



July 16, 2017

Fifteenth 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.



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

Marisa Cazden,
Music Minister

Bob Chappell,
Youth Minister

Katrina Coleman,
*Director of Parish Formation
& Evangelization*

Kelly Dembiczak,
*Coordinator of Parish Faith
Formation*



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Business Manager

Don Sabol,
Maintenance

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.

Bishop Malesic to lead drug education and prayer service evenings ~

In his recently released Pastoral Letter on the current drug abuse crisis, Bishop Edward C. Malesic poses the question that all of us have been asking: "What can we do about it?" In response to that question, he challenges us as Catholics to do the two things that we do best — **Pray and Teach!**

So, on Thursday, August 3, Our Lady of Grace Church will be hosting one of the seven Summer Diocesan Drug Education and Prayer Service Evenings as part of the diocesan response that Bishop Malesic announced in "A Pastoral Letter on the Drug Abuse Crisis: From Death and Despair to Life and Hope." The session will begin at 7 p.m. and is open to the public. There will be an educational presentation about the opioid epidemic in the region, a question-and-answer session in Albanese Hall; a prayer service led by Bishop Malesic in the Church at 8 p.m.; concluding with refreshments at 8:30 p.m.

The other evenings are scheduled for Wednesday, Aug. 2, St. Joseph Parish, Uniontown; Tuesday, Aug. 8, St. Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Kittanning; Thursday, Aug. 10, Mary, Queen of Apostles School, Greenwald Site, New Kensington; and Wednesday, Aug. 16, St. Thomas More University Parish, Indiana.

I encourage you to make every effort – and invite your friends, co-workers, and acquaintances to come and gather to learn and pray – to rally around this initiative of our Diocesan Bishop. With God's divine inspiration, guidance, wisdom, and courage we can confront and defeat this drug crisis while proclaiming our desire to help and heal those affected by an opioid addiction.

May our church bring to those affected by and entangled in the web of addiction our Lord's renewed hope and healing love.

Father Dan

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ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO ...

✠RCIA✠

+ Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?

+ Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

We are looking to reach out to you! Our parish offers the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) just for you. RCIA is an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. These sessions focus on scripture, faith, and Church teachings, to help you prepare for the celebration of the Sacraments. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm and accepting environment. Participation in RCIA does not require a final commitment, that decision is made at the beginning of Lent. You have five months to explore before making a final decision! If you wish to join in the journey that begins this fall, please contact Katrina Coleman at kcoleman@dioceseofgreensburg.org or by calling the parish office.

In your charity of prayers, please remember **Fr. William Donahue**, our former pastor here at Our Lady of Grace, who recently passed away. May his 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.

Giving Tree Reminder ~ If you have taken a "Baby" ornament, it is to be returned this weekend with your unwrapped gift to Albanese Hall, before and after all Masses. The St. Gianna Sodality thanks you for your generous support!

TOWARD HEAVEN

Think well.

Speak well.

Do well.

These three things,
through the mercy of God,
will make a person go
to heaven.

— St. Camillus de Lellis

Speaker Series

Our Lady of Grace
Summer Adult Formation
 Albanese Hall, Wednesdays, 7-8:30 p.m.

Open to all those 18 years and older. You do not need to be a parishioner or Catholic.

*RSVPs suggested – not required.
 Come when you are able!*

July 26 ~ “Welcoming the Stranger,” Sister Barbara Einloth, S.C.

August 9 ~ “For the Life of the World” Night at the Movies — Bring your lawn chair!

August 23 ~ “Medjugorje & My Journey to the Priesthood,” Fr. Ryan Ravis, Parochial Vicar at Our Lady of Grace

COURTESY NOTES


St. Edward Parish Festival, 120 St. Edwards Lane, Herminie, will be held Sunday, July 23, 12:30-7 p.m. The day includes bingo, cash raffles, basket raffles, funnel cakes, game booths, free hayrides, homemade food, cold refreshments, soft serve ice cream and more. Music by DJ Georgio from Radio WKFB 97.5 FM. All are welcome.

The Bereavement Support Group at St. Vincent Basilica Parish, Latrobe, will meet Monday, July 17, at 7 p.m. in the Parish Center conference room. Anyone dealing with the death of a loved one is invited to attend; new faces are always welcome. The group meets on the third Monday of each month. There is no cost to attend. Contact Teri Pomerleau for directions or more information at 724-539-8629, Ext. 15 or teri.pomerleau@stvincent.edu.

