



Holy Family Parish

A Parish in the Diocese of Greensburg

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A Pennsylvania
Charitable Trust

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Parish Office Hours

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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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*July 2, 2023—13th 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.

Independence Day – This week we celebrate the birthday of our country. On this day when patriotic emotions run high, we pause to reflect upon the foundation of this great nation. Founded with God at the head, let us return to that God – this day and every day of our lives. Let us pray for and begin living that moral conversion that will bring us to what true Christian community living is all about. Let us return to Him – allowing Him to be in charge. On this 247th birthday, as we roast our hot dogs, enjoy picnics, fireworks and parades, let us take a moment to pause and thank God for this great nation. And let us make this our daily prayer: “As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord our God and obey His voice.” (Joshua 24: 24)

In Observance of The 4th of July, the Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday, July 4, 2023.

Saints for this Week - July 3 - St Thomas, apostle - one of the twelve apostles, was a Jew from Galilee called by Jesus to accompany Him on His mission to proclaim the Kingdom of God. When Jesus' life was threatened as He went to raise Lazarus from the dead, Thomas said to the others, “Let us also go, that e may die with Him.” At the Last Supper, when Jesus spoke of going away to His Father, Thomas replied, “Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?” Perhaps, best known, on that first Easter Sunday, Thomas was not with the others when Jess came into the room where they were. Though they told him, “We have seen the Lord!”, Thomas answered, “I will not believe until I put my finger into the nail marks in His hands and His side.” The expression - “Doubting Thomas” comes from this incident. The date of Thomas' death is unknown.

Minister Schedule

4:00 PM Saturday - July 1

Lector - Landini

Eucharistic Minister - Houseman

11:00 AM - Sunday - July 2

Lector - Materkowski

Eucharistic Minister - Schehr

4:00 PM - Saturday—July 8

Lector - Materkowski

Eucharistic Minister - Balenovich

11:00 AM - Sunday - July 9

Lector - Beneccio

Eucharistic Minister - Beneccio

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 1

4:00 PM - Catherine Behanna - Family

Sunday, July 2

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

Monday—July 3

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

Tuesday, July 4

8:00am - For God's Blessings on our Country

Wednesday, July 5

8:00am - Deceased of the Balash Family

Thursday, July 6

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

Friday, July 7

8:00am No Mass

Saturday, July 8

4:00pm Stanley A. Materkowski - by Family

Sunday, July 9

11:00am Joni Floriani - by Dolores

Readings for the week of July 2, 2023

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

Monday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 20:24-29

Tuesday: Gn19:15-29/Ps 26:2-3, 9-10, 11-12/Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday: Gn 21:5, 8-20a/Ps 34:7-8, 10-11, 12-13/Mt 8:28-34

Thursday: Gn 22:1b-19/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Mt 9:1-8

Friday: Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67/Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5/Mt 9:9-13

Saturday: Gn 27:1-5, 15-29/Ps 135:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:14-17

Next Sunday: Zec 9:9-10/Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14
(see 1)/Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30

Observances for the week of July 2, 2023

Sunday: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Thomas, Apostle

Tuesday: Independence Day

Wednesday: St. Anthony Zaccaria, Priest; St. Elizabeth of Portugal

Thursday: St. Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr

Next Sunday: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Financial Report for June 27, 2023

Offertory: \$2,532.00

Loose: \$51.00

Candles: \$52.00

Monthly: \$210.00

Parish Income: \$2,845.00

Patter's Pence \$212.00

\$3,057.00

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time - (2 Kings 4:8-11, 13-16; Romans 6:3-4,8-11; Matthew 10: 37-42)

Our Christian Duty, and hospitality. What do these two have in common as a follower of Jesus?

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a German Lutheran pastor and theologian, is one of the Christian heroes of the last century. In his native land, he argued strenuously against Hitler's euthanasia program and his genocidal attack on the Jews. Because of this opposition, Bonhoeffer was imprisoned and later sent to a concentration camp. He was executed by the Nazis towards the end of the war. The doctor who was present at his execution recorded how he was moved by the calm and prayerful spirit in which the heroic pastor faced death.

In 1937, Bonhoeffer had written a book called – in its English translation – *The Cost of Discipleship*, which has become a modern spiritual classic. In it he warns against the notion of “cheap grace”, which he describes as “grace without discipleship, grace without the cross, grace without Jesus Christ”. The “cheap grace” approach emphasizes the more attractive and consoling aspects of Christianity, with little or no reference to the demands made upon those who follow Jesus. Bonhoeffer insists that to leave out the difficult aspects of Christianity – such as repentance, discipline, confession, discipleship, the cross – is to offer an incomplete version – a “cheap” version, of God's grace and of discipleship.

Among the many different Christian religions, the teaching is that Jesus paid it all. While this is true, there is still something that is required on our parts. God's grace is a free gift. On our own, we could never get to Heaven. God's free gift of grace helps us. Yet, we hear Jesus' parables of the “unproductive fig tree, or the 10 who did not bring enough oil to the wedding feast, or the one that teaches: when I was hungry, when I was thirsty, etc.” Even in the letter of James we are reminded that “faith without works is dead.” And so – Bonhoeffer, in writing this book, is reminding all of us that to be a follower of Jesus requires a little something on our parts.

This weekend's readings focus both on this point as well as on that of hospitality. If we are to treat one another with consideration and respect, then we should do our best to welcome the stranger among us and assist them in whatever way that we can. The prophet Elisha benefitted from this kindness when, on his journeys, he was invited to take food and shelter with the woman of Shunem. As one act of kindness prompts another in return, Elisha promises the woman that God will reward her with a child of her own. Jesus takes up this theme of welcome and expresses Himself energetically on the importance of being friendly to others. We do not have to be wealthy in this world's goods to be able to give hospitality. A simple smile of welcome, a word of gratitude, or – as in today's Gospel – a cup of cold water. It really doesn't take much to be “Christ” for others. And when we are in a good relationship with those around us, we are in a good relationship with Jesus, and the opposite is true: when we are in a good relationship with Jesus, then we come to realize that that good relationship involves welcoming others in the name of Jesus.

