



# Holy Family Parish

*A Parish in the Diocese of Greensburg*

**225 North Second Street**

**West Newton, PA 15089**



A Pennsylvania  
Charitable Trust

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## Parish Office Hours

**Monday - Thursday 8 - 4**

**Friday - 8 AM - 12 NOON**

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## Phone Numbers

**Holy Family - 724 - 872 - 6123 FAX 724 - 872 - 6133**

**St Anne Church - 724 - 872 - 3555**

**Faith Formation - 724 - 872 - 3486 (office at St Anne)**

**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 28, 2023—Pentecost*



**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 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 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.





**Memorial Day** - is a federal holiday in the United States for honoring and mourning the U.S. military personnel who have died while serving in the United States armed forces. It is observed on the last Monday of May. From 1868 to 1970, it was observed on May 30. The first national observance

of Memorial Day occurred on May 30, 1868. Then known as Decoration Day, the holiday was proclaimed by Commander in Chief John A. Logan of the Grand Army of the Republic to honor the Union soldiers who had died in the Civil War. This national observance was preceded by many local ones between the end of the Civil War and Logan's declaration. Many cities and people have claimed to be the first to observe it. However, in 2022, the National Cemetery Administration, a division of the Department of Veterans Affairs, credited Mary Ann Williams with originating the "idea of strewing the graves of Civil War soldiers - Union and Confederate" with flowers. Official recognition as a holiday spread among the states, beginning with New York in 1873. By 1890, every Union state had adopted it. The World Wars turned it into a day of remembrance for all members of the U.S. military who fought and died in service. In 1971, Congress standardized the holiday as "Memorial Day" and changed its observance to the last Monday in May.

#### ***Financial Report for May 23, 2023***

Offertory:	\$2,345.00
Loose:	\$48.00
Candles:	\$72.00
Ascension	\$455.00
Monthly:	<u>\$60.00</u>
<b>Parish Income:</b>	<b>\$2,980.00</b>
 Peter's Pence:	 \$25.00
Catholic Communications:	\$211.00
 Total Offertory:	 \$3,216.00

#### **2023 Diocesan Lenten Appeal**

Diocese target for Holy Family = \$24,672  
 Our goal = \$50,000  
 Pledged to date = \$42,187.00  
 Percentage of Diocesan target = 171.0%  
 Percentage of combined target = 56.5%

**Feasts for this Week** - May 31 - The Visitation of Mary - celebrated between the feasts of the Annunciation (March 25) and the Birth of John the Baptist (June 24), the feast of the Visitation originated in the Church of the Middle Ages. It recalls Mary's visit to her cousin, Elizabeth, after the angel announced that she was to be the Mother of Jesus. Filled with the Holy Spirit, these two great women recognized the power of God at work in their midst. "Blessed are you among women," Elizabeth said, "and blessed is the fruit of your womb."

#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

##### **PENTECOST SUNDAY**

Saturday, May 27

4:00pm Helen G. Tamasy - by Family

Sunday, May 28

11:00am Living & Deceased Members  
of Holy Family Church

Monday— May 29

8:00 am *Mass at St Anne, Rostraver*

Tuesday, May 30

8:00am Paul Kowalchuck - by Ann & Ted DiSanto

Wednesday, May 31

8:00am Helen Mortle - by Ron & Sue Melocchino

Thursday, June 1

8:00am *Mass at St Anne, Rostraver*

Friday, June 2

8:00am No Mass

Saturday, June 3

4:00 PM Anita Smith-Healing Mass - by Stan & Family

Sunday, June 4

11:00 AM Living & Deceased Members of Holy Family Church

#### ***Minister Schedule***

**4:00 PM - Saturday** - May 27

Lector - Keegan

Eucharistic Minister - Landini

**11:00 AM - Sunday** - May 28

Lector - Null

Eucharistic Minister - Schehr

**4:00 PM Saturday** - June 3

Lector - Materkowski

Eucharistic Minister - Landini

**11:00 AM - Sunday** - June 4

Lector - Beneccio

Eucharistic Minister - Keegan



## Pentecost

(Acts 2: 1 – 11; 1 Corinthians 12: 3 – 7, 12 – 13; John 20: 19 – 23)

Happy Birthday to each of you! That's right. Pentecost, for the Christian, is our birthday. But first – a little background on this very important day. Pentecost literally means 50<sup>th</sup>. It is a feast celebrated on the 50<sup>th</sup> day after the Passover Feast by the Jews and a feast celebrated on the 50<sup>th</sup> day after the Feast of the Resurrection of Jesus by the Christians.

