



# 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**

**Parish email : [hfamilywn@comcast.net](mailto:hfamilywn@comcast.net)**

**Parish Website: [holyfamilywestnewton.org](http://holyfamilywestnewton.org)**

## 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 13, 2023—The 19th 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.



## August 15 - Feast of the Assumption of Mary

On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII declared the Assumption of the Blessed Mother a doctrine of faith. The taking up of the body and soul of the Mother of God into heaven was celebrated in Jerusalem as far back as the fifth century. Gradually, various churches of East and West made it part of their calendar.

*This Feast is a Holy Day of Obligation - meaning Catholics are obliged to attend Mass on this day.*



*Mass Schedule for the Feast is:*

*Tuesday - August 15, 2023, 8:00 AM at Holy Family Tuesday - August 15, 2023, 6:30 PM at St Anne*

*For The Diocese of Greensburg, this is a special day for the Diocese is under the patronage of Mary Assumed into Heaven.*

**HOLY FAMILY CHURCH OFFICE WILL  
BE CLOSED ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 15**

## ASSUMPTION of the blessed virgin Mary

### MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 12

4:00pm - Philomena Balenovich - Family

Sunday, August 13

11:00 AM - Anna Karabin - Tina & Mike

Monday - August 14

8:00 am Mass at St Anne, Rostraver

Tuesday, August 15

8:00am - George & John Resatar - DuCoeur & Resatar Families

6:30pm - Assumption Mass at St. Anne

Wednesday, August 16

8:00am - Alex Romonosky, Sr - Family

Thursday, August 17

8:00am Mass at St Anne, Rostraver

Friday, August 18

8:00am No Mass

Saturday, August 19

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

Sunday, August 20

11:00 AM - Stanley & Agnes Minkus - Leonard & Jeanne

### Readings for the week of August 13, 2023

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

Monday: Dt 10:12-22/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday: *Vigil:* 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28 *Day:* Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17/Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 18:21-19:1

Friday: Jos 24:1-13/Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 and 24/Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a, and 5, 7-8, 11/Mt 19:13-15

Next Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (4)/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28

### Observances for August 13, 2023

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

Monday: St. Maximillian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr

Tuesday: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday: St. Stephen of Hungary

Saturday: St. John Eudes, Priest

Next Sunday: 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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### Minister Schedule

**4:00 PM - Saturday-August 12**

Lector - Landini

Eucharistic Minister - Landini

**11:00 AM - Sunday - August 13**

Lector - Null

Eucharistic Minister - Keegan

**4:00 PM - Saturday-August 19**

Lector - Materkowski

Eucharistic Minister Balenovich

**11:00 AM - Sunday - August 20**

Lector - Beneccio

Eucharistic Minister - Beneccio



## 19 Sunday in Ordinary Time

(1 Kings 19: 9, 11 – 13; Romans 9: 1 – 5; Matthew 14: 22 – 33)

A story is told of a small Midwest farming community in the middle of a dark winter's night. The two-story home of a young family caught fire. Quickly, parents and children followed their well-practiced emergency plan and made their way through the smoke-filled home out into the front lawn. There the father quickly counted heads and realized that their 5 year old son was not among them. Suddenly he heard the small voice and looked up to see the boy at his bedroom window, crying and rubbing his eyes. Knowing the danger of reentering the house to rescue his son, the father called, "Jump, Son! I'll catch you!" Between sobs, the boy responded to the voice he knew so well, "But I can't see you, Daddy!" The father answered with great assurance. "No, Son, you can't see me, but I can see you. Jump! And I'll catch you." At that, the boy jumped into the smoky darkness and found himself safely cradled in his father's arms. Today's Sacred Scripture Readings reflect upon trust – about having faith- about being able to discern the fact that our God is always with us.

From the Book of Kings, we read how Elijah the prophet, who had defeated the 450 false priests of Baal with the help of just such a trusting faith in the power of God, encountered the Lord God on Mt Horeb. As we continue through Paul's letter to the Church in Rome, Paul laments and mourns over the Jews who, having lost their faith in God and His prophets, had rejected their promised Messiah – Jesus.

