

# Holy Family Parish

A Parish in the Diocese of Greensburg
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**Parish Office Hours** 

Monday - Thursday 8 - 4

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Holy Family - 724 - 872 - 6123 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.

# November 19, 2023—33rd 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. Roselo for an appointment

#### St Anne

Monday - 8:00 AM Friday- 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 Holy Days & Civil Holidays:

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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.

## Readings for the week of November 19, 2023

Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 (see 1a)/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158/Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15/Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Lk 19:41-44

Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19/Lk 20:27-40

Next Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 (1)/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46

## Observances for the week of November 19, 2023

Sunday: 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Tuesday: The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday: St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr

Thursday: St. Clement I, Pope and Martyr; St. Columban, Abbot; Bl. Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest and Martyr; Thanksgiving Day

Friday: St. Andrew Düng-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

Saturday: St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr

Next Sunday: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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The office
will be closed
on
November 23 &
November 24

#### MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 18

4:00pm - Melvin & Pauline Maleski By Son Ken

Sunday, November 19

11:00 AM - Catherine Romonosky By Family

Monday - November 20 8:00 am Mass at St Anne, Rostraver

Tuesday, November 21

8:00am - Dennis Keegan By Jeanne & Angela Dippolito

Wednesday, November 22 8:00am - Living & Deceased Members Of Holy Family Church

Thursday, November 23 9:30 AM - ST ANNE 11 AM - HOLY FAMILY

Friday, November 24 8:00am - Mass at St Anne, Rostraver

Saturday, November 25 4:00pm - Phyllis Grec By Family

Sunday, November 26 11:00 AM - Kathleen Sette

## Minister Schedule

4:00 PM - Saturday

November 18

Lector - Hughes

**Eucharistic Minister** 

Houseman

11:00 AM - Sunday

November 19

Lector - Materkowski

**Eucharistic Minister** 

DeBlasio

4:00 PM - Saturday

November 25

Lector - Landini

Eucharistic Minister

Landini

11:00 AM - Sunday

November 26

Lector - Null

**Eucharistic Minister** 

Keegan

## 33rd Sunday Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel parable, we are reminded that we are all servants entrusted with talents by our master, who symbolizes Christ. His return represents a scene of judgment

The parable tells of three servants who receive different numbers of talents, according to their abilities. Even the servant with the least ability is given a talent by the master. This shows that all of God's children have talents, even if they may seem minimal compared to others.

The first two servants trade with their talents and double their amounts, while the third servant buries his talent out of fear of losing it. This fear stems from the belief that he has little to offer compared to others. Similarly, many of us in the church may feel inadequate and choose not to use our gifts and talents. This parallels the third servant who buried his talent.

When the master returns, he commends the first two servants equally, not based on the amount they gained, but on their faithfulness with what they were given. This reminds us that success is not measured by the position we reach in life, but by the obstacles we overcome while striving to succeed.

The worthless servant's excuse for burying his talent was fear and his perception of the master as demanding. There are more reasons than one why the third servant decided to hide his talent. Maybe he compared himself to the other servants with more talents, saw himself at the bottom rung of the ladder, and became discouraged. He did not realize that with his one talent, if he made just one more talent, he would be rewarded equally as the servant with five talents who made five more. (We are not all measured by the same rule. To whom much is given, much is required.) The greater the gifts, the greater the responsibility

However, the master clarifies that the servant was lazy, not the master's demands. This highlights the need to overcome irrational fears and take responsibility for our gifts.

As members of the Church, we have all received the gift of faith, which is our talent. Our responsibility is not just to preserve this faith but to share it and add value to it. This requires taking risks and stepping out of our comfort zones. If we fail to do so, we risk losing our faith, just as the third servent lost his talent. To preserve our faith, we must

servant lost his talent. To preserve our faith, we must

put it to work and make it bear fruit.

In summary, this parable reminds us that we all have talents given to us by God. Regardless of their size, we are called to use and multiply these talents, rather than bury them out of fear or feelings of inadequacy. Our faith, in particular, is a talent we must share and promote, even if it involves risks. By doing so, we fulfill our responsibilities as faithful servants and ensure the growth and preservation of our faith.

[] Offertory:

Loose:

Monthly:

Candle:

Let Us Pray
for the

Conversion of the World
& for Peace!

