liturgies

Holy Family

Tuesday - 8:00 AM Wednesday - 8:00 AM

Saturday - 4:00 PM Sunday - 11:00 AM

Holy Days & Civil Holidays:

Consult the Mass Schedule in the bulletin

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday @ 3:00 PM or

Call Fr. Dave for an appointment

St Anne

Monday - 8:00 AM Thursday - 8:00 AM

First Friday - 8:00 AM (preceded by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 7:00 - 8:00)

Saturday - 4:30 PM

Sunday - 8 AM & 11 AM

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May 14, 2023—6th Sunday of Easter



Matters of Sexual Abuse - If you have any suspicion about the sexual abuse (or any other type of abuse) of a minor child by anyone - please contact PA Child-Line 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 make the report. The Bishop's Delegate may be reached at 724 837 0901, ext 1221.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick & Holy Communion - are available upon request to those who are sick, elderly or homebound. Families are requested to call the Parish Office to arrange a visit.

Mothers' Day

This weekend we honor our Moms in a special way - not that we shouldn't honor them every day of our lives, but this day is set aside.

The modern holiday was first celebrated in 1907, when Anna Jarvis held the first Mother's Day service of worship at Andrews Methodist Episcopal Church in Grafton, West Virginia. Andrew's Methodist Church now holds the International Mother's Day Shrine. Her campaign to make Mother's Day a recognized holiday in the United States began in 1905, the year her mother, Ann Reeves Jarvis, died. Ann Jarvis had been a peace activist who cared for wounded soldiers on both sides of the American Civil War, and created Mother's Day Work Clubs to address public health issues. Owing to the efforts of Anna Jarvis, by 1911 all U.S. states observed the holiday, with some of them officially recognizing Mother's Day as a local holiday (the first being West Virginia, Jarvis' home state, in 1910). In 1914, Woodrow Wilson signed a proclamation designating Mother's Day, held on the second Sunday in May, as a national holiday to honor mothers. To all our Moms - God Bless You, and we Love You!



This is a day to admit gratefully the fact that none of us is able to return, in the same measure, all the love that our mothers have given us. Their influence on their children is so great that it affects the children throughout their lives. Our mothers not only gave us birth but nursed us, nurtured us, trained us in their religious beliefs and practices, taught us good manners and ideal behavior, disciplined us as best as they could and made us good citizens of our country, our Church and our society. There is a beautiful Spanish proverb: "An ounce of mother is better than a pound of clergy." Hence, it is highly proper for us to express our love and gratitude to our mothers by our presence, gifts and prayers on Mother's Day. We offer this Eucharistic celebration on Mother's Day for all the mothers in our congregation, whether they are alive or have gone for their eternal reward. The word "mom" is synonymous with sacrificial, *agápe* love in its purest form, as given by Jesus in his farewell speech: "Love one another as I have loved you." Hence, let us lavish our love on our mothers and express our gratitude for them in the form of fervent prayers offered for them, before God.

MASS INTENTIONS 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SATURDAY, MAY 13

4:00pm Phyllis Grec - by Family

SUNDAY, MAY 14

11:00am All Mothers

MONDAY— MAY 15

8:00 am Mass at St Anne, Rostraver

TUESDAY, MAY 16

8:00am Delores Novacek Anniv. Of death - by Family

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17

8:00am Living & Deceased Members of Holy Family Church

THURSDAY, MAY 18

8:00am Mass at St Anne, Rostraver

FRIDAY, MAY 19

8:00am No Mass

SATURDAY, MAY 20

Monsignor John Regoli - by Mary & Denise

SUNDAY, MAY 21

11:00am Joshua Hesson—Birthday Remembrance - by Family

Ordination Announcements - 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.

We may recall David Slusarick and Craig Alexander were seminarians with our Parish during the summer of 2021. You are invited to attend their ordination. Please keep these men in your prayers. May God complete the good work that He has begun in them. In addition, please continue praying for all men discerning God's call to the priesthood.

In Christian Charity - Please remember the following who were called to their eternal rest: Sam Leccia, Gerald "Gerry" Stasicha, and Alma Jean Zima. Eternal Rest grant to them, O Lord, May they rest in Peace. AMEN. To their families we extend our prayers and condolences.

