



May 21, 2017

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Our Lady of Grace Church

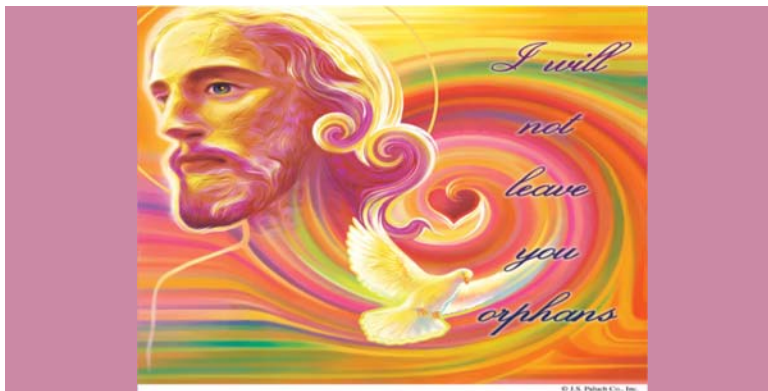
A Parish of the Diocese of Greensburg | A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust
 1011 Mt. Pleasant Road | Greensburg, Pennsylvania 15601

Liturgical Schedule

Weekend Masses: Saturday Vigil: 4 p.m.

Sunday: 8 & 10:30 a.m. (Interpreted Mass for the Deaf & 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.

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.

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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Rev. Daniel L. Blout, Pastor

Rev. Ryan C. Ravis, Parochial Vicar

Rev. Tyler J. Bandura, in Residence

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Music Minister

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Youth Minister

Katrina Coleman,
*Director of Parish Formation
& Evangelization*

Kelly Dembiczak,
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Formation*



Aurelia Sabol,
Business Manager

Dorothy Skoloda,
Secretary

Donna Stewart,
Secretary

Tom Stumpo,
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This Thursday, May 25, is the Feast of the Ascension, a holy day of obligation, commemorating Christ's return to heaven under His own power 40 days after His Resurrection. It marks the close of the visible mission of Jesus on earth, the reappearance in heaven of His total humanity glorified, placed in the position of honor at His Father's side eternally. It is from this seat of glory that He sent the Spirit of Pentecost and will come to the final general judgment of all people. The throne of the Ascension is that Christ has passed beyond our sight, not to abandon us, but to be our hope. He is the beginning, the Head of the Church; where He has gone, we hope to follow. Our hope is strong because Christ, although gone physically, has not left us spiritually. All Catholics are obliged to attend Mass on this day.

Our **Mother's Day Basket Raffle** was a huge success! Thank you to the Rosary Altar members who designed and donated 13 beautiful baskets, and to all who supported the RAS by taking chances on the baskets.

Mother's Day Basket Raffle Winners:

Pioneer Woman Basket – Carol Hartman

Victorian Tea Basket – Georgia Horgos

Tabletop Fountain and Candle Basket – Carol Boerd

Garden Basket – Rose Eckman

Picnic Basket – Joan McGinley

Brighton Bracelet – Connie Smeltzer

Lottery Frame – Pat Newman

Chocolate Basket – Fr. Paul Lisik

Wine Basket – Joyce Ziance

Wen Basket – Pam Ritson

Gift Cards & Flower Basket – Matty Williams

Candle & Angel Basket – Debby Gretz

Just 4 You Basket – Virginia Frelin

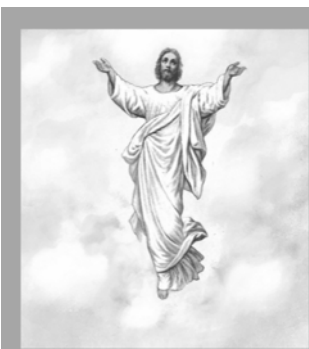
PROCEEDS BENEFIT OUR PARISH.

Mother's Day Covered Dish ~ Women of the parish are invited to attend the Rosary Altar Society's annual Mother's Day covered dish dinner on Wednesday, May 24, 6 p.m., in Shepherds Hall. Bring a covered dish and join us for an evening of fun and friendship. For more information, call Esther at 724-834-3422.

