



Holy Family Parish

A Parish in the Diocese of Greensburg

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A Pennsylvania
Charitable Trust

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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.

*August 20, 2023—20th 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.



WELCOME - to Fr Roselo Melloria. Even though his official day for being assigned pastor of Church of St Anne, and Holy Family Parish isn't until August 31, 2023, we can begin practicing how we will welcome Fr Roselo. Fr Rich and I were talking a few weeks ago and Fr Rich thought it would be nice if we could say something in Fr Roselo's native language. And So - at the conclusion of the Mass when the priest says

"The Mass is ended. Let us go in Peace", our response is usually "Thanks Be to God." BUT—for the first weekend that Fr Roselo is with us we will respond in his native tongue by saying "Salamat sa diyos" (or phonetically—"Sa La mat sad-jos."). Save this and practice it at home several times. And be prepared to say it at Fr Roselo's first Mass with us.

Financial Report for August 15, 2023

Offertory:	\$2,176.00
Loose:	\$83.00
Candles:	\$68.00
Assumption:	\$422.00
Monthly:	\$315.00
Parish Income:	\$3,064.00
Accent:	\$23.00
Total Income:	\$3,087.00

Readings for the week of August 20, 2023

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

Monday: Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37,
39-40, 43ab and 44/Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14/
Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/
Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13,
17-18/Jn 1:45-51

Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab,
6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-
2, 3, 4, 5/Mt 23:1-12

Next Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6,
8 (8bc)/Rom 11:33-36/Mt
16:13-20

Observances for the week of August 20, 2023

Sunday: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Pius X, Pope

Tuesday: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday: St. Rose of Lima, Virgin

Thursday: St. Bartholomew, Apostle

Friday: St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest

Next Sunday: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 19

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

Sunday, August 20

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

MONDAY - FRIDAY

NO MASS

Saturday, August 26

4:00pm - Michael, Helen & Jim Keegan - Mary Houseman

Sunday, August 27

11:00 AM - Alma Jean Zima - Carla Krutt

Minister Schedule

4:00 PM - Saturday-August 19

Lector - Materkowski
Eucharistic Minister Balenovich

11:00 AM - Sunday - August 20

Lector - Beneccio
Eucharistic Minister - Beneccio

4:00 PM - Saturday-August 26

Lector - Hughes
Eucharistic Minister - Houseman

11:00 AM - Sunday - August 27

Lector - Keegan
Eucharistic Minister - DeBlasio

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time – (Isaiah 56: 1, 6 – 7; Romans 11: 13 – 15, 29 – 32; Matthew 15: 21 – 28)

One of the peculiarities of us humans is that of dividing the world into “us” and “them.” “They’re not one of us”, or “I’m not one of them” we may say of another person or group of people. Such distinctions mark whether a person is an “insider” or an “outsider.” And belonging to any group sort of requires us to figure out how we can be one of “them.” When it comes to the Church, hopefully we do not make such distinctions – hopefully! And if we do, then we are not being what Church is all about – all encompassing. The Sacred Scripture Readings that we have for this weekend point us to what it means to be Church – all welcoming.

All three readings speak of the expansive and universal nature of the “Kingdom of God,” in contrast with the theory that salvation was offered first to the Jews and only then to the rest of the world – the Gentiles. Although God set the Hebrew people apart as His chosen race, He included all nations in His plan for salvation and blessed all families of the Earth in Abraham. By declaring through the prophet Isaiah – “My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples,” God reveals the truth that in His eyes there is no distinction among human beings on the basis of race, caste or color. The long-expected Messianic Kingdom was intended not only for the Jews but for all nations as well. Today’s Psalm rejects all types of religious exclusivity – “Let all the peoples praise You, O God. . . for You judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon the Earth, so that Your saving power may be known among all the nations.”

As we continue to listen to Paul’s letter to the Church in Rome, Paul admits that, although the Jews were the chosen people, most of them denied the promised Messiah, and consequently, God turned to the Gentiles who received mercy through their faith in Jesus.

Matthew’s Gospel selection gives us a beautiful example of how Jesus came for all people. Jesus heals the daughter of a Gentile woman as a reward for her strong faith. I find the dialogue between Jesus and the woman most fascinating. *“Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David! My daughter is tormented by a demon.” But Jesus did not say a word in answer to her. Jesus’ disciples came and asked Him, “Send her away, for she keeps calling out after us.” And Jesus says in reply, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” But the woman persists, doing Jesus homage, and saying, “Lord, help me!” Jesus responds “It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs.” She says, “Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters.”* This woman’s got spunk. And I admire her for that. In saying that it is not right to give the food of the children to dogs, Jesus is essentially saying that she is not a “child of Israel”, and therefore an outsider. But – Jesus’ use of the word dog is interesting. He’s really not calling her a dog in a negative sense. You see – there were two different words for a dog. One denoted a stray / an alley dog. The other was used for a family pet. Jesus uses the one for a pet. The Canaanite woman picks up on this slight of words and realizes she may still have a chance at Jesus helping her and her daughter since she’s not being considered a mongrel, but a member of the family – the family dog. *“Please, Lord,” she says, “even the family pet (we could paraphrase) sits at the table and picks up the scraps that fall to the ground. I’m not asking for that much, am I?”* And as a result of her persistence and her faith, her request is granted.