6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; 1 Peter 3:15-18; John 14:15-21

In difficult times, we all need someone to stand up for us and to be at our side. We all know how disappointed we feel when we are abandoned by our friends because of something someone may have said about us or something we may have done. We also know how encouraged we feel when someone has the courage to stand by us.

Jesus promises the apostles in today's Gospel that He will never abandon them. He promises that, even though they will not see Him, He will still be active among them. How does He plan to do that? Jesus tells the disciples that He will send them "another Advocate." An advocate is someone who stands up for you, who pleads your case, who defends you against a prosecutor who has brought up charges against you. Jesus is the first advocate. He is our first defender. By offering His body on the cross, He took away the charge against us, serving the sentence in our place. Jesus is continuing to advocate for us in Heaven. He is continuing to pray for us before the Father until the day we are finally with Him in glory.

The Advocate that Jesus promises to send is the Holy Spirit. Whereas Jesus pleads our case before the Father, the Holy Spirit pleads our case against the world. As Jesus explains it, the world is the people, the structures, and the institutions that are organized to frustrate the work of God and the spread of the Gospel. This world cannot accept the Father. We only have to pick up the paper or watch the TV for five minutes to know how true this is. Christians are accused of being hypocrites, of lacking compassion, or of being backwards. Movies and books portray believers as judgmental and joyless. The art world strives to offend Christians by blaspheming Jesus in sculptures and paintings. This world is trying to discourage us in our life of faith. It is trying to convince us that it is better to live for our own pleasure than for the Gospel. It is constantly trying to deceive us and lure us away from what life is really about—knowing, loving, and serving God. The Holy Spirit is our advocate before this hostile world. The world has judged us according to its values, but the Holy Spirit Who is alive in our hearts stands with us and helps us to live joyfully and faithfully in a world that is pitted against us. We can face this challenge with confidence because Scripture assures us that "the One Who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world".

Let Us Pray for the Conversion of the World & for Peace!

Some translations of today's Gospel passage use the word *paraclete* instead of "advocate." *Paraclete* is really a word made up by translators who were trying to capture the fullness of what Jesus was meaning to say. The word *paraclete* does not appear anywhere else in English, except when referring to the Holy Spirit. The Greek word that we translate here as "advocate" also means "defender," "encourager," "guide," or even "teacher."

Another word that might capture for us a little bit of what Jesus meant when he called the Holy Spirit "Paraclete" is the word "coach." A good coach has a game plan drawn up for their players. The coach puts the players through drills to build up their stamina and strengthen their skills. A good coach instills resiliency in their players when they fail and inspires them to do whatever it takes to win. Just so, the Holy Spirit living in our hearts coaches us on how to live the Gospel message with joy.

Minister Schedule

4:00 PM - Saturday - May 13

Lector - Materkowski

Eucharistic Minister - Balenovich

11:00 AM - Sunday - May 14

Lector - Beneccio

Eucharistic Minister - Beneccio

4:00 PM Saturday - May 20

Lector - Null

Eucharistic Minister - Quinn

11:00 AM - Sunday - May 21

Lector - Hughes

Eucharistic Minister - Luzi

We are not alone. If we love God and obey His commandments, then we can be assured that the Holy Spirit dwells in our hearts. This Holy Spirit strengthens us to live a life faithful to God's word. This Holy Spirit encourages us when we face difficulties or fail. This Holy Spirit guides our choices so that we make progress in the life of faith. This Holy Spirit makes Jesus alive and active among us. This Holy Spirit stands by our side when the world looks down on us, despises us, or ridicules us. At the same time, this Holy Spirit fills our hearts with love for the world so that we can bring the truth of God's love to it by our words and actions.

We will all certainly stand before the judgment seat of God. But if we have loved God in this life and have obeyed his commandments, then we can be assured that we will have two powerful advocates at our side—Jesus and his Holy Spirit.

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UPCOMING

MAY

- 5/14 Holy Name meeting
5/20 Christian Mother's Mother Daughter banquet

JUNE

- 6/11 Graduation Mass

Time to Update Your Clearances?

