



Holy Family Parish

A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust

A Parish in the Diocese of Greensburg

225 North Second Street

West Newton, Pennsylvania 15089

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MARCH 9, 2025 ~ FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



St-Takla.org

First Sunday of Lent

Saturday, March 8

3:00pm **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** (See page 3)

4:00pm **Mass August Matiska** by Dan & Mary Houseman

Sunday, March 9

11:00am **Mass Joni Floriani** by Beneccio Family

Monday, March 10

No Mass

Tuesday, March 11

No Mass

Wednesday, March 12

No Mass

Thursday, March 13

No Mass

Friday, March 14

No Mass

Second Sunday of Lent

Saturday, March 15

4:00pm **Mass Bob Nedwick** by Aleta Keegan

Sunday, March 16

11:00am **Mass Stanley & Agnes Minkus** by Leonard & Jeanne

Office Hours: Tue/Wed/Thu 8:30 am - 12pm

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The Reverend Roselo A. Melloria, Pastor

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Eucharistic Liturgies

Weekends: Saturday at 4pm

Sunday at 11am

Weekdays: Tues. & Wed. at 8am

Confessions: Saturday at 3:00pm

(or call office for appointment)

For a Catholic to be a sponsor for the Sacraments of Baptism or Confirmation, one must be a practicing Catholic regularly attending Sunday Mass and receiving the Sacraments, a registered member of the Parish receiving contribution envelopes to support the Parish for a minimum of four months.

Young adults of parishioners who have earlier been under their parent's registration and who are now on their own and remain in the Parish must register as an adult parishioner and receive envelopes. All requests for a certificate should be made four weeks in advance of the designated date needed for sponsorship.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick & Holy Communion..... are available upon request to those who are sick, elderly or homebound. Families are requested to call the Parish Office to arrange a visit. If urgent, you may call the office at St. Anne at 724-872-3555.

Minister Schedule

Sat. Mar. 8 (4:00pm) Lector: Christina Null
Euch. Minister: Ginger DeBlasio
Sun. Mar. 9 (11:00am) Lector: Dan Landini
Euch. Minister: Mary Ann Landini
Sat. Mar. 15 (4:00pm) Lector: Stan Materkowski
Euch. Minister: Mary Houseman
Sun. Mar. 16 (11:00am) Lector: Pat Beneccio
Euch. Minister: Barry Beneccio

WEEKLY OFFERTORY FOR 2/23/2025

Offertory: \$2,009.00
Monthly: \$383.00
Loose: \$85.00
Candle: \$70.00
Ash Wednesday: \$5.00
Funds to Diocese* = \$0.00
Funds Available to Parish = \$2,552.00
Budget Requirements\$4,500.00
Deficit.....\$1,948.00

Please consider using this for your donation. Once registered, you can use this for all of your donations. If you have any questions, please call the Church Office (724) 872-6123



PAINT & SIP—St. Sebastian Ladies of Faith will host a Paint n Sip on Saturday, **March 22**, in the social hall beginning at 12-Noon with doors opening at 11:30. The \$35 ticket includes everything you need as well as light refreshments. Tickets are available in the St. Sebastian Church office or text or call Patty at 724-288-8644.



The Official Diocese of Greensburg 2025 Annual Lenten Fish Fry Guide. Looking for a great fish sandwich or Lenten lunch or dinner? Visit theaccentonline.org for the locations of a Lenten Fish Fry near you.

Cookbook Parish Fundraiser

Recipes for the parish cookbook can still be submitted by **March 16**. Please place them in the basket as you enter the church.



If you need to schedule a Mass or place something in the bulletin (meetings, events, etc.), please email me at mdaversa@dioceseofgreensburg.org. You can also place an envelope in the offering box or call my cell phone (724-331-7465).... Michael Daversa

PLEASE CONSIDER donating your time or your talent for the upcoming year. We are in search of Altar servers, either children or adults. Consider cantoring or reading at Mass or joining our Pastoral Council. Any questions, please call (724) 872-6123

let's HELP each OTHER

Volunteer Clearances

Please visit the Diocese of Greensburg website (www.dioceseofgreensburg.org) and click on "schools" then "clearances" for a list of requirements. If you need further assistance, please call the office at 724-872-6123 and ask for Dan Landini.

PATHWAYS continues at Holy Family on Mondays from 6:30pm till 9:00pm in the social hall. There is no charge so please plan to attend.

