



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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*June 25 2023—12th Sunday in
Ordinary time*



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.

Saints for the Week - July 29, Ss Peter & Paul -

St Peter - "I do so love St Peter," says a friend of mine. "Whenever he opens his mouth, he puts his foot in it". She is right, of course. Whatever else St Peter may be, he is not the model of a wise and noble hero. He walks on the water – but then panics and starts to sink. He makes the first profession of faith – and moments later blunders into error and is called Satan by the Lord. He refuses to be washed, and then, when the purpose is explained to him, demands to be washed all over. And, of course, he betrays his Master soon after having been warned that he will, and swore that he would never deny Jesus. If Peter is the rock on which the Church is built, what a fissured and friable rock it is! The choosing of Peter teaches us a lesson. The Church's foundation-stone and its first leader is not all-wise, all-knowing, good, heroic, and beautiful. He is a very ordinary man who makes about as many mistakes as we would in his place, and kicks himself for them just as thoroughly afterwards. If St Peter *had* been a hero, we could easily have despaired of ever becoming like him. If St Peter had been great, and noble, and good, we could have told ourselves that the Church is for the saints, despaired, sat down, and not bothered. But the Church is not just for saints: it is for confused, impetuous, cowardly people like us – or St Peter. The rock crumbles, the ropes are frayed, the wood is rotten – but, although that improbable building, the Church, is made of such inferior materials, it grows (on the whole) faster than it collapses, and it is grace that holds it together.

In the end, it was grace that gave the coward the courage to bear witness when it counted, grace that gave the fool the wisdom he needed to set the infant Church on her way, grace that taught the impetuous man patience and forbearance.

We none of us admire ourselves, however much we would like to; let us not try to admire St Peter either, but admire instead the grace he was given, and pray that, weak as we are, we may be given it too, and may use it.

St Paul - originally a zealous Pharisee who was out to destroy the Christian Faith. Paul has a conversion experience on the road to Damascus as he is planning another mass persecution of the early Christians. Paul becomes a fighter for the Christian Faith, uses his knowledge of the Law to prove his reason for conversion. His travels are extensive to the cities of Damascus, Jerusalem, Antioch and then criss-crossed the cities of Asia Minor establishing communities of Christians among the gentiles. Because of his activity he suffered constant harassment from his enemies. He ministered to the Corinthians, Ephesians, Galatians, and Romans. Paul's Epistles / Letters make up the bulk of the New Testament. After imprisonment in Rome, he was beheaded along the Ostian Way where his burial place is still venerated

Financial Report for June 6, 2023

Offertory:	\$2,357.00
Loose:	\$80.00
Candles:	\$54.00
Monthly:	\$466.00
Parish Income:	\$2,951.00
Patter's Pence	\$35.00
	\$2,986.00

Minister Schedule

4:00 PM - Saturday—June 24

Lector - Hughes

Eucharistic Minister - Page

11:00 AM - Sunday - June 25

Lector - Beneccio

Eucharistic Minister - Keegan

4:00 PM Saturday - July 1

Lector - Landini

Eucharistic Minister - Houseman

11:00 AM - Sunday - July 2

Lector - Materkowski

Eucharistic Minister - Schehr

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, June 24

4:00pm Melvin & Pauline Maleski - by son Ken

Sunday, June 25

11:00am Pete Azzari - by Tina, Corrine & Annette

Monday—June 26

8:00 am Mass at St Anne, Rostraver

Tuesday, June 27

8:00am Alma Jean Zima - Bev & George Tomich

Wednesday, June 28

8:00am Theresa Merlino - Family

Thursday, June 29

8:00am Mass at St Anne, Rostraver

Friday, June 30

8:00am No Mass

Saturday, July 1

4:00 PM - Catherine Behanna - Family

Sunday, July 2

11:00 AM - Neal Genemore - Lou & Deb Korpar

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Jeremiah 20: 10 – 13; Romans 5: 12 – 15; Matthew 10: 26 – 33)

Often, when I am doing home visits / Communion Calls with people, the conversation may turn to their particular fears. When I ask them to share their fears, some of their answers deal with the future, changes in their lives especially regarding their health, a past secret being made public, rejection, being alone, and ultimately their death. Other fears deal with the conditions in the world – and many of them, having lived thru some wicked wars, fear the threat of our country being called into the action of a brutal war.

