



October 1, 2017 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our Lady of Grace Church

A Parish of the Diocese of Greensburg | A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust
1011 Mt. Pleasant Road | Greensburg, Pennsylvania 15601

Liturgical Schedule

Weekend Masses: Saturday Vigil: 4 p.m.
Sunday: 8 & 10:30 a.m. (Interpreted Mass for the Deaf & Hard-of-Hearing)
Weekday and Holy Day Masses: Please see inside bulletin.



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Mission Statement

Our Lady of Grace, founded in 1910 as an Italian ethnic parish, is now a territorial parish of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Greensburg to which all people are welcome. The responsibility of each member of Our Lady of Grace is to hear the Word of God and live it by sharing in worship, especially at Eucharist; by nurturing our Catholic faith through formation and prayer; by reaching out to identify and serve the needs of our parish and the community; and by welcoming others into our faith community. Through our actions, we strive to share, and to encourage others to share, in the fullness of God's kingdom.

Parish Office.....724-838-9480
 Hours: Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m.
 Parish website: www.ourladyofgracechurch.org
 Aquinas Academy.....724-834-7940
 St. Vincent de Paul Helpline.....724-837-5154
 St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank.....724-836-0175
 Albanese Hall.....724-836-8157
www.facebook.com/OLGGreensburgPA/

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday afternoon, 3-3:30 p.m.

Baptisms

By appointment only. Please call the parish office at least four months in advance of the birth. A class for parents is required to reflect on the meaning of the sacrament, to review the ceremony, and to highlight the importance of the family's commitment to practicing the Catholic Faith.

Sponsorship Forms

Forms for our members to serve as sponsors for Baptism and Confirmation must be filled out in person at the Parish Office. To serve as a sponsor, you must be at least 16 years old and a practicing Catholic who has received Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist. If you are married, it must be within the guidelines of the Catholic Church. Please call the Parish Office to make an appointment to fill out the form.

Weddings

Please call the Parish Office at least six months in advance.
 Do not set a date until you have contacted the parish priest. Pre-marriage preparation classes are required and are available in a couple of forms.

Rev. Daniel L. Blout, Pastor
Rev. Ryan C. Ravis, Parochial Vicar
Rev. Tyler J. Bandura, in Residence

Marisa Cazden,
Music Minister
Bob Chappell,
Youth Minister
Katrina Coleman,
*Director of Parish Formation
& Evangelization*
Kelly Dembiczak,
*Coordinator of Parish Faith
Formation*



Aurelia Sabol,
Business Manager
Don Sabol,
Custodian
Dorothy Skoloda,
Secretary
Donna Stewart,
Secretary
Tom Stumpo,
Maintenance



Baptism preparation ~ New and expecting parents are requested to participate in a baptism preparation session prior to scheduling their baby's baptism. The next session will be on Wednesday, October 4, 7 p.m., in Shepherds Hall. Please call the parish office at 724-838-9480 to register. **There will not be another class until December 6.**

Prayers of Intercession ~ This form of prayer is prayer on behalf of others. This form of prayer can be a resource of blessing upon others, the Church and our world. Mary, the mother of God, and the saints intercede for us before God. This form of prayer often gives us strength, love, courage and peace. If you wish to share in this experience, there will be a group of parishioners in the Daily Chapel to pray with individuals for their personal intentions, next Sunday, October 8, following the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

The **DCCW** will host the annual **Pro-Life Prayer Brunch**, Saturday, October 14, 10 a.m., at the Bishop Connare Center, with Dr. Paul Niemiec, from Catholic Charities, speaking about the opioid epidemic. Tickets are \$18 for adults, \$9 for students, and must be reserved by October 9. No tickets will be sold at the door. Email rsvpf@hotmail.com or call 724-537-2064 or 724-668-7436 or 724-726-5315.



Blessing of pets, in honor of the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi, will take place on Saturday, October 7, at noon, at St. Benedict's. Pets must be leashed or in a carrier.

