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Parish Office Hours: 8:00 am to 3:30 pm

#### Anointing of the Sick

The sacrament is available during Confession hour and after each Mass per request.

#### Sacrament of Matrimony

Couples wishing to celebrate the Sacrament of Matrimony must contact a priest of the parish one year in advance of the wedding. Diocesan regulations require that couples begin to work with the parish at least one year prior to a wedding.

#### Sacrament of Baptism

Families of our parish who wish to have their child baptized should call the parish office to register for Baptism Prep. Please call well in advance of birth of your child.

#### Confessions – Anytime by appointment

Tuesdays: 5:15 pm – 6:15 pm; Saturdays: 9:00 am – 10:00 am

February 28, 2021

The Second Sunday in Lent



### MASS SCHEDULE

#### Sunday, February 28

- 7:00 am All People in Need of Prayers (Garbowsky)
- 8:30 am Leonard D'Amico (Donna & Ed)
- 10:00 am Bill Dole (Wife)
- 11:30 am Mary Skallos (Dave & Andrea)

#### Monday, March 1

- 7:45 am Bess Alberts (Langer)

#### Tuesday, March 2

- 7:45 am Jim Lavelle (Peg)
- 6:30 pm Michael Watters, Jr (Heinack Fam)

#### Wednesday, March 3

- 7:45 am Edward Iwanowski (Pam & JR)

#### Thursday, March 4

- 7:45 am Tom Tomasic (Mar, Carol, Peg & Rose)

#### Friday, March 5

- 7:45 am James Whalen (Family)

#### Saturday, March 6

- 8:00 am Mary Kay, Mary Lou, Al Lynn (Son)
- 4:30 pm Tony McConnell (Poembka)
- 6:00 pm Our Parish Family

#### Sunday, March 7

- 7:00 am Kathy Montrose (Sandy)
- 8:30 am Tony Cottone (Barbara Braun)
- 10:00 am Stanley Kolosky (Barb Arendas)
- 11:30 am AnnaMae Filkosky (Phyllis Lewis & Family)



**Parish Office**  
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**Operation Safe Mode (OSM)**  
Sunday 8:00 am Mass  
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**Queen of Angels Catholic School**  
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## NOTES FROM THE PASTOR

### OPERATION SAFE MODE PRESENTS:

#### Re-Run Tuesday



*Growing up as a kid when there were only four channels (2,4,6 & 11) programing was scarce and value of watching shows from year past helped fill air time. As soon as a "season" ended the networks would play them again through the summer to keep you engaged for the "Fall Season" with great anticipation. These shows were known as "Re-runs." Kids today do not know what a re-run is for every television show is available immediately "On Demand." But I believe that there is a great value in re-runs for sometimes we may have missed an episode and or want to see them again as a refresher. Although OSM has not gone to syndicated broadcasting, we are prepared to share our old programing with you.*

Over the past year, OSM has been producing different series on Prayer, Faith and Devotions that are worth repeating during Lent. So, every Tuesday through the Easter Season, we will present a Short lesson that is worth hearing again!! The following videos last less than 15 minutes and will be an opportunity to go deeper into some great topics... This time with a Lenten Spirit. I believe the longer our quarantine and pandemic lasts, the more we need to pay attention to our Faith and spiritual lives. I will enjoy coming into your homes this lent!

The following is the schedule of upcoming episodes. If you missed the first one last week you can simple watch it on our YouTube channel: Operation Safe Mode.

