



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

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Phone Numbers

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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 30 2023—17th Sunday in
Ordinary time*

THE HIDDEN TREASURE AND THE PEARL OF GREAT PRICE



"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field."

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking beautiful pearls, who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it."



Matthew 13:44-46

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.

Minister Schedule

4:00 PM - Saturday —July 29	4:00 PM - Saturday —August 5
Lector - Materkowski	Lector - Hughes
Eucharistic Minister - Page	Eucharistic Minister - Quinn
11:00 AM - Sunday - July 30	11:00 AM - Sunday - August 6
Lector - Beneccio	Lector - Keegan
Eucharistic Minister - Luzi	Eucharistic Minister - Schehr



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.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 29
4:00pm - August P. White, Jr - Gerry Hamacher

Sunday, July 30
11:00am - David Sims - Family

Monday - July 31
8:00 am *Mass at St Anne, Rostraver*

Tuesday, August 1
8:00am - Living & Deceased Members of Holy Family

Wednesday, August 2
8:00am - John Hanick - Karen Foster

Thursday, August 3
8:00am *Mass at St Anne, Rostraver*

Friday, August 4
8:00am No Mass

Saturday, August 5
4:00pm - Mary & John Nohavicka - Pam & Bill Moot

Sunday, August 6
11:00 AM - Jack Simon - George, Sally & Gina

Readings for the week of July 30, 2023

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

Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-
20, 21-22, 23/Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps
103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Mt
13:36-43

Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9/
Mt 13:44-46

Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3, 4,
5-6a and 8a, 11/Mt 13:47-53

Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/
Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab/Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8/
Mt 14:1-12

Next Sunday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2,
5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9

Observances for the week of July 30, 2023

Sunday: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

Tuesday: St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and
Doctor of the Church

Wednesday: St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop;
St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest

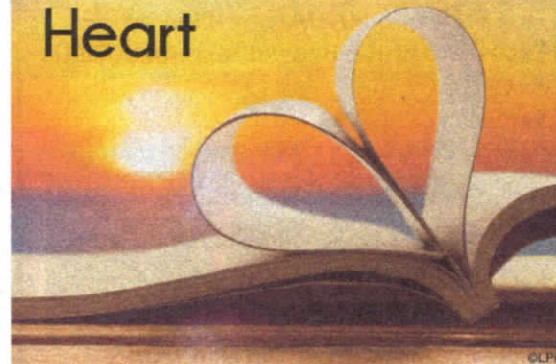
Friday: St. John Vianney, Priest

Saturday: The Dedication of the Basilica of
St. Mary Major

Next Sunday: The Transfiguration of the Lord

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A Wise and Understanding Heart



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17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

(1 Kings 3: 5, 7 – 12; Romans 8: 28 – 30; Matthew 13: 44 – 52)

If the Lord appeared to you and asked: “Ask something of Me and I will give it to you,” what would you ask for? That is the question posed to Solomon in this weekend’s first reading that we read about in the Book of Kings. Solomon was a young man when he inherited the throne from his father – King David. He had no ruling experience and had much to learn in his youth. And so, Solomon’s response to the Lord is not for wealth or power over enemies. Instead, he asks for Wisdom – Wisdom to rule well, and for the ability to discern right from wrong. What an answer! What a gift to ask for! And yet, when we think about it, such a gift cannot have a monetary value placed upon it. Wisdom is more valuable than riches, or any power or force. To be wise is to possess a power to guide the way we live our lives so as to bless and benefit others at the same time. It’s no wonder that people were always flocking to and gathering around Jesus. His was a wisdom, a guidance from His Heavenly Father, that the people never experienced before. Today’s Scripture Readings tell us that accepting Jesus as our God and Savior and sacrificing everything in life to do the will of God are equivalent to discovering and possessing the most valuable treasure in the world. In another words, keeping a personal relationship with Jesus and sharing His view of life are the most beautiful, the most precious things in the world.

The first reading from the Book of Kings tells us how the young King Solomon opted for the great treasure of accepting God to rule his life by doing God’s will. From the selection of Paul’s letter to the Romans we learn that God is calling us through various stages of spiritual growth. Paul assures the Roman Church that “all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to His purpose.” And in the Gospel selection from Matthew Jesus teaches that God’s Kingdom is something of extraordinary value, like a hidden treasure or a costly pearl, and that its possession calls for total commitment on our parts.

In the Church, we still need wise preachers of the Word of God. We marvel at men such as St John Paul II, the late Pope Benedict XVI and his words of wisdom in his writings and homilies, as well as our current Pope Francis and the simplicity with which he approaches all situations. Each of them has brought a different angle of the Gospel message to the world. And yet, there are many other preachers in the world. Besides us priests who wear a special collar, the people in the pews are also called to spread the Gospel message. How? Not necessarily with words from a pulpit, but words that encourage, words that comfort, words that forgive, words that let others know that someone cares for them. Our example and the things that we do on a daily basis help to spread the message of Jesus: lives of caring and giving, and service to those around us.

