



# 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**

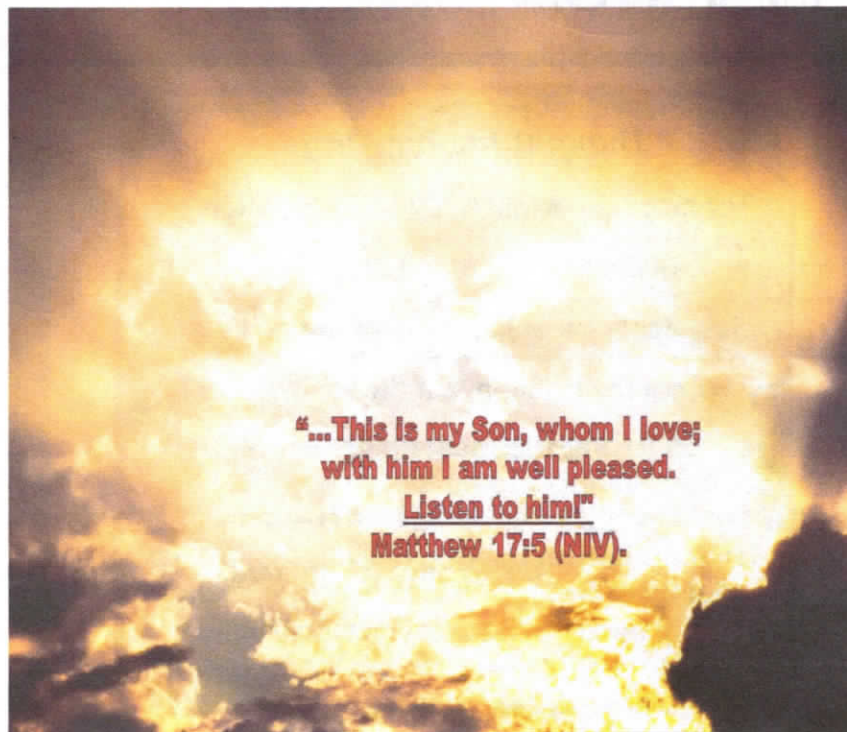
**St Anne Church - 724 - 872 - 3555**

**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.

## *August 6, 2023—The Transfiguration of the Lord*



**"...This is my Son, whom I love;  
with him I am well pleased.  
Listen to him!"  
Matthew 17:5 (NIV).**

## 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.



## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 5

4:00pm - Mary & John Nohavicka - Pam & Bill Moot

Sunday, August 6

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

Monday - August 7

8:00 am Mass at St Anne, Rostraver

Tuesday, August 8

8:00am - PJ Kemmery - Family

Wednesday, August 9

8:00am - Mary Zagar Birthday Rem. - George & Bev Tomich

Thursday, August 10

8:00am Mass at St Anne, Rostraver

Friday, August 11

8:00am No Mass

Saturday, August 12

4:00pm - Philomena Balenovich - Family

Sunday, August 13

11:00 AM - Anna Karabin - Tina & Mike

### Thought for the Day

The most important thing in competition  
is not to win, but to take part.

Just as the most important thing in life  
is not the triumph, but the struggle.

The essential thing  
is not to have conquered  
but to have fought well.

(author unknown)

### Minister Schedule

4:00 PM - Saturday—August 5

Lector - Hughes

Eucharistic Minister - Quinn

11:00 AM - Sunday - August 6

Lector - Keegan

Eucharistic Minister - Schehr

4:00 PM - Saturday-August 12

Lector - Landini

Eucharistic Minister - Landini

11:00 AM - Sunday - August 13

Lector - Null

Eucharistic Minister - Keegan

### Readings for the week of August 6, 2023

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

Monday: Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15,  
16-17/Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-  
7, 12-13/Mt 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-  
14

Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a,  
34-35/Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-  
22, 23/Mt 15:21-28

Thursday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8,  
9/Jn 12:24-26

Friday: Dt 4:32-40/Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16  
and 21/Mt 16:24-28

Saturday: Dt 6:4-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 47  
and 51/Mt 17:14-20

Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9,  
10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/Rom 9:1-  
5/Mt 14:22-33