#### SO GET OUT YOUR OSM NOTEBOOKS AND PREPARE TO RECORD NEW INSIGHTS!!

Here is the upcoming Schedule for "Re-Run Tuesday"

#### FIVE PART SERIES OF "SIN"

FEBRUARY 23<sup>RD</sup> MARCH  
2<sup>ND</sup>, 9<sup>TH</sup>, 16<sup>TH</sup>, AND 23<sup>RD</sup>

#### HOW TO OVERCOME FEAR

MARCH 30<sup>TH</sup>

#### WHAT HAPPENS AFTER DEATH?

APRIL 6<sup>TH</sup>

#### FOUR PART SERIES: LESSONS THROUGH PAINTINGS

APRIL 13 Rising of Lazarus

APRIL 20 Call of Levi

APRIL 27 Rich Young Man

MAY 4 Thomas the Doubter

#### Five Part Series on the "Our Father"

May 11<sup>th</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> June 1<sup>st</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>

**NOTE:** Even though the first episode aired last Tuesday you can always get caught up on our **YouTube** channel: "OPERATION SAFE MODE" Subscribe and Hit the Bell for notifications!!



**2021 Lenten Series: "Peter's Way of the Cross"**

The Lenten practice of meditating on the Way of the Cross of Jesus has been a long-standing tradition that connects us with Christ's suffering and our own "cross" as disciples.

I have shared with you in the past Jesus' way and how the stations call to mind the progression of submitting ourselves to the Father's Will as Jesus displayed in His suffering death. Each station marks an event that reminds us as we surrender our will we no longer walk alone but each step is guided in Faith, Hope and Love.

This year I decided to use this journey of the cross to see how Peter learned to submit to the call as the "Rock" plagued with failures and help along the way.

I will present five brief conferences on OSM this Lent that will engage us with Peter's journey and the example he sets as a mere human, in personal weakness and struggle, at the same time the head of the Church and the gift of his martyrdom. Peter loved Christ and was transformed by his own trials and cross. Peter became the strongest when he no longer trusted in his own opinion and began to trust in Mercy and Grace!

I believe the more we see our human weakness the more we can trust that God can work through our lives for the good of our own salvation and that of others!

**NOTE: This journey begins on Thursday, February 25 at 9am on OSM (Operation Safe Mode) YouTube Channel. If you miss an episode you can watch it by logging on to our channel!!**

Acceptance of the Cross	Feb 25 <sup>th</sup>
The Three Falls into the Father's Will	March 4 <sup>th</sup>
The Three Helps on the Way	March 11 <sup>th</sup>
The Women of Jerusalem	March 18 <sup>th</sup>
"The Rest of the Story"	March 31 <sup>st</sup>

**NOTE: The week of March 18<sup>th</sup> OSM will pause this series to make a special announcement on the Feast of Saint Joseph about our plans to consecrate our parish and homes to Saint Joseph!!**

**OTHER LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES**

The 2008 Lenten Conference of the "**Meditation of the Sorrows of Mary**" are available on CD audio for you to listen to as a supplement to the above programming. We have handed out over 150 discs of the first conference and will have the next conference available each week in the office and in the narthex of the Church. Disc two can be picked up in the church at this time. If you did not receive the first disc please call the office for a copy.

Also, the audio file is available on our web site and is also available via flock note so you may simply listen on your computer or smart phone! **DON'T MISS THIS INSPIRING SERIES!!**

Please also join us for the Stations of the Cross in person or via OSM this Lent!

Remember also the church is open for private prayer any time with the Lord!!

Check out "Explaining the Faith on Divine Mercy YouTube channel:  
[https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLqz7fTVUfJikTb\\_4Cl8Nq5xtgfGOxGxKM](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLqz7fTVUfJikTb_4Cl8Nq5xtgfGOxGxKM)

**Sanctuary Candle:**

In Memory of Stanley Kolosky

**Easter Flame Candle:**

In Memory of John Conder

**Divine Mercy Candle:**

In Memory of Gloria Ann Stasko

**St. Peregrine Candle:**

In Memory of Cathy Brutout

**Altar Candles for the Month of February:**

In memory of Anthony Delaney from Family



**The Comfort Blanket Ministry** has blankets available for anyone in need of comfort and prayer. As the pandemic continues, many are isolated. If any of your friends, relatives or neighbors are facing this isolation, please consider giving them a comfort blanket. They are available in the church office. If you have any special requests or questions, call Mary Ann Rodman at 724-515-7645.