#### **Financial Report for** November 13, 2023 \$2,714.00 Loose: \$76.00 Monthly: \$90.00 Candle: \$77.00 \$50.00 Thanksgiving All Saints: \$130.00 \$3,137.00 Parish Income: Diocesan Poverty Relief: \$20.00 \$100.00 Retired Religious: Triennial Military: \$362.00 Total Income: \$3,619.00



	UPCOMING EVENTS	
11/19	CCM Members	9:30 AM
11/26	No Faith Formation	
11/27	Cantor Practice	6 PM
12/10	Holy Name	9:30 AM

### FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE

11/19 St Anne Gr 1-3 9:30 - 10:45 11/19 Holy Family Gr 4-8 6:00 - 7:30

Our Diocese annually takes up the collection for the Diocesan Poverty Relief Fund and Catholic Relief Services on the Sunday before Thanksgiving. This year, the appeal will take place the weekend of November 18 and 19, 2023.

## **Holy Family Parish**

We are looking for anyone interested in becoming Altar Servers – Adults and Children (Who have made their First Communion), Lectors and Ushers. We will be holding a class to teach anyone interested in any of these ministries.

We will also be returning to taking the Gifts up during Mass. If it is a Mass that you have scheduled, you or someone you designate may take the gifts up to the Altar

We will also be returning to what was done pre-Covid.

Please contact the Church Office at (724) 872-6123 or email:

<u>dmanley@dioceseofgreensburg.org</u> or Dan Landini

## 2NDGRADE

November 18th - Reconciliation Workshop for Parents & Students - St. Anne

(an incorrect date was given at the parent meeting - please refer to the recent sent email for more information)

December 3<sup>rd</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Reconciliation Practice 9:30 AM (Parents please attend) December 9<sup>th</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Reconciliation 10:00 AM - St. Anne



### **ADVENT CANDLES**

Fr Roselo is using the large Advent Wreath this year which uses large candles. If you would like to sponsor one of the candles to honor and remember a loved one, please contact the office. The cost of each candle is \$20. At the conclusion of Advent, you may take your candle home. If you would like to light the Advent Candle before Mass, please contact the office

The office will be closed from November 23, 2023 & November 24, 2023 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

# Evenings of reflection St. John the Baptist Parish, Perryopolis

St. John the Baptist Parish, Perryopolis, is hosting a series of Evenings of Reflection on Mondays at 7 p.m. in the social hall. Dates/topics are: Nov. 27, "Preparing our Hearts Through Advent"; and Dec. 18, "The Incarnation" presented by Father Rody Mejia.

# Lessons and Carols Dec. 1 at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Greensburg

Bishop Larry J. Kulick invites all to join him, along with musicians from the Diocese of Greensburg and Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, for the annual Diocesan celebration of Lessons and Carols Friday, Dec. 1, at 7 p.m. at the Cathedral in Greensburg. A reception will follow in the social hall. Admission is free.

#### CRS Spotlight for Sunday, 11/19/23

Why are we talking about peace in the Sahel? The Sahel is engulfed in a deadly spiral of violence that has claimed countless lives, uprooted millions from their homes, and shattered vital social services. In less than two years, the number of displaced persons has increased by 40%, recently reaching 2.5 million people in five west African nations in Sahel. Please visit <a href="https://www.crs.org">www.crs.org</a> for more information and to see how you can help!

"It's hypocrisy to call yourself a Christian and chase away a refugee or someone seeking help, someone who is hungry or thirsty, toss out someone who is in need of my help... If I say I am Christian, but do these things, I'm a hypocrite." ~ Pope Francis

## St. John the Baptist Parish, Perryopolis,

offers a bereavement support group that meets the last Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Lodge Room. Those who have experienced loss of any kind are invited to join. For information, call 724-366-0917.

### **Craft/Vendor Show**

Dec. 2 at St. Anne Parish, Rostraver The Christian Mothers of St. Anne Parish, Rostraver, will hold a craft/vendor show Saturday, Dec. 2, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Lunch and snacks will be available. The Holy Name Society will sell frozen raviolis. For information, email Mary Kovscek at <a href="mailto:mkovscek@comcast.net">mkovscek@comcast.net</a>.

## Live Nativity Dec. 8 at St. James Parish, New Alexandria

A Live Nativity is planned Friday, Dec. 8, from 5-8 p.m. at St. James Parish, New Alexandria. All are invited to walk and experience the beauty and wonder of the Scriptures coming to life with live animals and actors. There will be activities for the entire family, plus lessons and carols. Refreshments will be served.



Diocese of Greensburg Catholic schools: Substitute Teachers Send resumes to the Office of Catholic Schools at CatholicSchools@DioceseofGreensburg.org For information, call 724-552-2594.