

April 30, 2017 Third Sunday of Easter

## 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.



Parish Office	724-838-9480
Hours: MonFri., 9 a.mnoon 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

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

#### **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.

#### 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.

Please join the St. Gianna Sodality Rosary for Life, on Sunday, May 7, 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, on the first Sunday of each month.

In your charity of prayers, please remember Elizabeth Tirdil, mother of Mary Beth McGuire; Angela Santia, mother of Louis Santia; and Mary Spino, who recently passed away. May their souls 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.

Copies of the re-issued cemetery regulations for Greensburg Catholic cemetery graves and mausoleums are available in a box located on the outside of the cemetery office building. These rules are also available on the Cathedral's website at www.blessedsacramentcathedral.org. If you have any questions, please call the cemetery office at 724-836-4384.



## Maintenance Employee Resignation

After serving on our parish maintenance staff for over 10 years, Jason Blotzer submitted a letter of resignation to

me this past week. His reason for resigning is to accept another job with increased pay. Jason's last day of work will be Friday, May 5. He has been a wonderful part of our parish staff. We extend our best wishes to him as he begins his new job.

In the meantime, I will be working in consultation with our maintenance supervisor, Tom Stumpo, other parish staff, and members of our parish Building and Grounds commission, to assure that our church, parish buildings, and grounds are properly maintained.

Father Dan



The parish is sincerely grateful to all who have responded to the Diocesan Lenten Appeal. Our parish diocesan target for this year is \$107,292. This amount will go directly to the diocese to help them with their expenses for all the services that they provide directly or indirectly to our parish as a whole or to individual parishioners. Our parish needs an additional \$50,000 from this year's DLA to fund the costs associated with the capital repair or replacement of certain sections of our church roof. To date, 380 families have responded. The total of pledges is \$101,001. \$73,991.70 has been paid in full. If you have not made your gift, you may return your pledge card at Mass or return it to the parish office. In addition, you may make your pledge online at DLA.dioceseofgreensburg.org.

With gratitude to Almighty God, on May 7, Fr. Robert Byrnes will celebrate his 50th Anniversary of the Priesthood. There will be a concelebrated Mass of Thanksgiving at 2 p.m., here at Our Lady of Grace Church, followed by a reception in Albanese Hall until 8 p.m. You are cordially invited to attend the Mass and/or the reception. Keep Father Byrnes in your prayers as well.

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 Monday, May 8, beginning at 6 p.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 more information about Natural Family Planning and the CM-BBT Method. visit www.ccharitiesgreensburg.org and link into Natural Family Planning under "Services."

### COURTESY NOTES

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church in North Huntingdon invites you to its 6th annual "Blessing of the Bikes" on Sunday, May 7. The event, which takes place in the rear church parking lot, will begin at 2 p.m. Fr. Len Stoviak will offer a blessing service at 2:30 p.m. Enjoy indoor refreshments, live music by "Good News Blues" with Diana Mikash, prizes and a whole lot more! For more information, contact Diana Mikash at 724-989-4325.

Seats are available to join members of our diocesan choir on a special pilgrimage to New Orleans, Louisiana, June 12-16. This excursion, being led by Fr. William Lechnar and Tom Octave, will focus on the Catholic heritage and history, unique music, and delicious cuisine of "The Big Easy." For details or to register, call 724-552-2645 or email Fr. Lechnar at wlechnar@dioceseofgreensburg.org. Space is limited "y'all."





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#### MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY: 6th-8th

Next weekly session ~ Wednesday, May 3, 6:30 p.m., Albanese Hall

#### HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY: 9th-12th

Next weekly session ~ today, Sunday, April 30, 6-8 p.m., Albanese Hall.

## The following were winners at the children's Easter party:

Jelly Beans: Mason Hunter

Ages 0-2: Grace Wineland/Josephine Theis/Nolan Eisen/Gianna Bowman/Zara Acevedo

Ages 3-5: Lowell Eisen/Allie Born/Emma McMahon/ Harper Aurigemma

Ages 6-8: Jason Eziagulu/Maxim Rosendale/Liam Aurigemma/Maddie Hutchins/Betsabe Chapman

Ages 9-11: Peyton McKee/Mackenzie Benson/ Anthony Milligan/Avery Gorman/Anna Rosendale

Our partner parish, St. Benedict, will be holding its annual May Crowning on Sunday, May 7, at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend this special event honoring the Blessed Mother. Light refreshments will follow in the Parish Center.



The Partner Parishes of St. Benedict and Our Lady of Grace are pleased to announce that registration for "The Maker Fun Factory" Vacation Bible School is now open!

June 19–23, 2017 9 a.m. – Noon Our Lady of Grace Church Preschool through Grade 5

Volunteers are also needed to help with the various stations. Anyone entering Grade 6 through adult is invited to help. Please see the display in the Gathering Space for a description of the help needed and for registration forms.

# Mass Intentions for the Week



#### Saturday, April 29

4 p.m. Michael Reno by daughters, Donna/Kathy Reno

#### Sunday, April 30

8 a.m. Antoinette Spinelli by Jackie/Toni Farzetti

10:30 a.m. Anthony Dominick by family

#### Monday, May 1

6:45 a.m. Helen Pollono by Stephen/Deb Mignogna

#### Tuesday, May 2

#### NO MASS

#### Wednesday, May 3

6:45 a.m. Mary Diorio Testa by husband, Tony/son

#### Thursday, May 4

#### NO MASS

#### Friday, May 5

6:45 a.m. Anthony E. Duda by Mark/Annette/Gregory

#### Saturday, May 6

4 p.m. Shirley Lane by Kathy Senic

#### Sunday, May 7

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

St. Benedict parishes

10:30 a.m. George Barbour, Sr. by wife, Patty/son,

George & Sarah/grandson, Grant

### Frayers for the Sick

Joe Haley Millie Roll Marie Marscelli Flora Fannerella

Rose Stabile Louise Mirolli Pam Roll Pat Feret

Pat Feret Patty Zello

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**CONFIRMATION** 

practice and wrap-up, Thursday, May 11, 7 p.m., in Church.

#### Calendar of Events



Food pantry collection after all Masses 6 p.m. HSYM — Albanese Hall/Church

Wednesday, May 3

10 a.m. Bible Sharing — Shepherds Hall

6:30 p.m. MSYM — Albanese Hall

Thursday, May 4

10 a.m. Legion of Mary — Shepherds Hall

6:30 p.m. Men's Discipleship Group — *Daily Chapel* 7 p.m. Adult Women's Faith Sharing — *Shepherds Hall* 

Saturday, May 6

9 a.m. Food Bank — Shepherds Hall

3 p.m. Confession — Church

Sunday, May 7

2 p.m. Fr. Robert Byrnes 50th Priest Jubilee -

Church/Albanese/Shepherds halls

#### **STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

Sunday, 4/23/17 Offertory: \$ 12,040.13

Online: <u>3,436.00</u> TOTAL: \$ 15,476.13

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!

#### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30;

Jn 6:22-29 or, for the memorial,

Gn 1:26 — 2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24;

Ps 90:2-4, 12-14, 16; Mt 13:54-58

Tuesday: Acts 7:51 – 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a,

17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14 Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20;

Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59 Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69

Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps 23:1-6;

1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10

Due to HIPPA Law, Excela hospitals no longer inform the parish office who has been admitted. Families must call the parish office. If you or a relative is admitted to the hospital and wish to have your name added to the "Prayer List," please call the parish office.