Rosary Rally, final Fatima First Saturday Mass at Connare Center ~ Bishop Malesic will lead the annual Rosary Rally, October 7, 11 a.m., in the chapel at the Bishop Connare Center. The day includes the final First Saturday Mass in observance of the 100th anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima at 9 a.m., followed by adoration and the sacrament of reconciliation. Organizations that plan to carry a banner at the Rosary Rally must register at 724-837-0901, Ext. 1249. The Diocesan Heritage Center will be open after the rally.

The **Diocesan Heritage Center** will host a concert in honor of the 100th anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima, Sunday, October 8, 7 p.m., at the Bishop Connare Center. A reception with "Celebrity Priest Chefs" will be held at 5 p.m. Tickets are \$30 for the concert only; \$100 for the concert and reception. For information and tickets, go to www.dioceseofgreensburg.org or call 724-552-2588.

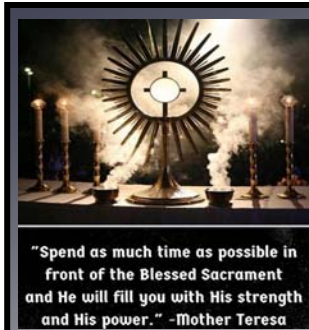
WELCOME



JOIN THE PARISH WELCOME TEAM

Our Lady of Grace is beginning a Welcome Team consisting of two ministries: Front Door Greeting Team and the Welcome Center Team. Persons called to this ministry should be able to arrive early for Mass, have good interpersonal skills, be friendly and conscientious, be disposed to be helpful, have a genuine interest in other people, to stand for at least a one-hour period of time, and be physically able to assist persons with special needs. Persons who take an interest in the Welcome Center Team should have a knowledge of, or be able to learn, the ministries and activities of the parish enough to answer basic questions from visitors and parishioners. In addition, these team members should have an ability to respect confidentiality. There will be a Welcome Team training for anyone who is interested on Monday, October 16, 7-9 p.m., in the Church. For more information or to RSVP for the training, please contact Katrina Coleman at the parish office at 724-838-9480, Ext. 16.

In your charity of prayers, please remember **Mary Ann Burns**, who recently passed away. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God, continue their journey to new life in the presence of God in the heavenly kingdom.



"Spend as much time as possible in front of the Blessed Sacrament and He will fill you with His strength and His power." -Mother Teresa

Our Lady of Grace
Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration
 with Novena Prayers to
 Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal
Every Thursday until November 16
6 - 7 p.m.
Exposition at 6 p.m.
Novena at 6:30 p.m.
Benediction at 7 p.m.

American Girl Doll

Luncheon will be held at Our Lady of Grace, on Saturday, October 14, noon to 2 p.m. Tickets are on sale in the parish office during regular office hours, 9 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m. Adults \$20 and youth \$10.

Thank you to all who responded to Bishop Malesic's request to support the Seminarian and Clergy Formation Collection. Thank you too for your prayers for vocations. Your prayers and financial support help seminarians, men preparing for the permanent diaconate, clergy, and the International priests serving in the Diocese. Even as this year's collection is drawing to a close, your continued prayers for all vocations are essential. Also, for those who still wish to participate in the collection, you may mail your card directly to the Diocese of Greensburg.

Pilgrimage prayer intentions being accepted until October 10 ~ You are invited to submit confidential prayer intentions, which will be carried to Italy during the Diocese of Greensburg's spiritual and cultural pilgrimage with Bishop Malesic October 19-30. Visit www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/italy and register to make your requests via the diocesan Extranet; or email your requests to prilgrim-prayers@dioceseofgreensburg.org or mail your requests to Diocese of Greensburg 723 East Pittsburgh Street, Greensburg, PA 15601, Attention: Pilgrim Prayers.

Heavenly Father,
 the beauty and dignity of human life
 was the crowning of your creation. You further
 ennobled that life when your Son be-
 came one with us in His incarnation. Help
 us to realize the sacredness of human life
 and to respect it from the moment of con-
 ception until the last moment at death. Give
 us courage to speak with truth and love and
 with conviction in defense of life. Help us to
 extend the gentle hand of mercy and for-
 giveness to those who do not reverence your
 gift of life. To all, grant pardon for the times
 we have failed to be grateful for your pre-
 cious gift of life or to respect it in others.
 We ask this in Jesus' name.
 Amen.