Thank you for your **generous support of the Trinity Dome collection.** Your participation will bring to completion the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, our church, America's Catholic Church.

Celebrating Baptism ~ We recently welcomed Joseph Paul Yelinek, son of Jeffrey and Eve (Grohal) Yelinek, into the Catholic community of faith. May our community embrace him and may our word and example be a reflection of God's love to him. Let us offer our joy-filled praise and congratulations as a sign of our support and welcome.

New Middle School Priesthood Discernment Group: Jeremiah Days, is a new opportunity for middle-school-aged boys and their parents or guardian to gather to learn, discuss and pray about a vocation to the priesthood. The name for this group is taken from the prophet Jeremiah who was called by God at a young age to lead the Israelites to truth and holiness. The group will meet on Saturday, May 27, from 9:30–11 a.m., at St. Barbara Church, Harrison City. To register, please email Fr. Tyler Bandura at tbandura@dioceseofgreensburg.org.



**The Parish Office
will be CLOSED
on Thursday, May 25,
in observance of
the Ascension.**

The regional Masses for Ascension Thursday are:

Cathedral ~ May 24: Vigil, 5:30 p.m.
May 25: 12:10, 5:30 p.m.

Holy Cross ~ May 24: Vigil, 7 p.m.; May 25: 8 a.m.

Our Lady of Grace ~ May 25: 12:10 & 5:30 p.m.

St. Benedict ~ May 25: 9 a.m. & 7 p.m.

St. Bruno ~ May 24: Vigil, 7 p.m.; May 25: 8 a.m.

St. Paul ~ May 25: 8 a.m. & 6 p.m.

Community News

Holy Family Church, 1200 Ligonier St., Latrobe, celebrates the Extraordinary form of the Roman Rite (Traditional Latin Mass) every Sunday at 1 p.m. You are welcome to attend this ancient, sacred and beautiful form of the Holy Mass.

Managing Your Loved One's Money in Times of Need: Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg is sponsoring a Senior Enrichment Workshop on Wednesday, June 14, noon to 4 p.m., at the Bishop William G. Conrare Center, 2900 Seminary Lane, Greensburg. Guest speakers are Shirley A. Makuta, Esquire, of Makuta Law and Dr. Paul Niemiec, LPC, of Catholic Charities. Admission is free and lunch will be provided. All are welcome but please register by June 4 by contacting Mary Ellen Pellegrino at mpellegrino@dioceseofgreensburg.org or 724-552-2605.

St. Paul Parish invites you to join them for an excursion to Lancaster County's Sight & Sound Theater on Tuesday, July 25, to experience the onstage Bible story, "Jonah." You will depart St. Paul's at 9:30 a.m. and return approximately 11:30 p.m. Cost per adult is \$148 and includes transportation, theater ticket, and dinner at Plain n' Fancy restaurant. Cost per child, ages 3-12, is \$105.50. All payments are due by Friday, June 9. Book your seat now. For more information, please call Judy Dodson at 724-420-5000.

St. Bartholomew Church, Crabtree, is hosting a Las Vegas super bingo, Friday, June 2, In Marian Hall. Doors open at 6 p.m. Early bird begins at 7:40 p.m. For more information, please call 724-837-0197.

Our Lady of Grace Church



A place to grow in the Love & Knowledge of Jesus Christ

Attention all parish youth entering grades 5-12 in the fall ~ You are invited to join youth from around the Diocese on **Wednesday, June 28**, for an exciting Diocesan Youth trip to Cedar Point amusement park in Ohio. The cost for the day is **\$85** and includes admission to Cedar Point, bus transportation, lunch, all-day drink pass and a catered dinner in the park. Please note that those in grades 5-8 must be accompanied by a parent/chaperone in the park. Graduating seniors 18 and older must have all appropriate clearances. **Registration deadline is June 6 or whenever the buses are filled.** Contact Katrina at the parish at 724-838-9480 or kcoleman@dioceseofgreensburg.org for more information or to register.

