



# Holy Family Parish

*A Parish in the Diocese of Greensburg*

**225 North Second Street**

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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**

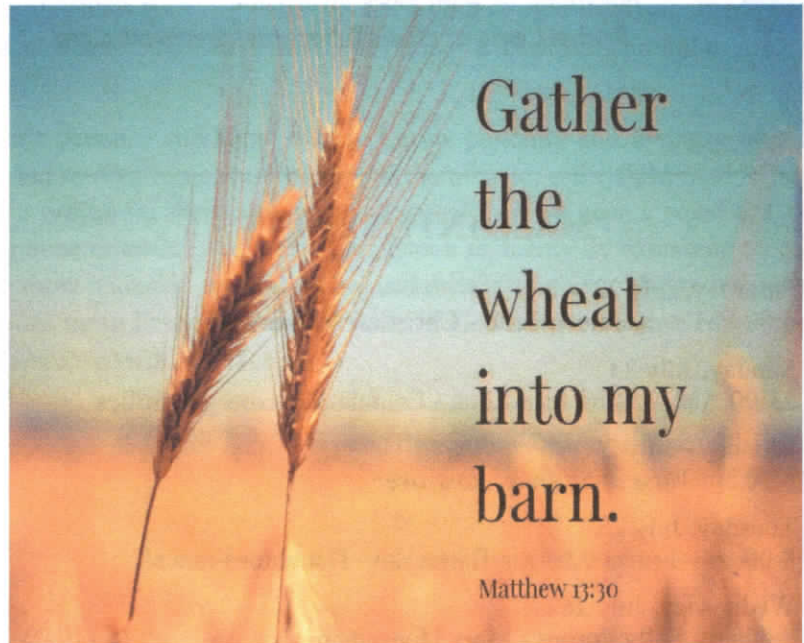
**St Anne Church - 724 - 872 - 3555**

**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.

*July 23 2023—16th Sunday in  
ordinary time*



## 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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**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 25 - St James (? - 44)** - He was the brother of St John and, like him, a fisherman. He was one of the witnesses of the Transfiguration and one of those who slept through most of the Agony in the Garden. He was the first of the apostles to be martyred, being beheaded by King Herod Agrippa I to please the Jewish opponents of Christianity. He was buried in Jerusalem, and nothing more is known about him until the 9th century. Tradition says that the relics of St James were brought to Spain some time after his martyrdom.

**July 26—Ss Joachim and Ann, parents of Mary** - Ancient Christian Tradition records the names of Sts Joachim and Anne as the parents of Mary, the mother of Jesus. They were both members of the tribe of Judah of the house of David. According to tradition, Joachim and Anne came to Jerusalem from Galilee. Over the centuries, they have been honored, especially in the East, at great churches and shrines built in memory of them. Historically and biblically, not much is known of Joachim and Anne, except that they are the parents of Mary and grandparents of Jesus.



### **DON'T MISS OUT ON REGISTRATING FOR THE 2023-2024 FAITH FORMATION SCHOOL YEAR!**

The July 15th deadline has passed, but there's still time to submit your forms. If you need a packet, have questions, or want more information please contact Rachel Lewis at [rlewis@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:rlewis@dioceseofgreensburg.org).

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday, July 22

4:00 PM - Kathleen Sette - Christian Mothers

Sunday, July 23

11:00 AM - Alma Jean Zima - Francia & Saxberg Families

Monday - July 24

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

Tuesday, July 25

8:00am - Frances & Don Bartesco - Daughter Frances

Wednesday, July 26

8:00am - Sally Forbes - Mary Houseman

Thursday, July 27

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

Friday, July 28

8:00am No Mass

Saturday, July 29

4:00pm - August P. White, Jr - Gerry Hamacher

Sunday, July 30

11:00am - David Sims - Family

## **Minister Schedule**

**4:00 PM - Saturday—July 22**

Lector - Landini

Eucharistic Minister - Landini

**11:00 AM - Sunday - July 23**

Lector - Null

Eucharistic Minister - Keegan

**4:00 PM - Saturday—July 29**

Lector - Materkowski

Eucharistic Minister - Page

**11:00 AM - Sunday - July 30**

Lector - Beneccio

Eucharistic Minister - Luzi

## **Readings for the week of July 23, 2023**

Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 (5a)/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43

or 13:24-30

Monday: Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6/ Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Mt 20:20-28

Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28/Mt 13:1-9

Thursday: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Mt 13:10-17

Friday: Ex 20:1-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 13:18-23

Saturday: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130 (97a)/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

## **Observances for the week of July 23, 2023**

Sunday: 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Sharbel Makhluf, Priest

Tuesday: St. James, Apostle

Wednesday: Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday: Sts. Martha, Mary and Lazarus

Next Sunday: 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

## 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time –

(Wisdom 12: 13, 16 – 19; Romans 8: 26 – 27; Matthew 13: 24 – 43)

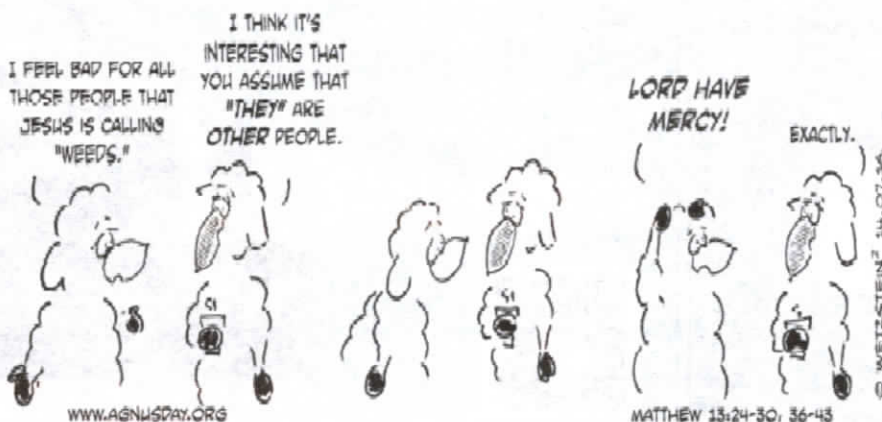
If any of us do any kind of gardening, I think we are familiar with the dilemma of weeds growing with the intended plants. We know that when the ground is dry, especially in this part of Western Pennsylvania, it takes effort to pull the weeds without disturbing our good plants. And we know that after a nice rain (like we had this past week) weeding is easier because the ground is soft, yet because it is soft the risk is still there of uprooting the intended plants along with the weeds. Today's Scripture readings tell us about a very patient and compassionate God Who is hopeful that the so-called "weeds" among us will be converted. The readings warn us that we should not be in a hurry to eliminate such elements from the Church or society or the family on the basis of unwarranted and hasty judgment.

The selection from the Old Testament book of Wisdom shows us a merciful and patient God, different from the disciplining and punishing God presented in the book of Genesis. In the short selection we have from Paul's letter to the Church in Rome we are reminded that the Spirit of God goes on empowering us in our prayers and in our weakness. So we should be patient with ourselves and others – sometimes easier said than done. And in Matthew's Gospel passage we hear three short parables: the parable of the wheat and the weeds, the parable of the mustard seed, and the parable of the yeast kneaded into the flour. The last two parables (of the mustard seed, and of the yeast) tell us that God's Kingdom will grow. It will grow to a size beyond anyone's wildest dreams. The parable of the wheat and the weeds requires a little more explanation.

Jesus presents a wise and patient God Who allows the good and the evil to coexist in the world and blesses the evil ones for the little good they may have done, so that the evil ones may come to conversion before their time ends. Jesus says: "Let the seed and the darnel grow together till the harvest time." In other words, God awaits repentant sinners, giving them the strength to acknowledge their weakness. He calmly recognizes that there is evil in the world, but He sees that evil as no excuse for the good people not to do good with the power of God at their disposal. Through the parable of the wheat and the weeds in today's Gospel, Jesus calls each of us to be patient with those who fail to meet the high ethical standard that is expected of a Christian.

