



February 26, 2017

Eighth 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 and Hard-of-Hearing)

Weekday and Holy Day Masses: Please see inside bulletin.



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

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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

Jason Blotzer,
Maintenance

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

Dorothy Skoloda,
Secretary

Donna Stewart,
Secretary

Tom Stumpo,
Maintenance Supervisor

Every year, on the First Sunday of Lent, falling this year on the **weekend of March 4-5**, the Diocese of Greensburg conducts the **Catholic Home Missions Appeal** for needy dioceses throughout the United States. The theme for this year's collection continues to be "Strengthening the Church at Home." Forty percent, or over 80 of the dioceses in the United States are considered to be "home mission dioceses." They receive this designation because of their struggles with severe priest shortages, overwhelming poverty, high unemployment, geographical challenges, religious hostility, and other burdens that make it difficult to practice the Catholic faith. Without the help of others, these home mission dioceses cannot provide for many of the basic pastoral services that we take for granted. Our Diocese is blessed to be able to help. This collection provides for ministries and programs such as the celebration of the Mass and the Sacraments; religious education for children, teenagers and adult parishioners; catechesis for those wanting to join the Catholic Church; formation for seminarians and permanent deacon candidates; and the ongoing development of the clergy, women and men religious, and lay leaders. This collection also helps to fund the promotion of a greater respect for life, efforts to strengthen marriages and families, and evangelization outreaches to those with little or no faith. As it stands, proceeds from the Home Missions Appeal can impact the lives of almost nine million Catholics!

Please join the St. Gianna Sodality Rosary for Life on Sunday, March 5, in praying the most holy rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary for the intentions of converting hearts to accept and work toward the culture of life from the very moment of conception at the beginning, to the natural end of life at the close. The rosary is said at 10 a.m., before the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

In your charity of prayers, please remember Dorothy Heck, mother of Donna Fischer, 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.

The Rosary Altar Society and Legion of Mary will be hosting the Stations of the Cross and Eucharistic Adoration on March 2, 4:30-6:45 p.m. All members are encouraged to attend. Exposition will begin at 4:30 p.m.; followed by adoration; Stations of the Cross at 6 p.m.; and ending with Benediction.

Our annual Fish Fry will begin on Friday, March 3 until Friday, April 7. Lunch will be served 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and dinner 4-7 p.m. We are again asking for donations of pop, Coke/Pepsi products of all flavors in 12 oz. cans, and cases of water. You may deposit these items in the Gathering Area. We are in need of quite a lot of pop and water so if you can help us out, it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you!

Also, a tradition here at Our Lady of Grace Parish is for certain groups or organizations to work the Fish Fry.

The FISH FRY MINISTRY VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE:

- March 3: St. Vincent De Paul; Finance/Pastoral Council
- March 10: IGNite families
- March 17: Eucharistic Ministers; Rosary Altar Society
- March 24: Catholic school families; Renew group
- March 31: Music Ministry
- April 7: Altar servers; Lectors; Ushers

Ministry members are reminded to bring a dessert for the dessert table. And, as always, desserts are welcome from anyone who is willing to donate!



Natural Family Planning Instruction ~ CM-BBT is a medically based, scientifically researched, highly effective NFP method that safely promotes personal health and wellness of body. CM-BBT invites better marriages, enhances couple communication and encourages mutual respect and responsibility. This NFP Method can be used to avoid, postpone, plan or achieve pregnancy. The next Natural Family Planning CM-BBT method instruction is scheduled for Saturday, March 11, beginning at 10 a.m., at the Catholic Charities office in Greensburg. Participants are required to attend only ONE session. The instruction, continued support and follow-up are provided by a medically certified CM-BBT professional. Please call at least one week prior to instruction date to pre-register. Contact Mary Ann Newhouse at Catholic Charities at 724-837-1840, Ext. 1658 for additional information or to register for this or an upcoming class. For information about Natural Family Planning and the CM-BBT Method, visit www.ccharitiesgreensburg.org and link into Natural Family Planning under "Services."

LENTEN GUIDELINES

ABSTINENCE: Catholics in the U.S. age 14 and older are obliged to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday. The church law forbids use of meat, but does not prohibit eggs, milk products or condiments made with animal fat.

FASTING: Catholics in the U.S., from the day after their 18th birthday until the day after their 59th birthday, are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. The church law allows for only one full meal a day, but does not prohibit the taking of some food in the morning and evening. The combined quantity of the two meals should not exceed the quantity eaten at the full meal. The drinking of ordinary liquids does not break the fast. Note: Persons taking medication or with health concerns should follow their doctor's advice.

PRAYER/ALMSGIVING: Abstinence and fasting should lead Catholics to a deeper prayer life. Almsgiving provides an opportunity for a deeper understanding and response to the needs of the poor.

The **season of Lent begins Ash Wednesday, March 1.** On this day, ashes, symbolic of penance, are traced in the form of a cross on the foreheads of Catholics, who are reminded "Remember, you are dust and unto dust you shall return," or "Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel."