The Greensburg Chapter of Magnificat — A Ministry to Catholic Women is holding a breakfast at the Ramada Hotel and Convention Center, Route 30 East, Greensburg, on Saturday, July 29, 9 a.m.-12 noon. Guest speaker will be Fr. Bill Kiel, who will give the personal testimony of his change of vocation from school teacher to priest and his life-changing trip to Medjugorje. Cost is \$20; student rate is \$15. To register, please call Brenda by July 21 at 724-836-2094 or visit www.magnificatgreensburg.com to download a registration form. Please note that there is no online registration.

The Greensburg area St. Vincent de Paul Society is sponsoring an **OUTDOOR** food distribution on Monday, July 17. Operation Fresh Express is held in conjunction with the Westmoreland County Food Bank. The event will take place in the parking lot of Church of Jesus Christ World Operations Center, 110 Walton Tea Room Road, Greensburg. (This is off of Route 136 on the way to Hempfield High School.) Volunteers are requested to arrive by 3 p.m. and we are normally done by 5 p.m. We need a minimum of 30 volunteers for this to run smoothly. Please come and join us as we feed our neighbors in need.

Attention Liturgical Ministers (Altar Servers, Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers) ~ The ministry schedule for weekend Masses from August 5 through September 24 will be compiled this week. Please call the parish office or send an email to dstewart@dioceseofgreensburg.org if you have any changes in Mass preference or availability. We will also need volunteers for Masses at 12:10 and 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 5, for the Assumption holy day. If you are available to serve, please let us know. Thank you!

CRAFT

SHOW

The Rosary Altar societies of the partner parishes of Our Lady of Grace and St. Benedict are co-sponsoring a craft show on Saturday, September 30, 8 a.m.-3 p.m., here at Our Lady of Grace. Crafters are needed. For further information about being a vendor, please contact asabol@dioceseofgreensburg.org or 724-834-9045; or eseranko@comcast.net or 724-691-6009.

Mass Intentions for the Week



Saturday, July 15

4 p.m. For the parishioners of Our Lady of Grace and St. Benedict parishes

Sunday, July 16

8 a.m. Bob Pomponi by Tom/Irne/Kaydyn Wright
10:30 a.m. Ralph V. Capone by Dr. Ralph/Mrs. Andrea Capone

Monday, July 17

6:45 a.m. Florence Slonceski (1 mo.)
by David/Florence Marczely

Tuesday, July 18

NO MASS

Wednesday, July 19

6:45 a.m. Deceased of the Frelin/DeHennis families
by Jean Frelin

Thursday, July 20

NO MASS

Friday, July 21

6:45 a.m. Florence Butler (1 yr.) by John Graziano

Saturday, July 22

4 p.m. Elizabeth Brucker by Phil/Judy Sinclair

Sunday, July 23

8 a.m. Joseph/Elizabeth Eannotti by daughter, Barbara
10:30 a.m. Paul Krivacek by Donna Krivacek/children

Prayers for the Sick

Rose Stabile
Louise Mirulli

Pat Feret
Carmelita Detore

Marg Moyer
Marie Marscelli
Joseph DeFail
Kathleen Mancuso
Virginia Patrick

Voice classes will be offered here in July and August. The classes are for all who participate in our Music Ministry and especially for those who are considering joining the choir or serving as a cantor in the near future. The basics of vocal production are covered, along with exercises you can do at home. In the July sessions, we will be singing tunes from popular musicals. All are welcome! For more information, contact Marisa at 724-838-9480, Ext. 28, or mcazden@dioceseofgreensburg.org. Flyers with details are available on the book rack.

Calendar of Events



Saturday, July 15

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Monday, July 17

2 p.m. Vocal session — Albanese Hall

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Wednesday, July 19

10 a.m. Bible Sharing — Shepherds Hall

Thursday, July 20

10 a.m. Legion of Mary — Shepherds Hall

7 p.m. Adult Women's Faith Sharing — Gathering Space

Saturday, July 22

3 p.m. Confessions — Church

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

7/2/17

Offertory: \$ 14,575.05

Online: 4,840.00

Total: \$ 19,415.05

7/9/17

Offertory: \$ 12,931.00

Online: 4,952.00

Total: \$ 17,883.00

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!

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22; Ps 124:1b-8; Mt 10:34 — 11:1

Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a; Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Ps 103:1b-4, 6-7; Mt 11:25-27

Thursday: Ex 3:13-20; Ps 105:1, 5, 8-9, 24-27; Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Ex 11:10 — 12:14; Ps 116:12-13, 15, 16bc, 17-18; Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: Ex 12:37-42; Ps 136:1, 23-24, 10-15; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19; Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43 [24-30]