For you and for me – we need to practice patience and show mercy. Let us patiently and lovingly treat the "weeds" in our society as our brothers and sisters and to do all in our power to put them back on the right road to heaven, especially by our good example and our fervent prayer for their conversion. Most of us have been a weed in God's field at some point in our lives – maybe more than once or twice. And hasn't He shown us mercy by extending His forgiveness when we asked it of Him? So should we show patience, understanding and mercy to others. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, God can change even the ugliest thorn into a blossom of faith. In God's field we have two responsibilities: to grow in grace, and to share His Word and love with others.

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







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## UPCOMING EVENTS

7/24 FAITH FUN NIGHT 6 PM  
7/25 CANTOR PRACTICE 6 PM  
8/13 HOLY NAME 9:30 AM

## St. Edward Parish Festival & Food Truck Rally

Will take place in Herminie this Sunday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> from Noon - 6:00pm. The day includes 6 Food Trucks on site, Cold Beverages, Beer and Wine, Homemade Desserts, Games of Chance, Cash Raffles, Children's Games, Dime Pitch, Basket Raffle, B-I-N-G-O, and much more! All are welcome!

## *Financial Report for July 11, 2023*

Offertory:	\$2884.00
Loose:	\$177.00
Candles:	\$57.00
Monthly:	\$295.00
<b>Parish Income:</b>	\$3,413.00
Peter's Pence	\$20..00
	\$3,433.00

## *Financial Report for July 18, 2023*

Offertory:	\$3,242.00
Loose:	\$81.00
Candles:	\$67.00
Monthly:	\$320.00
<b>Parish Income:</b>	\$3,709.00
Accent	\$3.00
Catholic Comm.	\$10.00
Central Europe	\$10.00
Home Missions	\$10.00
Holy Land	\$10.00
Peter's Pence	\$10.00
Parish Income	\$3762.00

## 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-4<sup>th</sup> grade arrive at 6:00 PM;

Parents return at 7:45 PM to watch the Big Story live on stage! Sign up to volunteer or to register your child for the event - forms are available in the church's vestibule or email [rhopewell@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:rhopewell@dioceseofgreensburg.org). Volunteers arrive at 5:00 PM the night of the event, and there will be a day to prepare on Thursday, July 20 between 11:00 AM and 3:00 PM for all volunteers that are available to give some time that day!

## CRS Spotlight for 7/23/23

By 2050, someone could be eating the last piece of chocolate. The Fairtrade Foundation estimates that by 2050, cocoa-producing regions will become too warm for cultivation. The good news is that farmers who protect the environment can delay that from happening. Visit [www.crs.org](http://www.crs.org) for more information! "Climate change is a global problem with grave implications... It represents one of the principal challenges facing humanity in our day." ~ Pope Francis, Laudato Si (Papal Encyclical), Paragraph 25

## Cantors Needed

If anyone is interested in becoming a Cantor, please attend Tuesday night Cantor Practice or call Amanda at (724) 309-8960. All ages are welcome!



**Millions in Catholic school tuition assistance available**

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**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 (724) 872-3486 to learn more, or to express your desire to participate in RCIA.

**50th Wedding Anniversary**

Bishop Kulick would like to recognize all couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary during the calendar year 2023. The Jubilarians, their children, relatives or friends should contact Holy Family to register couples for this recognition. The Jubilarians will be invited to join the bishop for a special Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass to be celebrated in Blessed Sacrament Cathedral on Sunday, October 1, 2023. Even though personal circumstances may not permit individuals to participate in the Mass, all registered couples will receive a scroll signed by the bishop commemorating their anniversary. Please contact the Church office at (724) 872-6123 to register.

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