Attention current 6th Graders ~ If you plan to, or are considering attending Greensburg Central Catholic Junior-Senior High School for the 2017-2018 school year, please visit our website (www.gcchs.org) for vital information regarding a mandatory 7th grade math placement test. Dates for testing are Monday, June 5, 9 a.m. and Tuesday, June 6, at 6 p.m. There is no fee for the hour-long test. Pick-up and drop off will occur in GCC's cafeteria. For more information, contact Colleen Sherman at csherman@gcchs.org.



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.

ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK

PITTSBURGH EAST ANIMAL HOSPITAL

Thank and utilize the services of our sponsors. It is through their support that this bulletin is made possible.

Mass Intentions for the Week



Saturday, May 20

4 p.m. Florence Butler by Donna/Robert Nicely, Jr.

Sunday, May 21

8 a.m. Donald/Margaret Hudak by daughter, Jo Holes

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

Monday, May 22

6:45 a.m. Krivacek/Huweart families
by Donna Krivacek/family

Tuesday, May 23

NO MASS

Wednesday, May 24

6:45 a.m. Charles Donato by Genevieve Donato/daughters

ASCENSION THURSDAY, May 25 (Holy Day of Obligation)

12:10 p.m. Chellman family by Joe Mignogna

5:30 p.m. Maria Wnenczak/Jósef by Marisha Harshey

Friday, May 26

6:45 a.m. John/Nina Spino by Gloria Shoup

Saturday, May 27

4 p.m. Zethel Emanuel by Frank/Drusilla Emanuel

Sunday, May 28

8 a.m. Mary/Harry Hoffman by Randy/Cindy Hoffman family

10:30 a.m. Health/spiritual welfare of Zuri Marie/Gordan family
and in loving memory of Mary E. Burick
by Chris/Dave Taylor family

Prayers for the Sick

Rose Stabile

Pam Roll

Donald Williams

Louise Mirolli

Pat Feret

Carmelita Detore

Joe Haley

Millie Roll

Marie Marscelli

Joseph DeFail

Kathleen Mancuso

Louis Cassella

Ann Blatney

Jennifer Falbo

2017 DIOCESAN LENTEN APPEAL

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Diocese of Greensburg



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To date, **460** families have responded to the Diocesan Lenten Appeal. The **total pledged is \$128,352** and

\$100,231,20 has been paid in full. This means we have exceeded our parish goal. *At this point, all dollars pledged or given will be returned to our parish* and used here to fund the costs associated with the capital repair or replacement of certain sections of our church roof. If you haven't made your gift, please prayerfully discern your gift and return your pledge card at Mass next weekend or return it to the Parish Office. In addition, you may make your pledge online at DLA.dioceseofgreensburg.org.

Calendar of Events



Sunday, May 21

6 p.m. All youth ministry family picnic – *Albanese Hall*

Tuesday, May 23

6:30 p.m. Welcome team meeting – *Parish Office*

Wednesday, May 24

10 a.m. Bible Sharing – *Shepherds Hall*

6 p.m. Rosary Altar Society – *Shepherds Hall*

7 p.m. Building & grounds meeting – *Albanese Hall*

Thursday, May 25

10 a.m. Legion of Mary – *Shepherds Hall*

7 p.m. Adult Women's Faith Sharing – *Gathering Area*

Saturday, May 27

3 p.m. Confessions – *Church*

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Sunday, 5/14/17 Offertory: \$ 13,542.00
 Online: 3,728.00
 TOTAL: \$ 17,270.00

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!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Jn 15:26 – 16:4a
Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22 – 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Jn 16:12-15
Thursday: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20 (for Ascension); otherwise Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 16:16-20
Friday: Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-7; Jn 16:20-23
Saturday: Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28
Sunday: Acts 1:12-14; Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8; 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 17:1-11a; or (for Ascension) Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20

Flea Market Thank You ~ Thank you to all the Rosary Altar Society members who helped in any way with our successful annual flea market. A very special thank you to anyone that donated items to the Rosary Altar table. Your generosity was overwhelming! Proceeds benefit our parish.