**Friday Fish Fry**— We are sorry that we will not be having our annual Lenten Fish Fry this year. **St. Agnes is having drive-through fish fries** -from 2-7 p.m. on Fridays during Lent from Feb. 19 to March 26. The church will be offering delicious chef-seasoned Panko hand-breaded cod or parmesan-crust baked cod. Also available are the delicious homemade soups of the week, haluski, pierogies and more. Orders cannot be called in ahead of time. Debit and credit cards will be accepted.

**Stations of the Cross** are twice a day every Friday at Noon & 6:30 pm so that those who feel comfortable coming can attend.



We are also posting the **Stations of the Cross on the OSM YouTube channel every Friday at 11am** so that you can participate at home. Please know that I will be offering my prayers for perseverance through the pandemic into a new life which is led by Jesus' example of suffering!

**The Second Sunday of Lent**

Genesis	22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18
Romans	8:31b-34
Mark	9:2-10

**The Third Sunday of Lent**

Exodus	20:1-17
1 Corinthians	1: 22-25
John	22:13-25

**Prayers and Sympathy**

Please pray for the family of Joseph "Sonny" Lesko who died recently; and for the family of Patricia Krebs who died recently, May they rest in peace.

**Stewardship Corner:**

Our Time, Talent and Treasures are the gifts that we share:  
 Sunday Offertory  
 The Week of February 14, 2021.....\$17,627.45

**Eucharistic Adoration** is held every Tuesday starting after 7:45 am Mass and continuing all day until 6:15 pm; confessions (5:15-6:15 pm), and Mass (6:30 pm). There are special prayer booklets available containing Prayers for Vocations during adoration. If you need to leave and there is no one else in the church during Adoration, please call the church office at 724-863-9550 and someone will come over. Thank you

**Join us for the Divine Mercy Chaplet every Tuesday** at 12:00 noon.

**Servants of Divine Mercy Outreach** - The Servants of Divine Mercy pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet for the sick & dying. To request this beautiful Chaplet to be prayed for a



*Sunday Mass is aired @ 8:00 am on the "Operation Safe Mode with Father John" YouTube channel.*

*Reminder that the church is open for private prayer Daily. Come and spend some quiet time with the Lord.*

*A Prayer for Lenten Grace*

Loving God,  
 During the sacred season of Lent, bring me closer to you. Prepare a place in my home and heart for silence and solitude, so that I may re-discover the grace of a prayer-full life.  
 Enlarge my heart so that I give to those in need and, in so doing, re-discover the grace of gratitude and generosity.  
 Help me to fast from those things that threaten the well-being of body and soul, remind me of the grace and simplicity.  
 May this season be grace-filled time to rekindle my love for and faith in you.  
*Amen.*

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## Angel's Corner

Do you have a school age child? Have you considered our parish school, Queen of Angels Catholic School? From Pre School age 3 to the 8<sup>th</sup> grade, our school offers a wonderfully warm, faith-based

environment staffed with dedicated and highly qualified faculty who educate the whole child. High expectations and high support help to develop each child's unique gifts. Parents like the extended family created by the school community and the personal attention each child receives. The school invites parents to be an active part of the home/school team. Tours are available by appointment only. Also, be sure to check our website at [www.queenofangelssch.org](http://www.queenofangelssch.org) for on-line applications, and more information. **Please call the school office at 724 978-0144 with any questions. Please join our family!**



## Around the Diocese

### 'Be the Light' with 2021 Diocesan Lenten Appeal - The



2021 Diocesan Lenten Appeal is offering parishioners throughout the Diocese of Greensburg a chance to "Be the Light" for their faith community. The Lenten season is a reminder that Christ is the light in our lives and this is an opportunity to "Be the Light" for those in need. The COVID-19 pandemic has affected everyone in some way and this includes the faithful of the diocese. There is a

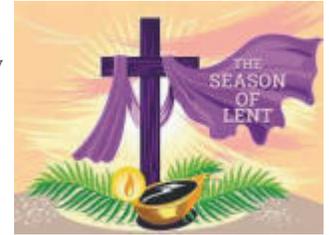
way to help by supporting the 2021 Diocesan Lenten Appeal. Even a small gift can make a big difference in your parish. Donate to the "Be the Light" campaign to support God's work that is being done in the Diocese of Greensburg. Visit [www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/BeTheLight](http://www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/BeTheLight).