I'll ask them if there is any way we can control or alter any of those fears, and they come to realize that they cannot. So – what can we do to “have no fear”? Trust God's promise to be with us to find a way to face whatever comes our way. That sounds a lot like the wisdom of Jeremiah that we hear in this weekend's first reading: “The Lord is with me, like a mighty champion: my persecutors... will not prevail” (Jeremiah 20:11).

Being aware of God's presence and His grace, makes all the difference. We know the overflowing gift of God's grace through Jesus Christ, as Paul shares in his letter to the Church in Rome.

We live in unsettled times. Issues are brewing across the globe, whether in North Korea, Russia, or in our very own country. Conflicts and divisions seem to be deepening every day and the news headlines constantly reveal more. We hesitate to have our children play outside alone, we fear being vulnerable in public places, and things we normally could trust are being called into question. Fear is an emotion not only becoming more common, but becoming justifiable in light of our current situation. But we are people of faith and Jesus clearly makes the point that fear has no place in the life of the disciple. Matthew's Gospel specifically tells us: “Fear no one.” Imagined, crippling fear can prevent us from discovering and enjoying life's beauty and developing our true potential.

This is the place where our readings bring us this week. As people of faith, we are called to trust that we are being led by God and that God's presence is with us. Jeremiah the prophet understood this, as did Jesus. God values us - and even the hairs on our head are counted. In the end, if we believe in God's promise then nothing can ever really happen to us. We cannot be destroyed. Our world is a challenging place to live. Life can be unstable and innocent people are hurt every day. In response, we can develop a fear of our world so great that it prevents us from actually living. As children of God and followers of Jesus, we need to consider the strength of our faith.

Not everyone is familiar with the name St Francis de Sales. And if we know the name, we may not be familiar with any of his teachings. One of his better known quotes teaches: *“Do not look forward to what may happen tomorrow; the same everlasting Father who cares for you today will take care of you tomorrow and every day. Either He will shield you from suffering, or He will give you unfailing strength to bear that suffering. Be at peace, then, put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginations, and say continually: 'The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart has trusted in Him and I am helped. He is not only with me, but in me, and I in Him.'”*

Those of you who are old enough to remember him, or those of us who have read history, may recall the words of Franklin Delano Roosevelt in his first inaugural address: *“There is nothing to fear but fear itself.”* – By saying this, FDR was telling the American people that their **fear** was making things worse. (He goes on to say, “nameless, unreasoning, unjustified terror which paralyzes needed efforts to convert retreat into advance.”) We need to remember that FDR became president during the Great Depression. Banks were closing. People were running to the banks and taking their money out. They were causing more damage to the economy. And so the government had to close banks for several days and call Congress back to Washington for a special session giving the American people and government time to calm down and make recovery plans.

Have no fear – easier said than done, **but** not impossible. Try this little exercise to calm down when fears get to you. Recall that you are always in God's presence. With that awareness, name your fears. Take a deep breath and give those fears to God as you release that breath. Then breathe deeply into your entire being the all-encompassing presence of God and let Him carry those fears. And - that's what Jesus the Good Shepherd promises us – that He will protect and guide us and carry our problems on His shoulders.

Let Us Pray for the Conversion of the World

& for Peace!

DO NOT BE
AFRAID

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UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNE 26 Faith Fun Night



Thank You to the volunteer that trimmed the shrubs and bushes around the Church, Rectory and parking lots. We greatly appreciate it!

CRS Spotlight

Hundreds of unaccompanied children have crossed the border from Sudan into Chad in recent weeks as fighting separates families and forces minors to make the arduous journey to safety without their parents. Humanitarian workers say “more and more” children are arriving alone in the neighbouring country, to which more than 100,000 refugees, about 60% of them under-18s, have fled since fighting erupted between rival military factions in mid-April. Catholic Relief Services recently spoke with The Guardian about how the incoming rainy season is going to make it harder for aid groups to reach them. Recently, a CRS team had travelled to the Sila region of south-eastern Chad last week to assess the refugees’ needs and had planned to distribute food as well as other crucial items such as mosquito nets, plastic sheeting and water-purification tablets. But they couldn’t cross because of a river flooding to get to the site, so they were obliged to go back. Visit www.crs.org for more information and to see how you can help!