Our Lady of Grace Church



A Place to Grow in the Love and Knowledge of Jesus Christ

CHILDREN'S FORMATION: PK-5th

Next Session ~ Sunday March 12

Grades PK-1: 10:15-11:30 a.m., Albanese Hall

Grades 2-5: 9 a.m.-10:15 a.m., Shepherds Hall

Eucharist Prep session #1 ~ Monday, March 6, OR Tuesday, March 7, 6:30-8 p.m., Church

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY: 6th-8th

Next Session ~ Wednesday, March 8, 6:30-8 p.m., Albanese Hall.

PLEASE NOTE: There is no MSYM on Wednesday, March 1, due to Ash Wednesday.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY: 9th-12th

Next Session ~ Sunday, March 5, 6-8:30 p.m., Albanese Hall.

PLEASE NOTE: There is no HSYM on Sunday, February 26, due to retreat.

ADULTS

For the Life of the World Lenten Series

Christians are always being told to be "in the world but not of it." But what does that really mean? What is my place and purpose in their God-created world that surrounds me?

For the Life of the World is a series of short films that offers a fresh perspective, by exploring God's surprisingly beautiful plan for his creation, the world, and us. Preview this powerful series on our parish website.

Join us for any or all seven Mondays in Lent beginning February 27 and ending April 10. Sessions will be held from 7-8:30 p.m. in Albanese Hall. There is a \$5 donation for a book or you may borrow a book for the length of the series. Register online at www.ourladyofgracechurch.org or by calling Katrina at the parish office 724-838-9480. **Limited childcare is available upon request.**

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Mass Intentions for the Week



Saturday, February 25

4 p.m. Carmella Moschetti by Robert/Rose Lee Metcalfe

Sunday, February 26

8 a.m. For the parishioners of Our Lady of Grace and St. Benedict parishes

10:30 a.m. Daniel B. Painter by Dan/Cindy Painter

Monday, February 27

6:45 a.m. Pauline Kozak by Sue/Jim Obringer

Tuesday, February 28

NO MASS

Ash Wednesday, March 1

6:45 a.m. Helen Klemash by Don/Linda Haun (ashes)

12:10 p.m. Liturgy of the Word w/ashes

5:30 p.m. Liturgy of the Word w/ashes

Thursday, March 2

NO MASS

Friday, March 3

6:45 a.m. Helen Klemash by Ron/Suzan Firment

Saturday, March 4

4 p.m. Donna/Sage Capozzi by Capozzi family

Sunday, March 5

8 a.m. Anthony/Michael Arlotta by the Minster family

10:30 a.m. Vito/Ethel Duda by Mark/Annette/Gregory

Prayers for the Sick

Diane Perne

Rose Stabile

Grace Rohal

Jennie Daversa

Irma Stuchell

Amy Bovina

Jeff Zeminski

Joseph DeFail

Jim Petzel, Jr.

Mary Ann Burns

Mary Fry

Louise Mirolli

Pam Roll

Eric Roll

Millie Roll

Patty Barbour

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

2/19/17 Offertory: \$ 12,724.60

Online: 4,026.00

TOTAL: \$ 16,750.60

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!

*Due to the current widespread flu,
the use of the cup during Communion
is temporarily suspended.*

Calendar of Events



Sunday, February 26

Fish Fry volunteer sign-up – *Gathering Area*
Food Pantry collection – *Gathering Area*
9 a.m. RCIA – *Daily Chapel*
9 a.m. Faith Formation Gr. 2-5 – *Shepherds Hall*
10:15 a.m. Faith Formation Gr. PK-1 – *Albanese Hall*
6 p.m. HSYM – *Church*

Monday, February 27

7 p.m. For the Life of the World – *Albanese Hall*

Tuesday, February 28

9 a.m. AARP Tax Aide – *Albanese Hall*
11 a.m. Soprano/Alto sectional – *Church*
2 p.m. Tenor/Bass sectional – *Church*
6:30 p.m. Deaf Community meeting – *Parish Office*

Wednesday, March 1

10 a.m. Bible Sharing – *Shepherds Hall*
6 p.m. Cantors – *Church*
7 p.m. Choir – *Church*

Thursday, March 2

2 p.m. Grief support – *Daily Chapel*
7 p.m. Adult Women's Faith Sharing – *Gathering Area*

Friday, March 3

11 a.m. Fish Fry lunch – *Shepherds Hall*
4 p.m. Fish Fry dinner – *Shepherds Hall*

Saturday, March 4

9 a.m. Food Bank – *Shepherds Hall*
3 p.m. Confessions – *Church*

Sunday, March 5

9 a.m. RCIA – *Daily Chapel*
6 p.m. HSYM – *Church*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Sir 17:20-24; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 10:17-27
Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23; Mk 10:28-31
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17;
2 Cor 5:20 – 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17;
Rom 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]; Mt 4:1-11



The AARP Tax Counseling for the Elderly

(TCE) program offers free tax help to people who cannot afford professional assistance, lower income, elderly, and persons with disabilities. Assistance will be offered on **TUESDAYS**, through April 11, at Our Lady of Grace, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. NO appointment necessary.