### Spiritual Direction \*Abridged version - Spiritual Direction

is now available upon request through the Pastoral Ministry office. Sandy Monier has studied under the guidance of Fr. Tom Acklin OSB since 2009, obtained a MA in Spiritual Direction and is currently working on a Masters Certification in leading individuals through the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises. Contact Sandy Monier for more information, [smonier@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:smonier@dioceseofgreensburg.org) or 724-600-6767.

### Stations of the Cross Videos at Diocese Parishes featured during Lent - Bishop

Larry J. Kulick will celebrate Stations of the Cross each Friday during Lent from different parishes across the Diocese of Greensburg. Videos of these celebrations will premiere each Friday at 5 p.m. on the Diocese of Greensburg website, [www.dioceseofgreensburg.org](http://www.dioceseofgreensburg.org), Facebook page and YouTube channel. Remaining schedule is March 5: St. Mary Parish, Freeport; March 12: Christ Prince of Peace, Ford City; March 19: St. Francis of Assisi, Footedale, and March 26: Our Lady of Assumption, Coral.



### Saturday Masses at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral to be Livestreamed - The Saturday 4:30 p.m. Mass at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral will be livestreamed throughout the Lenten season on the Diocese of Greensburg website, [www.dioceseofgreensburg.org](http://www.dioceseofgreensburg.org), Facebook page and YouTube channel. The Mass will be celebrated each week by Bishop Larry J. Kulick.

**AARP Taxaide** - St. Agnes Resurrection Hall on Tuesdays and Thursdays. For more information call 724-420-3961.

### St. John the Evangelist Parish to have Pre-order Slovak Food Sale - St. John the Evangelist Parish, Connellsville, will have a Lenten pre-order Slovak food sale Saturday, March 13. Cabbage rolls will be available for \$3.50 each and frozen pierogies will be \$10 a dozen. Call 724-628-7259 by March 1 to order. Orders will be picked up March 13 from 9-11 a.m. at the St. John Social Hall, 908 West Crawford Ave. Folks are asked to bring their own containers to have the food packaged as they choose.

**Holy Cross Parish seeks Office Manager** - Holy Cross Parish in Youngwood is seeking a full-time office manager to support the parish. Responsibilities include maintaining all financial records for the parish, performing all administrative duties such as typing, copying and filing, and providing general information to visitors and parishioners in a professional and courteous manner. All clearances required by the diocese must be obtained prior to the start of employment. Qualified candidates should send a cover letter describing interest in the position and a resume to [HRHolyCross@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:HRHolyCross@dioceseofgreensburg.org).

**St. Florian Parish has Opening for Secretary** - St. Florian Parish in United has an opening for a church secretary/bookkeeper/office manager. The person hired would work 30 hours a week. Computer skills are required. Training will be provided. Interested parties can send a resume to Father John Sedlak, St. Florian Church, PO Box 187, United Pa. 15689.



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Irwin, Pennsylvania

Office of Liturgical Music Ministry

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

February 28, 2021 - Order of the Mass

PRELUDE

O Mensch, Bewein Dein Sunde Gross (BWV 622)

Johann Sebastian Bach

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here

1. 'Tis good, Lord, to be here! Your  
2. 'Tis good, Lord, to be here, Your  
3. Ful - fill - er of the past! Prom -

glo - ry fills the night; Your face and gar - ments,  
beau - ty to be - hold, Where Mo - ses and E -  
ise of things to be! We hail your bod - y

like the sun, Shine with un - bor - rowed light.  
li - jah stand, Your mes - sen - gers of old.  
glo - ri - fied, And our re - demp - tion see.