### Observances for the week of August 6

Sunday: The Transfiguration of the Lord

Monday: St. Sixtus II, Pope, and Compan  
ions, Martyrs; St. Cajetan, Priest

Tuesday: St. Dominic, Priest

Wednesday: St. Teresa Benedicta of the  
Cross, Virgin and Martyr

Thursday: St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr

Friday: St. Clare, Virgin

Saturday: St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Reli  
gious

Next Sunday: 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

**RIP - In Christian Charity we are asked to  
remember the soul of Robert W. Wachs..  
Who died recently and was buried from our  
Parish. May he Rest In Peace and our Con-  
dolences to the family.**

**RIP - In Christian Charity we are asked to  
remember the soul of Brenda Hughes..  
Who died recently and was buried from our  
Parish. May she Rest In Peace and our  
Condolences to the family.**



***Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord –***

**( Daniel 7: 9 – 10, 13 – 14; 2 Peter 1: 16 – 19; Matthew 17: 1 – 9)**

Typically we would be celebrating the 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, this weekend, but since August 6 falls on a Sunday, we have the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord. The relationships among the three Scripture Readings are tightly knit and structured to deliver the transfiguring promise of full life. Taken together, the readings are charged with the light and life greater than the light and life that are so abundant in nature right now. The Old Testament Book of Daniel is grouped with the prophetic books. However, much of the writing in Daniel carries the vision of an apocalypse, which the Israelites most certainly hoped for. The Jews at the time of this writing were mightily resisting the forced Hellenization of the culture as Roman power gave way to Greek dominance. The Jews had every reason to complain: “If it’s not one thing, it’s another.” Today we read of a view of the world “from heaven’s vantage point.” The Jews must have been consoled with the promise that the days of the dominant enemy are numbered and the Son of Man would come in triumph and establish an eternal Kingdom. The image of the bright light of the eternal God and of the Son of Man descending from the clouds of heaven is complemented perfectly in the Gospel, which speaks of Jesus’ face shining like the sun, His clothes dazzling white.

With Jesus in this Transfiguration scene is Moses - the Lawgiver, and Elijah – the greatest Old Testament prophet. They are engaged in conversation with Jesus. This holy meeting stuns the apostles. Only Peter finds the words that reflect both his amazement and his memory of the Scripture: “Lord, let us build three tents here as a remembrance – one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah!” After all, the Jews of old regularly constructed places holy to the Lord. Even to this day, we construct monuments to remember special people, places, or events.

The reading from Peter tells us what life with and in Jesus meant to the early Christian community. Those to whom the letter is addressed are surrounded by people persuaded by mystery religions that have all the easy, comforting answers. In counterpoint to such religions, we get the satisfying news that Jesus is the One Whom the Heavens revealed – both at His baptism: “You are My beloved Son” (Mark 1:11), and at the mountain of Transfiguration which we hear today. There is no border, no dividing line between the beloved Son and his beloved people. All share in His death and resurrection. That is the quiet promise flashing forth at the mount of the Transfiguration and realized in the death and resurrection. The writer of the second letter of Peter relies on this faith-knowing absolutely. His faith is the light by which he sees and enjoins us to see. The image is rich and beautiful. It is poetry. The flame of faith must burn in one’s heart like a lamp in the night.

The way that we know that such a flame is burning brightly is to live our lives just as Jesus lived His life while He walked the Earth in His human body. For us, that requires a continual conversion / an ongoing turning back to the Lord and His ways. Sound familiar? It should. Turning back to the Lord is a dominant Lenten theme, and it is an ongoing theme for the person who considers themselves to be a follower of Jesus. May we keep the bright flame of faith always alive in our minds and hearts.