And in the Gospel passage, what we read took place during and unexpected storm on the Sea of Galilee in the very early morning hours. As Jesus approached the apostles, miraculously walking on water, He allayed their fears by telling them – "It is I." The Gospel episode also explains how Peter lost his trusting faith in Jesus for a few seconds and consequently failed during his attempt to walk on water.

Many times we need to envision that lake scene – the disciples in their boat being battered by a storm. We need to envision this scene, especially at those times when our life's problems seem to be an overpowering storm ready to sink us or those times when we feel we do not have much to offer. And we need to realize that Jesus is with us, just as He was with the disciples on that stormy night, saying to us in His calm and collected voice, "Do not be afraid!" ( I am here for you. )

Also, keep in mind – that when Peter took his attention from Christ and focused on the strength of the wind, he began to sink. Whenever we in our lives take our attention off Christ and focus on the problems and worries of the day, that's usually when we feel our worst and feel as though we, too, are sinking. Let us learn from today's readings that Christ is always with us to support us in all our endeavors, and may we always remain focused on Him – thanking Him for His continual presence and support in our lives. We may not be able to see Him, but He is always there for us.

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

### Saints for this week

#### August 14 - St Maximilian Kolbe - (1894 - 1941)

He was born on 8 January 1894 in occupied Poland: he joined the Franciscans in Lwów in 1910, and was ordained eight years later, as his country became free and independent for the first time in over 120 years. He believed that the world was passing through a time of intense spiritual crisis, and that Christians must fight for the world's salvation with all the means of modern communication. He founded a newspaper, and a sodality called the Knights of Mary Immaculate, which spread widely both in Poland and abroad.

In 1927 he founded a community, a "city of Mary," at Teresin: centred round the Franciscan friary, it attracted many lay people, and became self-supporting, publishing many periodicals and running its own radio station. In 1930 he went to Japan, studied Buddhism and Shintoism, and through the Japanese edition of his newspaper spread the Christian message in a way that was in harmony with Japanese culture. In Nagasaki, he set up a "Garden of the Immaculate," which survived the atomic bomb. He also travelled to Malabar and to Moscow, but was recalled to Poland in 1936 for reasons of health.

When the Germans invaded in 1939, the community at Teresin sheltered thousands of refugees, most of them Jews. In 1941 he was arrested and sent to the concentration camp at Auschwitz, where he helped and succored the inmates. In August of that year a prisoner escaped, and in reprisal the authorities were choosing ten people to die by starvation. One of the men had a family, and Maximilian Kolbe offered to take his place. The offer was accepted, and he spent his last days comforting his fellow prisoners.

The man he saved was present at his canonization.



# 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



## SUMMER FAITH FUN NIGHT - Final Night Tomorrow!

God's Big Story in Three Acts

Act 3 - Monday, August 14<sup>th</sup>

6:00-8:30 PM at St. Anne's

Join us for the third and final Faith Fun  
Night as we learn about Jesus and the  
Church!

Kids aged K-4<sup>th</sup> grade arrive at 6:00 PM.

Helpers arrive at 5:00 PM

Parents return at 7:15 PM to watch the  
performance and enjoy an ice cream  
sundae with us!



## *Financial Report for August 8, 2023*

Offertory:	\$2,511.00
Loose:	\$132.00
Candles:	\$113.00
Assumption:	\$56.00
Monthly:	\$340.00
<b>Parish Income:</b>	<b>\$3,152.00</b>

Accent:	\$14.00
Catholic Univ.:	\$55.00
<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>\$3,221.00</b>



### **CRS Spotlight for Sunday, 8/13/23**

Sudan's armed conflict has caused a humanitarian crisis, threatening millions of lives. About 24.7 million people (half of Sudan's population) are in need of humanitarian aid and protection. Hunger and malnutrition in Sudan were already at record levels before the conflict erupted - but now, up to 2.5 million additional people in Sudan are expected to slip into hunger because of the ongoing violence, bringing the total number of people facing acute food insecurity to over 19 million. Out of these, over 3 million children are estimated to be acutely malnourished.

CRS and partners continue to work despite the challenges, providing food, emergency



### **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>, & 8<sup>th</sup> grades

### **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

### **RCIA Begins September 19!**

If you or someone you know desires to learn about the Catholic faith, RCIA is the place to go! 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. We will have a joint class for teens and adults. Contact the church office to learn more or to sign up!