You may have received about your need to update or obtain clearances, or you may be thinking about volunteering in some capacity in the next year. Anyone who volunteers at the church in any capacity must have current clearances on file in the faith formation office. All of the information is available on the Diocese of Greensburg website, or can be obtained at the church office. Call Faith Formation Director Regina Hopewell at 724-872-3486 or email at rhopewell@dioceseofgreensburg.org for forms or to help with your questions. Thank you so much for your cooperation in this matter.

Financial Report for May 2, 2023

Offertory:	\$2,035.00
Loose:	\$12.00
Candles:	\$71.00
Ascension:	\$50.00
Monthly:	\$842.00
Holy Thursday:	\$20.00
Palm Sunday:	\$20.00
Easter:	\$320
Parish Income:	\$3,370.00
Accent:	\$28.00
HolyLand:	\$10.00
Catholic Comm.:	\$25.00
Total Offertory:	\$3,433.00

Next edition of The Catholic Accent to air on WPXI this month

Intentional Disciples, those who love and care for others with a purpose, are featured on the next edition of "The Catholic Accent" television program airing on WPXI, Channel 11, on Sunday, May 14, at 11:30 a.m. The program will also air on Sunday, May 21, and a half dozen more times on MeTV. Join Bishop Larry J. Kulick as he discusses the call of intentional discipleship locally and its role in the National Eucharistic Revival.

More than 1,000 people in one day visited Christ Our Shepherd Center in Greensburg to participate in a one-of-a-kind immersive experience. "The Catholic Accent" highlights other unique events in store for our faith community.

And, "The Catholic Accent" helps you plan your summer by featuring the upcoming festivals scheduled at parishes across the Diocese, including a special international food festival.

"The Catholic Accent" is always on at TheAccentOnline.org.

2023 Diocesan Lenten Appeal

Diocese target for Holy Family = \$24,672
Our goal = \$50,000
Pledged to date = \$39,011.00
Percentage of Diocesan target = 164.9%
Percentage of combined target = 54.5%

Financial Report for April 25, 2023

Offertory:	\$2,302.00
Loose:	\$100.00
Candles:	\$95.00
Ascension:	\$10.00
Monthly:	<u>\$90.00</u>
Parish Income:	\$2,597.00
Accent:	\$48.00
Eastern European:	<u>\$45.00</u>
Total Offertory:	\$2,690.00



Summer Faith Fun Nights

God's Big Story in three acts

JUNE 26 / JULY 24 / AUGUST 14

6:00-8:30 PM

Registration for kids and volunteers coming soon!

Act 1: Jesus lives in the Old Testament

Act 2: Jesus Walks on Earth within The Gospels

Act 3: Jesus lives in His Body in Acts thru Revelations

The kids and volunteers will be dressing in costume acting out the stories of the Bible with "Jesus" as our narrator. They will be constructing a huge mural timeline to be displayed in the church.

Songs and Snacks too! JESUS LOVES US!

St. Edward Parish, Herminie, hosts golf outing June 9

The St. Edward Parish golf outing is set for Friday, June 9, at the Madison Club, with a shotgun start at 9 a.m. Cost for the four-person scramble is \$100 per person and includes a continental breakfast, greens fees, cart rental, hot dog and drink at the turn, and buffet dinner, plus a chance to win skill prizes, door prizes and team awards. To register, call 724-446-5197.

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

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

Readings for the week of May 14, 2023

Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 (1)/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21

Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Jn 15:26—16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 16:16-20

Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20

Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 16:20-23

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10/Jn 16:23b-28

Next Sunday: *Ascension*: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20

Seventh Sunday of Easter: Acts 1:12-14/Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8 (13)/1 Pt 4:13-16/ Jn 17:1-11a

Observances for the week of May 14, 2023

Sunday: 6th Sunday of Easter; Mother's Day

Monday: St. Isidore

Thursday: The Ascension of the Lord; St. John I, Pope and Martyr

Saturday: St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest; Armed Forces Day

Next Sunday: The Ascension of the Lord; 7th Sunday of Easter; World Communications Day

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Catholic Relief Services and USAID have recently trained representatives from the city government of Borongan on climate change communication. These representatives are now encouraging community members to take part in climate actions and become advocates of change. The participants were able to create their own climate change communication plans. Visit www.crs.org for more information and to see how you can help!