Readings for the week of June 25, 2023

Sunday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35 (14c)/Rom 5:12-15/Mt 10:26-33
 Monday: Gn 12:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20 and 22/Mt 7:1-5
 Tuesday: Gn 13:2, 5-18/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/Mt 7:6, 12-14
 Wednesday: Gn 15:1-12, 17-18/105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 7:15-20
 Thursday: *Vigil*: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19
Day: Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19
 Friday: Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mt 8:1-4
 Saturday: Gn 18:1-15/Lk 1:46-47, 48-49, 50 and 53, 54-55/Mt 8:5-17
 Next Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19 (2a)/Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42

Observances for the week of June 25, 2023

Sunday: 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Tuesday: St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
 Wednesday: Saint Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr
 Thursday: Sts. Peter And Paul, Apostles
 Friday: The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church
 Saturday: St. Junipero Serra, Priest
 Next Sunday: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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St. John the Baptist Parish, Perryopolis

St. John the Baptist Parish, Perryopolis, will hold its festival Sunday, July 16, from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Featured will be homemade ethnic foods, a kids area, basket and cash raffles and live music from 1-3 p.m. For information, call 412-699-5257.

2023 Diocesan Lenten Appeal

Diocese target for Holy Family = \$24,672.00
 Our goal = \$50,000.00
 Pledged to date = \$43,261.50
 Percentage of Diocesan target = 100%
 Percentage of combined target = 57.9%

Faith Fun Night Act 1 on Monday!

Kids! Join us for the first of three Faith Fun Nights on Monday June 26 at 6:00 PM-8:30 PM. We'll walk through the Old Testament with Jesus as he tells us how the stories recorded in this part of the bible point to His coming! Help create a timeline and act out stories from Genesis, Exodus, the books of prophets and more! Parents, plan to return at 7:45 PM to watch the story performed by all helpers (kids 5th grade and up) and kids (K-4th grade) who are attending the event. You won't want to miss! Snacks will be served at the end of the evening for all! Questions? Call the Faith Formation Office or email rhopewell@dioceseofgreensburg.org.

Clearance Training Scheduled

We will be holding training for clearances for volunteers on Tuesday June 27 from 5:00-7:30 PM at church of St. Anne. We will have notaries present to notarize affidavits throughout this time. Please make every effort to attend this session if you have received notification that your clearances are outdated, **OR if you would like to become a volunteer** in the future in any capacity at Church of St. Anne or Holy Family Church. Questions? Call Regina Hopewell at 724-872-3486 or email me at: rhopewell@dioceseofgreensburg.org.



**ST. PETER
AND PAUL,
APOSTLES**

Youth Group Leaders and Helpers

If you have a heart for our young people and would be interested in helping us form both a girls and a boys youth group, please call the Faith Formation Office and let us know! We especially need a few guys – young, old, in the middle to join with us in showing Jesus' love to our youth. We want to offer a range of activities and opportunities from fun nights to mission-oriented outreach to mentoring and digging deep into our faith. If you want to help a lot or just a little in one way or another or all of these ways, let us know!

Attention 1st Grade Parents.

Faith Formation registration packets will be mailed in a few weeks. If your child is entering 1st grade this coming school year, (both public and Catholic school) please contact Rachel Lewis at rlewis@dioceseofgreensburg.org or 724-797-2216 so that you can be put on the mailing list. Please remember in order to receive sacraments in 2nd grade, you will need to have your child registered and faithfully attending 1st grade Faith Formation.

Youth Bonfire, Burgers, and Brainstorming TONIGHT!

Calling all youth who are going into 6th, 7th, or 8th grades – come on Sunday June 25 from 7:00-8:30 PM for burgers and 'smores! We're going to be talking about starting a youth group for your age group and planning future events. We want to hear from you – so bring your ideas! Rain or shine...if it rains, we'll improvise and meet in the Social Hall! Email Regina at rhopewell@dioceseofgreensburg.org

Festival and Food Truck Rally July 23 St. Edward Parish, Herminie

St. Edward Parish, Herminie, will hold its festival and a Food Truck Rally Sunday, July 23, from noon-6 p.m. For information, call 724-446-5197.

Quo Vadis Days

This summer, the Priestly Vocation Office will host the sixth annual *Quo Vadis Days* (QVD) held at Christ our Shepherd Center **from Sunday, July 23 – Wednesday, July 26**. *Quo Vadis Days* is a four-day retreat/camp for high school boys that are open to considering a vocation to the priesthood and striving to follow God's call in their life. The QVD camp has become a summer tradition in our diocese that many young men look forward to each year. For more information and to register, please visit GreensburgPriest.org.