Bonhoeffer's views reflect what we've heard in the S/S Readings. Jesus makes no bones about it: following Him will make demands of us, for He must be the center of our lives, no matter what the cost. By way of extreme example, He insists that even the most precious relationships – such as those between children and parents, must not be allowed to come between us and Him. Of course, this does not mean that the bonds of love within a family are of no importance. Quite the contrary – they are of supreme importance – but we cannot allow even these relationships – or the views presented by those closest to us – to be a barrier between us and our duty to God.

Baptism asks the same of us. We are to live for God and for all who belong to God in Jesus Christ. Making our relationship with Jesus as a primary goal is important. It helps us to take up our crosses – be they afflictions, mortifications, troubles and contradictions that come our way in life.

Being a follower – a true and authentic follower – of Jesus is always a costly business. At times it makes painful demands on us that go against our instinctive desires. It sometimes makes us feel that we are out of step with the rest of humanity, that we are losing out on life. But Jesus makes an extraordinary promise: “Anyone who loses his life for My sake will find it.” Put another way – whatever the apparent losses now, the profits will be immeasurably greater in the future.”

St Paul powerfully makes this point quite clear – while we may seem poor or only half alive to the unbelieving world, it is we who are rich, possessing everything, and fully alive.

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



JULY

UPCOMING EVENTS

Holy Name	7/9	9:30AM
Faith Formation	7/26	6PM

Festival and Food Truck Rally July 23 at 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.

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.

Catholic Charities golf outing set Aug. 11

Only five openings for foursomes remain for Catholic Charities' 21st annual Paul R. Smiy Memorial Golf Outing, set for Friday, Aug. 11, at Ligonier Country Club, with a 10 a.m. shotgun start. To register or for more information, visit CCharitiesGreensburg.org or call 724-837-1840, ext. 1504.

2023 Diocesan Lenten Appeal

Diocese target for Holy Family = \$24,672.00
Our goal = \$50,000.00
Pledged to date = \$43,865.50
Percentage of Diocesan target = 100%
Percentage of combined target = 58.7%

CRS Spotlight for 7/2/23

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!

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.

HAPPY FOURTH
OF JULY



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SUMMER FAITH FUN NIGHTS

God's Big Story in Three Acts

JULY 24 ACT 2

TO BE HELD AT HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

Join us for the second Faith Fun Night on Monday, July 26 at 6:00 -8:30 PM as we learn about Jesus in the Gospels! Kids aged K-4th grade arrive at 6:00 PM;

Parents return at 7:45 PM to watch the Big Story live on stage! Sign up to help or register for the event - forms are available in the church's vestibule or email rhopewell@dioceseofgreensburg.org.

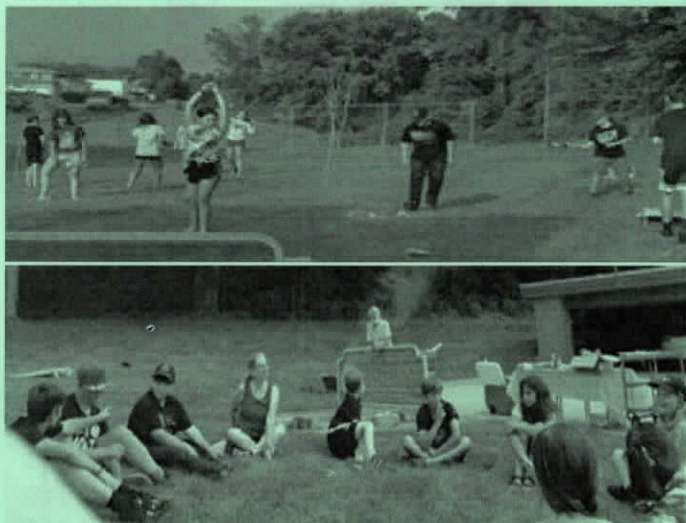
Registration Packets for Faith Formation

Registration Packets for the church's Faith Formation 2023-2024 classes for children going into grades 1-8 are being mailed this week. Please contact Rachel Lewis at rlewis@dioceseofgreensburg.org if you do not receive a packet and need one (for example, you are new to the church), or if you have any questions regarding registration.

RCIA Registration is now Open!

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) and sacramental preparation helps non-Christians, Christian non-Catholics, as well as Catholics who have not celebrated First Communion or Confirmation to be fully initiated into the Catholic Church. These individuals meet on a regular basis to learn about and discuss the various teachings of the Catholic Church. Classes will begin in September for adults. We will also have separate catechesis classes for youth and children that have not been Baptized, or made First Communion or Confirmation at the prescribed times. Contact Regina Hopewell in the Faith Formation Office to learn more, or to express your desire to participate in RCIA.

Our Youth Group Burger and Bonfire was a great success! Additional photos are on the website and on St. Anne's Facebook page. Check them out!!!



As we form middle school girls and a middle school boys Youth Groups, we invite you to consider becoming involved as a leader or helper. A wide variety of skills and interests, as well as ages and both genders, are needed! All you need is a desire to help our youth grow in Jesus' love and a desire to help them connect as full members of this church and God's family! We are planning a range of activities from fun nights to outreach/service oriented to digging deep into our faith and connecting that to life's big challenges! If you would like to help in big ways or small, let us in the Faith Formation Office know!