Text: Luke 9:32-33; Joseph A. Robinson, 1858-1933, alt., © Esme. D. E. Bird  
Tune: SWABIA, SM; Johann M. Speiss, 1715-1772; adapt. by William H. Havergal, 1793-1870

KYRIE

Chant

Ký - ri - e, e - lé - i - son. Chri - ste, e - lé - i - son.

(Then repeat the first Kyrie.)

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING

Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18

God put Abraham to the test. He called to him, "Abraham!" "Here I am!" he replied.

Then God said:

"Take your son Isaac, your only one, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him up as a holocaust on a height that I will point out to you."

When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it.

Then he reached out and took the knife to slaughter his son.

But the LORD's messenger called to him from heaven, "Abraham, Abraham!"

"Here I am!" he answered.

"Do not lay your hand on the boy," said the messenger.

"Do not do the least thing to him. I know now how devoted you are to God, since you did not withhold from me your own beloved son."

As Abraham looked about, he spied a ram caught by its horns in the thicket.

So he went and took the ram and offered it up as a holocaust in place of his son.

Again the LORD's messenger called to Abraham from heaven and said:

"I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that because you acted as you did in not withholding from me your beloved son, I will bless you abundantly and make your descendants as countless as the stars of the sky and the sands of the seashore; your descendants shall take possession of the gates of their enemies, and in your descendants all the nations of the earth shall find blessing—all this because you obeyed my command."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 116  
*Owen Alstott*



**R.** I will walk be - fore the Lord, in the land of the liv - ing.

### SECOND READING

Romans 8:31b-34

Brothers and sisters:

If God is for us, who can be against us?

He who did not spare his own Son  
but handed him over for us all,

how will he not also give us everything else along with him?

Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones?

It is God who acquits us, who will condemn?

Christ Jesus it is who died—or, rather, was raised—

who also is at the right hand of God,

who indeed intercedes for us.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL READING

Mark 9:2-10

Jesus took Peter, James, and John  
and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves.  
And he was transfigured before them,  
and his clothes became dazzling white,  
such as no fuller on earth could bleach them.  
Then Elijah appeared to them along with Moses,  
and they were conversing with Jesus.  
Then Peter said to Jesus in reply,  
"Rabbi, it is good that we are here!  
Let us make three tents:  
one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."  
He hardly knew what to say, they were so terrified.  
Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice,  
"This is my beloved Son. Listen to him."  
Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them.  
As they were coming down from the mountain,  
he charged them not to relate what they had seen to anyone,  
except when the Son of Man had risen from the dead.  
So they kept the matter to themselves,  
questioning what rising from the dead meant.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## HOMILY

## CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.  
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,  
the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.  
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins  
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and life of the world to come. Amen.

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

# THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

## EUCHARISTIC ACCLAMATIONS

Mass of Charity and Love  
Steven C. Warner

Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav'n and earth are  
full of your glo - ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Ho-san-na in the high - est. Ho-san-na in the high - est.  
When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro-claim your  
Death, O Lord, un - til you come a - gain.  
A - men, a - men, a - men.

Steven C. Warner  
Music © 1960, 2010, WLP

## AGNUS DEI

Chant, Mass XVIII

A-gnus De - i, qui tol - lis pec - cá - ta mun-di: mi-se-ré-re no - bis. *(repeat)*  
A - gnus De - i, qui tol - lis pec - cá - ta mun-di: do - na no - bis pa - cem.

Music: Vatican Edition XVIII; acc. by Richard Pronlx

COMMUNION HYMN

Transfigure Us, O Lord

Refrain

Trans - fig - ure us, O Lord, trans - fig - ure us, O Lord.  
 Break the chains that bind us; speak your heal - ing word, and  
 where you lead we'll fol - low. Trans - fig - ure us, O Lord.