Along with the Feast of the Passover and the Feast of Tabernacles, Pentecost was one of the major feasts of the Jews. During these three great Jewish festivals, every male Jew living within twenty miles of Jerusalem was legally bound to go to Jerusalem to participate in the Feast.

During Passover, the first *omer* (a Hebrew measure of about a bushel) of barley was offered to God. At Pentecost, two loaves of bread were offered in gratitude for the spring harvest.

For Christians – Pentecost marks the end and the goal of the Easter Season. It is a memorial of the day that the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles and the Virgin Mary in the form of fiery tongues, an event that took place fifty days after the Resurrection of Jesus. The Paschal mystery of the Passion, the Death, the Resurrection, and the Ascension of Jesus is completed in the sending of the Holy Spirit by the Father at the request of the Son upon His disciples. Pentecost also commemorates the official inauguration of the Christian Church by St Peter's apostolic preaching, which resulted in the conversion of 3,000 Jews to the Christian Faith that very day. Thus, Pentecost is the official birthday of the Church.

Each of us needs to allow the Holy Spirit of God to direct our lives. People pray that the Holy Spirit comes into their lives. But once in our lives, are we willing to let that Spirit direct us? Or do we still want to be in charge? For example: if someone gave us a flashlight and told us that it would help us to see in the dark, but we never turned it on, it is only a flashlight – not doing what it was designed to do. We have all received the Light of Christ on the day of our Baptism, and at our Baptism and Confirmation we received the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Are we allowing God's Spirit to guide us in His ways, or are we allowing ourselves to be guided by the world's ways? Are we allowing the Light of Christ to shine thru us?

God's mercy, which leads to new life, is celebrated at Pentecost as we celebrate the Birthday of the Church. With sins forgiven, we are restored into new relationships with the Father and with one another. God gives the members of the Church the gifts of the Spirit and He grants many gifts so that each person is called to use his or her gifts to build up the Church, and to look after and care for one another. No matter who we are – we all have a particular call in life. To some – the call is that of being a parent; to others, maybe a teacher or a nurse. For the younger people, until they are old enough to hold down a job, their vocation can be considered to be that of a student. And then some are called to protect our nation in the military, or – as in my case, to be a priest. Each of us has a particular call / a particular vocation, and it is thru this call that we are challenged to share God's message of love, hope, and mercy with others. In the words of Blessed John Henry Newman – a "definite service" for the Lord.

Pope Francis at Rio offered the young people three ways in which they could live out their faith: by prayer, through the sacraments, and by helping the other person in need. These are simple yet profound truths which remind us that all of us, not just the young people, can live these three ways of faith.

In today's world and culture, it is difficult to be co-operative with God's Spirit and His will because we are surrounded by so many other sounds and distractions. Peer Pressure places additional challenges upon us. It's often difficult to "filter" thru all these other things so as to discern what God / what His Spirit is asking of us. So what do we do?

We need to cultivate the habit of "quiet time" each and every day to be alone with God – either by reading scripture, or some good "spiritual book." In that "quiet time", we need to allow ourselves to listen to the voice of God. Granted, His voice probably won't be as dramatic as what Moses would have experienced, but we probably will experience gentle nudges, or someone later in the day may say something to us that guides us in His way. By living our lives in the Holy Spirit and with the Spirit's help, we will be able to live lives of sacrificial love for others as Jesus so often asked of His followers, and still asks of us.

Today is a great day to ask the Holy Spirit to rekindle in us the spirit of new life and enthusiasm, the fire of God's love.

Let Us Pray for the Conversion of the World

& for Peace!