The **Knights of Columbus Council 1480 Greensburg** will be conducting their annual **Baby Bottle Campaign** here at Our Lady of Grace after all Masses next weekend, October 7-8. Your generous monetary support will be appreciated. Funds will be used for parish pro-life activities and community pro-life projects.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Zec 8:1-8; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mt 18:1-5, 10
 Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23; Ps 87:1b-7; Lk 9:51-56
 Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8; Ps 137:1-6; Lk 9:57-62
 Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Ps 19:8-11; Lk 10:1-12
 Friday: Bar 1:15-22; Ps 79:1b-5, 8-9; Lk 10:13-16
 Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Ps 69:33-37; Lk 10:17-24
 Sunday: Is 5:1-7; Ps 80:9, 12-16, 19-20; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43

Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 30

4 p.m. Andrew Patrick by Tony/Eileen Pereira

Sunday, October 1

8 a.m. Daniel Martchek by wife/children

10:30 a.m. Dorothy Heck by Rose Zaremba

Monday, October 2

6:45 a.m. Eileen Losco by Dr. Ralph/Mrs. Andrea Capone

Tuesday, October 3

NO MASS

Wednesday, October 4

6:45 a.m. Thomas Trauth by wife/Rebecca

Thursday, October 5

NO MASS

Friday, October 6

6:45 a.m. Jo Blotzer by Blotzer family

Saturday, October 7

4 p.m. Donald Fischer by Donna Fischer/family

Sunday, October 8

8 a.m. In thanksgiving, 50th Wedding Anniversary
Les/Connie Smeltzer

10:30 a.m. For the parishioners of Our Lady of Grace and
St. Benedict parishes

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

9/24/17 Offertory: \$ 11,651.14

Online: 3,750.00

TOTAL: \$ 15,401.14

Catholic University/Catholic Schools: \$1,422.00

Mission Co-op: \$4,502.00

In order to meet our ordinary expenses entirely from our Sunday collection, Our Lady of Grace needs about \$18,715 per week in the regular collection. Thank you!

Prayers for the Sick

Shirley Good

Mark Skodak

Robert Muscente

Lloyd Shaw

Rose Stabile

Tim Fox

Patricia Shavel

Chris DiCola

Francis Murrman

Annette Poska

Kathleen Mancuso

Janice Poole

Thomas Miller

Calendar of Events



Sunday, October 1

Food Pantry collection after all Masses

9 a.m. RCIA – Youth Loft/Albanese Hall

10 a.m. Rosary for Life – Church

6 p.m. HSYM – Albanese Hall

Monday, October 2

6:30 p.m. Reconciliation prep #1 – Albanese Hall

7 p.m. Service Commission – Parish Office

Tuesday, October 3

7 p.m. Adult Formation “A Walk Through the OT” –
Albanese Hall

Wednesday, October 4

10 a.m. Bible sharing – Shepherds Hall

6 p.m. Cantor practice – Church

6:30 p.m. MSYM – Albanese Hall

7 p.m. Choir practice – Church

7 p.m. Baptism prep – Shepherds Hall

Thursday, October 5

10 a.m. Legion of Mary – Shepherds Hall

6 p.m. Miraculous Medal Devotional evening – Church

6:30 p.m. Reconciliation prep #1 – Albanese Hall

6:30 p.m. Grief support – Shepherds Hall

Saturday, October 7

9 a.m. Food Bank – Shepherds Hall

K of C Baby Bottle Campaign after Mass – Gathering Area

3 p.m. Confessions – Church

Sunday, October 8

K of C Baby Bottle Campaign after all Masses – Gathering Area

9 a.m. RCIA – Youth Loft/Albanese Hall

9 a.m. Faith Formation, Gr. 2-5 – Shepherds Hall

10:15 a.m. Faith Formation, PK-1 – Albanese Hall

11:30 a.m. Prayers of Intercession – Day Chapel

6 p.m. HSYM – Albanese Hall

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REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Jake LeJeune - Marines

John Petrucci - AF

Baylee Gardner - AF

Tasha Simoncini - Marines

A01 Cole Terrell - USN

Peyton Smith - Army National Guard

Maj. Thomas P. Naughton - AF