The first thing that the woman teaches us is courage. Her audacity and her refusal to take no for an answer finally paid off and we may remember this in our work for the common good. Whether it is needing the courage to persist in the fight for equality for all people so that there are no “us” or “them”; or merely petitioning God for a personal need (not want).

The second thing we can learn from this woman is the power of persuasion and dialogue. When Jesus spoke to her in language that demeaned her people, she did not retaliate in anger but kept her eyes on the goal of her mission, which was to show that even non-Jews are entitled to God’s blessing in Christ. Her gentle retort persuaded Jesus to rethink His response to her request.

Today’s Gospel reminds us that God’s love and mercy are extended to all who call on Him in faith and trust, no matter who they are. In other words, God’s care extends beyond the boundaries of race and nation to the hearts of all who live, and God’s House should become a House of Prayer for all peoples. It is therefore fitting that we should pray and work sincerely so that the walls which our pride, intolerance and prejudice have raised may crumble.

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



AUGUST

UPCOMING EVENTS

8/26 Blessing of Backpacks

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Saints for this week

August 22 - Queenship of Mary

Following the Feast of Mary's Assumption into Heaven on August 15, the Church celebrates her place among the angels and saints as the Queen of Heaven and Earth.

Hail Holy Queen, mother of mercy, our life, our sweetness, and our hope.

To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve.

To Thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears.

Turn then, most gracious advocate, your eyes of mercy toward us,

and after this our exile show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

August 24 - St Bartholomew, apostle

One of the twelve apostles, and is probably the same person as Nathaniel, whom Philip brought to see Jesus of Nazareth. Like some other apostles, little is known about St Bartholomew's activity after Pentecost.

According to some reports, he preached the Gospel in Arenia and India and was beaten and beheaded by King Astyages for his faith in Jesus Christ.



MARY

QUEEN OF SAINTS



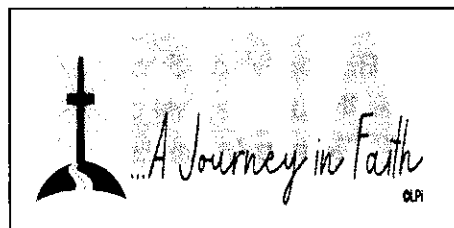
Faith FORMATION

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 1st, 2nd, 7th, & 8th grades



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!

Blessing of the Backpacks



August 26 and 27

All students in grades P-K through College are encouraged to bring their backpacks to Mass and receive a special blessing for the beginning of the new school year.

Educators are invited to bring theirs, too!

International Food Festival at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg, Aug. 25

Join us for an International Food Festival to support priestly formation in the Philippines Friday, Aug. 25, at 5:30 p.m. at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg.

Right now, nearly 20 Filipino priests serve as missionaries in parishes throughout the Diocese of Greensburg. Bishop Medil Sacay Aseo, Bishop of Tagum in the Philippines, will be present for the event. In 2018 Bishop Medil Aseo, then, Father Medil Aseo, was serving as Parochial Vicar of St. Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Kittanning, and St. Mary, Mother of God Parish, Yatesboro, when he was appointed by Pope Francis as Bishop.

The festival will celebrate his visit and give thanks for all our international priests, and will raise money to support the priestly formation program in the Diocese of Tagum, which has the largest group of priests serving our Diocese in our International Priests Program.

Tickets are \$75 per person, which include samples of food from Italy, Eastern Europe and the Philippines, plus an entire room of desserts and two drink tickets.

Sponsorship opportunities to help provide additional support to priestly formation in the Philippines are available. To purchase tickets or to sponsor the event, visit DioceseofGreensburg.org/foodfest.

CRS Spotlight for 8/20/23

Communities worldwide are experiencing life-threatening levels of hunger and malnutrition on an unprecedented scale. You can make a difference by advocating support for the Farm Bill today! The Farm Bill oversees international programs that address hunger and its root causes. A bill recently introduced in the House for inclusion in the Farm Bill would effectively end critical U.S. programs designed to fight global hunger and build communities' resilience. This is a dangerous proposition for millions of people, especially children.

Please urge Congress to prioritize timely passage of the 2023 Farm Bill and to reauthorize existing international programs that address immediate hunger needs and support long-term solutions, including

- 1) McGovern-Dole Food for Education, which provides free, nutritious school lunches for millions of children who might not otherwise have a daily meal.
- 2) Food for Peace, which has provided emergency and developmental support to more than 4 billion people around the world since 1954.
- 3) Farmer-to-Farmer, which enables U.S. volunteers to help train and support farmers in other countries so they can adapt to climate change and improve their harvests.

Please visit www.crs.org for more information!

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