**Saints for this week**

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

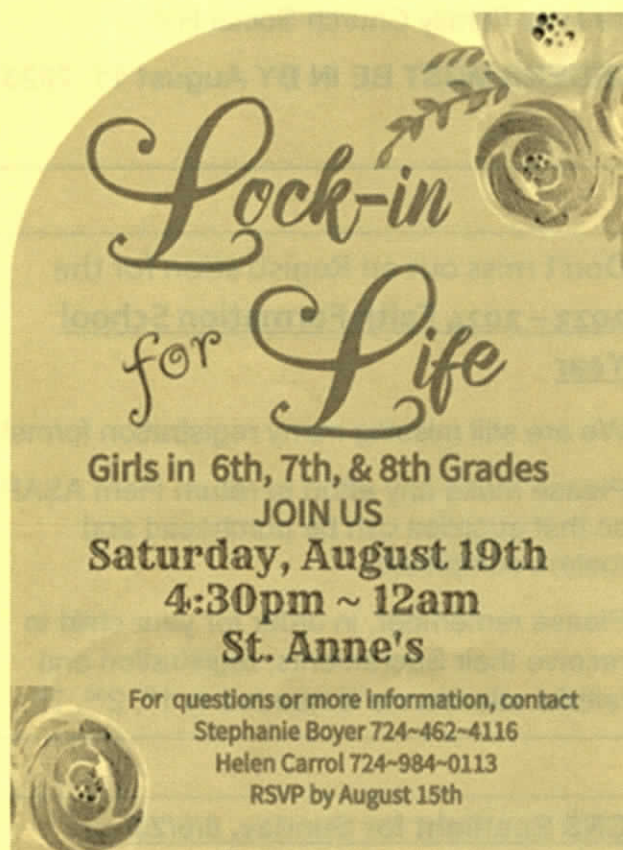
**August 11 - St Lawrence** - Lawrence was one of the seven deacons of the Church of Rome and was executed on August 10, 258—four days after Sixtus II and his companions were martyred during the persecutions of the Emperor Valerian. By now, few of the facts of his life are known for certain. According to tradition, Lawrence, aware that he was also to be martyred, began to distribute the monies and treasures of the Church to the city’s poor. The Roman prefect, hearing about this, wanted the wealth for the government, so he promised Lawrence clemency, if he would show him where the Church’s gold and silver were. Lawrence asked for three days to gather the treasure. Then he went through the city and invited all the poor and misfortunate supported by the Church to come together. When the prefect arrived, he saw the treasure of the Church: the blind, the maimed, the lepers, the orphans, and the old. The prefect was so angry that he had a great gridiron prepared with hot coals beneath it and had Lawrence placed on it. Thus - Lawrence’s association with the gridiron. After the martyr had suffered pain for a long time, the legend concludes, Lawrence cheerfully declared: “I’m well done on this side. Turn me over!” From this Lawrence derives his patronage of cooks, chefs, and comedians.



# AUGUST

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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



*Lock-in  
for Life*

Girls in 6th, 7th, & 8th Grades  
JOIN US  
**Saturday, August 19th**  
**4:30pm ~ 12am**  
**St. Anne's**

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

## ***Financial Report for August 1, 2023***

Offertory:	\$2,311.00
Loose:	\$192.00
Candles:	\$83.00
Monthly:	\$458.00
<b>Parish Income:</b>	<b>\$3,044.00</b>
Accent	\$3.00
<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>\$3,047.00</b>

## 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-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, August 10 between 12:00 AM and 4:00 PM for all volunteers that are available to give some time that day!

## **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.

### **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

### **Holy Name Society of Holy Family**

Holy Name is having a Fabulous Fuzzy's Hoagie Sale.

Choice of Deluxe Italian or Turkey

Cost \$9 each.

There will be a sign-up sheet in the back of the church or call Dan Landini at (724) 872-7603 to order

They hoagies will be delivered on Saturday August 19, 2023 from 12 PM – 1:30 PM at the Holy Family Church Social Hall

**ORDERS MUST BE IN BY August 11, 2023**

### **Don't miss out on Registration for the 2023 – 2024 Faith Formation School Year**

We are still missing many registration forms!

Please make any effort to return them ASAP so that supplies can be purchased and rosters completed.

Please remember, in order for your child to receive their Sacraments, registration and faithful attendance is needed in 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>,

### **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. Over the past 3 months, CRS has distributed 2,942.5 metric tons of food from the World Food Programmer to over 100,000 people in Central Darfur. Through this support, we anticipate nearly 40,000 people will benefit from improved food security. Please visit [www.crs.org](http://www.crs.org) for more information!