



Our Lady of the Assumption

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday
9:00 am - 1:00 pm—Walk-in
1:00 pm– 2:00 pm—Lunch
2:00-4:00 pm—By appointment

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday 4:00 pm - Lucernemines
Saturday 6:00 pm - Coral
Sunday 9:00 am - Coral
Sunday 11:00 am - Lucernemines

Schedule for daily Masses, Holy Days, & other services can be found inside.

Sanctuary Candle
For January 21 to February 4
burns in memory of
Oreste Martini
By
Daughter, Mary
(Lucernemines)
&
For Special Intention
By
Anonymous
(Coral)



Our local SVdP Conference is seeking individuals with a desire to help our needy neighbors in our community. We are in need of volunteers to schedule interviews or to conduct interviews. We are currently doing interviews by phone rather than in person. If you want to know more about this ministry, contact Conference President Lynn Contrucci at 724-349-1385

'A Knight at the Races' Feb. 26 in Indiana

Knights of Columbus Council 10960, serving the parishes of Church of the Good Shepherd, Kent, and Our Lady of the Assumption, Lucernemines and Coral, will host "A Knight at the Races #2" (ages 21 and over) Saturday, Feb. 26, at the Fraternal Order of Eagles, Indiana. Doors will open at 6 p.m. and racing will start at 7. Tickets are \$25 and include a buffet and adult beverages; a cash bar will be available. Horses cost \$10 (chance to win \$50). For tickets or information, contact Norb Rayko at 724-422-1533 or nmrayk@hotmail.com.

SECOND COLLECTION FEBRUARY 5/6, 2022

Next weekend there will be a second collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. The proceeds from this collection will help the Church to bright light to twenty-nine nations in Central and Eastern Europe. Please contribute if you can.



"For whom is this Mass being offered?"

Dear Parishioners,

"Catholic culture" describes practices and customs meaningful to us but often unfamiliar to persons not of our faith-tradition. Do you recollect or recall conversations with some Christian but not Catholic persons who expressed puzzlement at the bodily positions we take when celebrating a Mass? How would someone know when to stand to when to sit, when to kneel or when to bow, or when to cross oneself or gently beat one's breast (yes, we still do that)? Of all the many practices and customs we observe, I wonder if "**requesting that a Mass be offered for someone**" is one practice that needs some explanation, especially for a younger generation not schooled in the custom.

Attend a Mass, and you notice that at the "General Intercessions" or "**Prayers of the Faithful**" read by our lector (reader of the Holy Scriptures) at Mass, that the **final prayer petition always refers to the "Mass Intention" for the day**, that is, for a particular person or persons, often for a deceased member of our parish. The **parish publishes these intentions** in the bulletin for each week **for the benefit of all**. Families or friends or colleagues usually request specific Sundays or weekdays **to remember a loved one or colleague**. In the broadest application, a **Mass Intention memorializes** a person once a living part of our community or family. Families often request specific or significant dates: a birthday or the day of death, or a marriage anniversary, for example. **Almost every Christian Church** has some means of **keeping a memorial for a departed member**. I recall that the first observance of Mothers' Day involved a Memorial Service at a Methodist Church to honor one person's mother. The community remembers its own.

Our Catholic Culture, according to a tradition dating to the community of believers hiding from persecution in the catacombs in Rome, **added elements of prayerful intercession to the Ascended Christ on behalf of deceased persons**. Much later, believers questioned the efficacy of such prayers at a Mass, saying that **when a person dies, he or she must have already chosen Jesus** as Savior and thus **been justified and saved**. Our Catholic ancestors **did not dispute** the necessity of faith before death; but our ancestors also knew that **to arrive before the face of God is a dreadfully awesome** introduction of life after death, a "moment" in which God begins to purify us to make us worthier to be in His Presence.

In our God-talk and thinking, we realize that the **Mass proclaims** and celebrates **the powerful working of God once and for all in Jesus**. Mass means many things, such as our common worship, our meeting of the Living Word of God, and our sharing of the Body & Blood of Christ, but **above all means that we share anew in the One Sacrifice by which God rescued us**. From the start we have been realists about the power of sin to pull us away from God and from God's way.

When we celebrate the Mass, **we are privileged to view God at work again in Jesus** in our own lives and to **see a small sliver of the heart of the Father for all his children**, especially *for the lost* or the wondering ones.

As pastor I note that as senior members of our parish die, some of their children and grandchildren may **not recognize or honor the place that faith occupied** in their parent's or grandparent's lives. Some choose not to have a religious service at all; others want minimal prayers. This choice saddens me personally along with those who knew the deceased as a fellow believer. I urge us to choose to have Mass offered for our deceased and for one another **that souls be bathed in the mercy of God purifying us**. Leave instructions to allow this "fountain" to flow.

FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY/FEBRUARY

All sessions will take place in Podowski Hall at the Lucernemines worship site.

Grades PreK-5 will meet from 9:45-10:45am.

Grades 6-7 and additional Youth Group (grades 8-12) will meet from 5:30-7pm.

January 30th

Grades PreK-5

February 6th

Grades PreK-5

Grades 6-7 plus additional Youth Group (grades 8-12)

February 13th

Grades PreK-5

February 20th

No Sessions

President's Day (3-day weekend)

February 27th

Grades PreK-5

Grades 6-7 plus additional Youth Group (grades 8-12)

Adult Bible Study: The Seven Last Words of Christ

Our new Bible Study series began on Thursday, January 27th.

These sessions are free of charge. Books, materials, and refreshments are provided for all participants. We will be meeting every other Thursday offering two identical sessions:

the first following the 8am Mass in Coral, and the second at 7pm in Podowski Hall at Lucernemines.

Our session dates will be: 2/10, 2/24, 3/10, 3/24, and 4/7.

The format of these sessions will be similar to the one that we finished in November. This time, we will be able to incorporate special Lenten services to complement our readings and discussions.

Inquiries may be made by calling the Parish Office at 724-479-9542

or by emailing cmarco@dioceseofgreensburg.org

All are welcome!

We would like to hear from you !

Please consider attending one of the town hall meetings regarding the Synod. Local meetings:

Wednesday, February 2, 2-4 pm

St. James Parish, 306 St. James Lane, New Alexandria, PA 15670

Thursday, February 3, 6-8 pm

St. Bernard of Clairvaux Parish
200 Clairvaux Dr., Indiana, PA 15701.



Pierogi Sale

Our Lady of the Assumption Altar Rosary Society will be sponsoring their pierogi sale on Friday, February 25 from 4-6 pm at Podowski Hall. The Cost per dozen is \$10.

Volunteers needed to make pierogis.

Volunteers are needed to assist in pierogi making and would be welcome!! Help is needed from Saturday, February 19 through Friday, February 25 beginning at 9 am each day at Podowski Hall. Any questions, contact Sara at 724-479-9645. **ALL VOLUNTEERS MUST HAVE UP-TO-DATE CLEARANCES.** Also, the diocese is strongly recommending masks and social distancing procedures be in place during any gathering.



Coffee & Donuts

Mark your calendars for Sunday, February 6, 2022 and join us for coffee & donuts after the 9 am in the Coral hall & 11 am Mass in the Lucernemines church hall weather permitting.

Contribution Statements

The 2021 contribution statements have been mailed out. Please look over them and contact the parish office or the person listed on the form if you have any questions. If you do not receive your form please call the parish office and another one will be mailed to you.

JANUARY 22/23/, 2022	OFFERTORY
Adult Offertory	\$5,317.00
Loose Offertory	\$202.00
Children's Offertory	\$3.00
Votive Candles	\$129.50
Maintenance	\$155.00
Catholic Accent	\$118.00
Eastern Europe	\$20.00
First Offering	\$74.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$20.00
Christmas	\$25.00
Cemetery	\$177.00

MASS INTENTIONS



For January 29 to February 6

SATURDAY, JANUARY 29

3:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
Anticipated Mass-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 pm+Monica Murray (Bernard, Patrick & Kathy)
(Lucernemines)
6:00 pm Mass+Marcella Horchar (Ed & Patty
(Coral) Gaydosh)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 30

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:30 am-Sacrament of Reconciliation
9:00 am +Angelo & Mary Lorelli (Toni, Fred & Family)
(Coral)
11:00 am Pro populo
(Lucernemines)

MONDAY, JANUARY 31 —NO MASS

Saint John Bosco, Priest and Religious Founder

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1 - Coral

8:00 am+Monica, Carolyn, and Stephen Bondra (Family)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2— Coral

The Presentation of the Lord
8:00 am+Mary Maghrak (Ann & Paul Esachina)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3- Coral

Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; Saint Ansgar, Bishop
8:00 am+Roseann Barr Horensky (Barbara Welsh)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4 - Coral

8:00 am+Rudy Stossel (Stossel & Griffith Families)
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 12 noon
11:30am Confession
12:00pm Benediction

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5 -

8:00AM+John "Slugger" Golba (Bob Ward)
(Lucernemines)
3:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
Anticipated Mass- Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 pm+Carolyn Hunt Opalko (Gary & Barbara Welsh)
(Lucernemines)
6:00 pm Mass+Rev. Fr. Elmer Kacinko (Christian
(Coral) Mothers)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:30 am Sacrament of Reconciliation
9:00 am Pro populo (Coral)
11:00 am+Dr. Christina "Tina" Benamati Doll
(Lucernemines) (Godfather, Uncle Joe & Aunt Martha)

Host in memory of Gusty & Rose Vilcek by Family
(Coral)