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### MAY

5/29 Office Closed Memorial Day

### MAY

5/31 9-11 AM Virtus Recertification

### JUNE

6/11 11 AM Graduation Mass

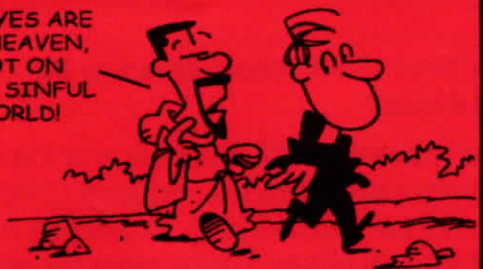
## VIRTUS RECERTIFICATION

There will be a Virtus recertification class held on Wednesday May 31 at Holy Family Church.

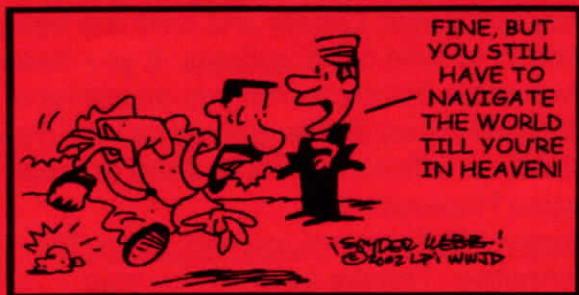
The class will last from 9-12. Any questions, please contact Regina at (724) 872-3486

### 7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MY EYES ARE  
ON HEAVEN,  
NOT ON  
THIS SINFUL  
WORLD!



FINE, BUT  
YOU STILL  
HAVE TO  
NAVIGATE  
THE WORLD  
TILL YOU'RE  
IN HEAVEN!



## Readings for the week of May 28, 2023

Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 (see 30)/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39w

Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Ez 37:1-14/Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30(see 30)/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39

Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 (see 30)/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23/Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Lk 1:39-56

Thursday: Sir 42:15-25/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 10:46-52

Friday: Sir 44:1, 9-13/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Mk 11:11-26

Saturday: Sir 51:12cd-20/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mk 11:27-33

Next Sunday: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 (52b)/2 Cor 13:11-13/Jn 3:16-18

## Observances for the week of May 28, 2023

Sunday: Pentecost Sunday

Monday: Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church; Memorial Day

Tuesday: World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Wednesday: The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Thursday: St. Justin, Martyr

Friday: Sts. Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs

Saturday: St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs

Next Sunday: The Most Holy Trinity

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# PRAY FOR VOCATIONS





## 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!**

### **Registration is Open for Faith Fun Nights!**

Registration forms can be picked up in the vestibule of the church. Please return completed forms in the collection basket, or by dropping it off at the Church Office. Volunteers are needed – Adults and youth aged 5<sup>th</sup> grade and older are invited to join in the fun and volunteer for these action-packed events! You may help with one, two or all three sessions! Sign up to volunteer on the sign-up sheet in the vestibule. You can call the Faith Formation Office at 724-872-3486 for more information!



### **Theology on Tap is Starting Back Up!**

Young adults aged 21-35 are invited to an evening of faith-filled discussion at Bloom Brew on May 31 from 6:30-8:00 PM. This initial start-up session will help determine the future times, dates, theme and place for this ministry. Faith Formation Director Regina Hopewell will be present to kick off the event and get us started. Call Regina at the Faith Formation Office at 724-872-3486 or text 719-235-3257 for questions or to RSVP.

### **Knights of Columbus Burger/Kielbasa Bash**

When: June 11, 2023

Time: 11:30 am to 1:30 pm

Location: Seven Dolors Church Hall

102 Center Street, Yukon, PA

**HANDICAP CCESSIBLE**

Burgers with or without cheese & chips \$7.00

Kielbasa with or without sauerkraut & chips  
\$8.00

Bake Sale Items – as marked

Drinks Available

**TAKE OUT IS AVAILABLE**

### **Do Your Clearances Need to be Updated?**

Everyone that volunteers in any capacity at church must have the required Child Protection training and clearances on file at the church office. These must be updated every five years. Letters and calls are being made to all who need updates. If you desire to volunteer but know that you do not have valid clearances on file, please call the Faith Formation Office at 724 872-3486 or email [rhopewell@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:rhopewell@dioceseofgreensburg.org) for information. Thanks so much for your cooperation with this!