Text: Based on Matthew 17:1-9; Mark 9:2-10; Luke 9:28b-36. Text and music © 2002, Bob Hurd.  
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RECESSIONAL HYMN

O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair

1 O won - drous sight, O vi - sion fair of glo - ry  
 2 From age to age the tale de - clare, how with the  
 3 The law and proph - ets there have place, two cho - sen  
 that the church shall share, which Christ up - on the  
 three dis - ci - ples there, where Mo - ses and E -  
 wit - ness - es of grace; the Fa - ther's voice from  
 moun - tain shows, where bright - er than the sun he glows!  
 li - jah meet, the Lord holds con - verse high and sweet.  
 out the cloud pro - claims his on - ly Son a - loud.

TEXT: Latin, 15th cent.; trans. John Mason Neale, 1851, alt.  
 MUSIC (DEO GRACIAS, LM): "The Agincourt Song," c. 1425, harm. *The Hymnal*, 1933

POSTLUDE

Postlude on "Deo Gracias"  
 Healey Willan



Dear Parishioner,

As the Lenten season approaches, we are once again reminded that Christ is the light of our lives. Our greatest celebration, the Easter Vigil, opens by lighting a paschal candle from new fire and acclaiming the light of Christ. Jesus is the light! He helps us to see things. In fact, Jesus shows us the truth, warms and comforts us, guides us as we travel and helps us find a path to our heavenly home. Our parishes are a place to find the light of Jesus. And despite the struggles of 2020, I am proud to say that our parishes worked tirelessly to "Be the Light" for thousands of people in our community.

More than 100 new ministries were founded at parishes across the Diocese of Greensburg including homebound phone and mail outreach, volunteer cooks who packed and served free takeout meals, clothing, coat and canned good drives, grocery delivery to the homebound, phone trees of prayer intentions, virtual Religious Education and Youth Ministry, Ministry of Hospitality consisting of ushers who ensure socially distant seating and volunteers to greet and cleaning crews to sanitize the church and restrooms after each use, and video ministries that utilize the expertise of volunteer parishioners to stream Mass on YouTube and social media.

What is just as impressive is that more than 2,000 parishioners came to the aid of their parishes and volunteered to assist in these new ministries.

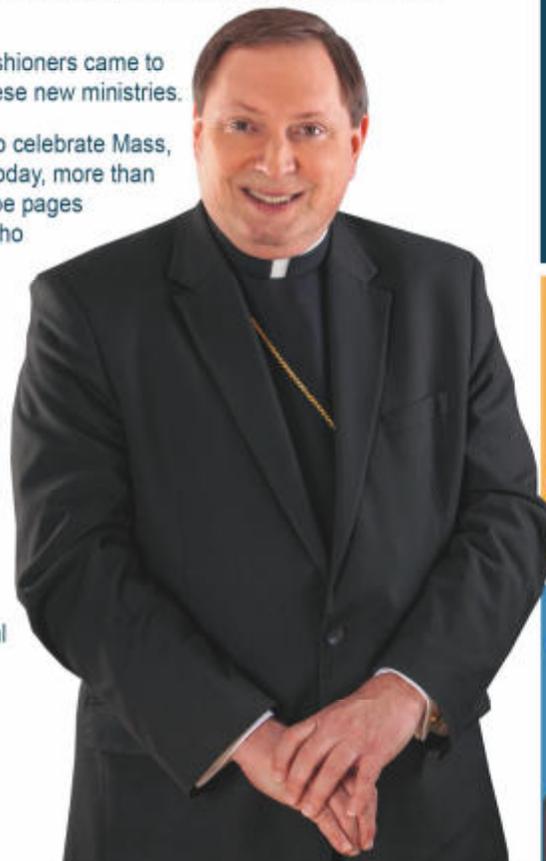
So often during the pandemic, many could not gather to celebrate Mass, but our parishes were determined to stay connected. Today, more than half are now streaming Mass on their websites, YouTube pages or social media, spreading the light of Jesus to those who are able to attend.

All of our parishes either donated items or facilitated financial assistance to those in need totaling nearly a quarter million dollars to help those who were negatively impacted by COVID-19. And all told in 2020, nearly 15,000 people were helped by our parishes during COVID-19.