I’m sure that if we take the time to think about it, we can come up with a list of countless people who fit into such a category – lives of caring service. The love of God alive in their hearts blesses the lives of so many each and every day. Such people truly reflect what the love of God is all about. And the Wisdom of God is evident within them.

Now it is up to you and me. When we wake up in the morning and say our prayers (assuming that we pray), do we ask for God’s guidance and guardianship over our thoughts, words and actions for that day? We should. Because if we do, we are not far from the prayer of Solomon. When we ask for His guidance and guardianship, we are asking for the help/ the wisdom we need to decipher right from wrong; and more – to have a heart free of fear, able to love others simply and sincerely.

Even though we are believers, we sometimes fall into the trap of asking for other things – maybe a long life with good health, maybe wealth to see us through hard times. Today, we are being challenged to reflect and realize the infinite value of what God offers to us in the Kingdom. Today we are being called to live lives wholeheartedly for God.

Called, as we are, to be “true images” of Jesus for our world, we need to choose wisely and seek the “real” treasure, which is Christ. We can, like Solomon, in prayer ask for understanding and a greater ability to judge wisely. Such gifts will engender in us a greater love and compassion for those around us. For when we understand more deeply, we can love more generously and forgive more readily.

Let Us Pray for the Conversion of the World

& for Peace!

UPCOMING EVENTS

8/13 HOLY NAME 9:30 AM
8/14 FAITH FUN NIGHT 6 PM

SUMMER FAITH FUN NIGHT

God's Big Story in Three Acts

****TO BE HELD AT SAINT ANNE
CHURCH****

Join us for the third Faith Fun Night on Monday, August 14 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 volunteer or to register your child for the event - forms are available in the church's vestibule or email rhopewell@dioceseofgreensburg.org. Volunteers arrive at 5:00 PM the night of the event, and there will be a day to prepare on Thursday, August 10 between 12:00 AM and 4:00 PM for all volunteers that are available to give some time that day!

Lock-in for Life

Girls in 6th, 7th, & 8th Grades
JOIN US

**Saturday, August 19th
4:30pm ~ 12am
St. Anne's**

The evening will start with Mass, and then pizza, games, videos, crafts, plus more!

All to help girls deepen their relationship with Jesus and know they are worthy of his LOVE

For questions or more information, contact
Stephanie Boyer 724-462-4116
Helen Carroll 724-984-0113
RSVP by August 15th

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.

Financial Report for July 25, 2023

Offertory:	\$2,026.00
Loose:	.\$119.00
Candles:	\$62.00
Assumption of Mary	\$5.00
Monthly:	\$50.00
Parish Income:	\$2,262.00
Accent	\$6.00
Total Income:	\$2,268.00

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.

The Catholic Accent

The Catholic Accent International Edition television program features blessings from around the world taking root right here in the Diocese of Greensburg.

Featured in this upcoming program are the faith formation students from Saint Anne Parish Rostraver and Holy Family Parish in West Newton. Learn how the students in grades four through eight connected with orphaned children in Ukraine to demonstrate their love, compassion and support for those suffering the ravages of war.

Also featured on the program is a Westmoreland County couple from Nigeria, who have found their home at a Greensburg parish, bilingual bible study in Armstrong County, Spanish Mass Jeannette and a visit from a Filipino Bishop for an international food festival in Greensburg this August. Plus, Bishop Kulick is just back from Slovakia, the homeland of his ancestors – where he says the roots of his faith began.

Watch The Catholic Accent, Sunday, Aug. 13 at 11:30 a.m. on WPXI

CRS Spotlight for Sunday, 8/6/23

In April 2023, armed conflict broke out between two warring factions in Sudan. The ongoing war has displaced over 3 million people internally and into neighboring countries. The resulting humanitarian crisis has limited people's access to food, clean water, healthcare and shelter. As the rainy season approaches, there's an increased risk of disease outbreaks, compounded by a lack of access to healthcare in many parts of Sudan. Challenges, including insecurity, bureaucratic access impediments and looting of humanitarian supplies, are hampering aid delivery.

Despite the challenging security context in Sudan, CRS and partners in Central Darfur provide life-saving assistance. Over the past 3 months, CRS has distributed 2,942.5 metric tons of food from the World Food Programme to over 100,000 people in Central Darfur. Additionally, CRS and our partners in Central Darfur delivered medical supplies to 21 healthcare facilities to ensure they are well-stocked. Through this support, we anticipate nearly 40,000 people will benefit from improved food security. Please visit www.crs.org for more information!

The Epiphany of Our Lord Parish, Monessen

The Epiphany of Our Lord Parish, Monessen, will hold its annual festival Friday, Aug. 4, from 5-9 p.m., and Saturday, Aug. 5, from noon-10 p.m. Games, raffles, entertainment and food will be featured, plus a car show and outdoor Mass (10 p.m.) Saturday. For information, call 724-684-7661 or visit eolparish.com

THY KINGDOM COME!