I am proud of the tremendous work done by our parishes, Catholic Charities, Catholic schools and Diocesan missions and ministries. God's work can only continue with your help. I ask you to please consider supporting this year's Diocesan Lenten Appeal and "Be the Light" for your faith community.

May God Bless You,

*+ Larry J. Kulick, J.C.L.*  
Bishop of Greensburg



**110**  
**NEW**  
Ministries

**2000**  
Volunteers

**All 78 parishes**  
**donated items**  
**or facilitated**  
**financial**  
**assistance**

**\$250,000**

**of assistance**  
**distributed**

**15,000**  
people helped

**44** parishes  
now  
streaming  
Mass

# Growing in FAITH™

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February 2021

Immaculate Conception Church

Father John Moineau, Pastor

## One Minute Meditations

### Struggle and prayer

During hard times, we can bring our true emotions, concerns, and fears into prayer. Lay it all at the feet of Jesus. Let His wisdom and love provide confidence and hope, even when our own emotions are in disarray.

Struggling is normal and helpful to growing in faith. Standing before God in truth is a sign that we are in a right relationship with Him.

### The human person

Human beings are the clearest reflection of God among us. That makes human life sacred. The Catholic Church proclaims that the dignity of human life is the foundation of a moral vision for society.

Catholics are called to work to uphold the dignity and rights of all people. Catholics work for the good of everyone, especially working to support marriage and family.

"In all created things discern the providence and wisdom of God, and in all things give Him thanks"

(St. Teresa of Avila).



## Grow in love during Lent

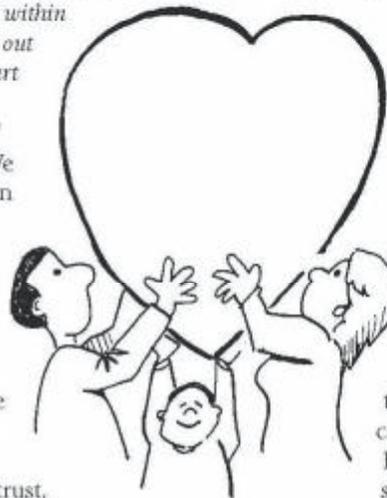
The point of the season of Lent is to transform our hearts – to become new, ready to greet our new life at Easter. "A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will take out of your flesh the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh" (Ezekiel 36:26). We can use this time in the desert to live lives of love for God and for one another.

**Affirmation:** Recognizing and acknowledging the valuable qualities of a beloved builds feelings of trust, safety, and wellbeing. Offer God praise from your heart. Don't keep

it to yourself, speak it out loud. Tell others how awesome He is and what He can do for them.

**Attention:** Spending time with God, one on one, is vital to getting through the day in His friendship. Give Him your attention each day, tell Him everything, and listen to what He says back to you. Being a good listener will benefit all your relationships, too.

**Gifts:** There is no point trying to impress God. He needs nothing that we have. However, we can give Him a gift from the heart. We can tithe, offer service, attend Mass, repent, change our lives to live His law. We can act as His hands and feet on Earth.



## Why Do Catholics Do That?

### Why do Catholics pray?

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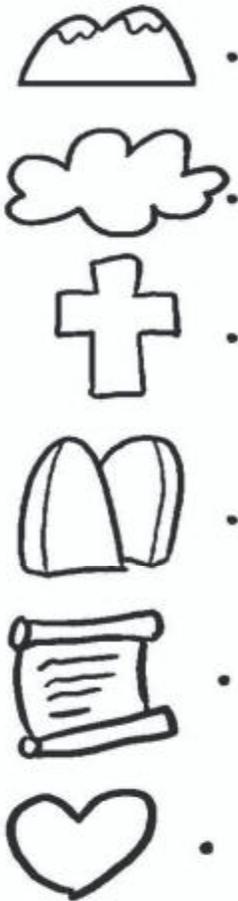
his Son Jesus Christ, and with the Holy Spirit who dwells in their hearts.

All religions, and salvation history in particular, testifies to the human desire for God. And God continues to draw every person to the mysterious encounter known as prayer.



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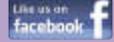
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