OCIA Wednesday's at 7 pm at the Church of St Anne thru May 21st.

Praying with the Family



TRANSFORMED
a gathering of Men

MAR 27, 2025
6:30 – 8:30 PM

Saint Vincent Basilica Parish

300 Fraser Purchase Rd, Latrobe, PA 15650

Reflection, Discussion and an opportunity for Adoration and Reconciliation

for more information visit

DioceseofGreensburg.org



Dr. Lucas Briola
GUEST SPEAKER

Lucas Briola is an assistant professor of theology at Saint Vincent College. A native of Pittsburgh and alumnus of Saint Vincent College, he is a frequent speaker at parish and diocesan events. He also has written a book and numerous academic articles. His wife, Catherine, also teaches theology at Saint Vincent College; they have one son.



Catechism on Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

What is Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament?

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is when the Eucharist (the Body of Christ) is displayed in a special container called a **monstrance**. This allows us to see and adore Jesus present in the Eucharist. It's a time for prayer, reflection, and deepening our relationship with God.

Why do we have Exposition?

1. Adoration: We come to honor and worship Jesus truly present in the Eucharist.
2. Prayer: It's a time to bring our intentions, worries, and thanksgivings to God.
3. Reflection: We can spend quiet time in God's presence, listening and opening our hearts to Him.

What Attitude Should We Have During Exposition?

1. Reverence: Approach the Blessed Sacrament with respect and awe. Remember that we are in the presence of Jesus.
2. Silence: Maintain a quiet atmosphere to allow for personal prayer and reflection. Silence helps us listen to God and creates a sacred space for everyone.
3. Openness: Be open to what God wants to say to you during this time. Allow Him to touch your heart and guide your thoughts.
4. Gratitude: Use this time to thank Jesus for His love and sacrifice. Remember the blessings in your life and express your gratitude.
5. Focus: Concentrate on Jesus. You can read Scripture, pray the Rosary, or simply sit in silence with Him.
6. Community: Remember that you are with others who also seek to grow in faith. Support one another through your prayers.

The Importance of Silence During Exposition

1. Encounter with God: Silence allows us to create a space where we can truly encounter Jesus. In the quiet, we can listen to His voice and feel His presence more deeply. As Psalm 46:10 says, "Be still, and know that I am God."
2. Reflection and Prayer: In silence, we can reflect on our lives and our relationship with God. It gives us the opportunity to pray without distractions.
3. Inner Peace: Silence helps to calm our minds and hearts. In a noisy world, taking time to be silent can bring us peace and clarity.
4. **Respect for Others: Maintaining silence shows respect for those around us who are also trying to pray. It creates a sacred atmosphere that benefits everyone.**

How Can We Foster Silence?

1. Arrive Prepared: Come a few minutes early to settle your mind and heart. Take a moment to breathe deeply and prepare for prayer.
2. **Limit Conversations: Keep conversations to a minimum before entering the Church. If you need to speak, do so quietly and briefly.**
3. Use Soft Voices: If you must talk, use a very soft voice. Remember that the goal is to create a peaceful environment for everyone.
4. **Encourage Others: If you notice someone being noisy, gently remind them of the importance of silence. A simple reminder can help.**
5. **Model Silence: Be an example to others by maintaining your own silence. Your prayerful demeanor can inspire others to do the same.**
6. Focus on Jesus: When distractions arise, redirect your attention back to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament through prayer or meditation.
7. Practice at Home: If silence is difficult, practice it at home. Spend a few minutes each day in quiet prayer or meditation to become more comfortable with silence.

Conclusion

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is a beautiful opportunity to deepen our faith and relationship with Jesus. Silence is a vital part of this time, allowing us to connect more deeply with God, reflect on our lives, and respect the prayerful atmosphere we create together. Let us come with reverence, silence, and open hearts, ready to encounter the love of God. May this time of prayer strengthen us and help us grow in our journey of faith.

Your presence here makes all the difference.

Matters of Sexual Abuse - If you have any suspicion about the sexual abuse (or any other type of abuse) of a minor child by anyone - please contact PA ChildLine immediately at 1 800 932 0313. If the alleged abuser is functioning in a parish, school or diocesan position as clergy, religious, paid staff or volunteer you are also requested to contact the Bishop's Delegate for Matters of Sexual Misconduct after you have called the ChildLine number and make the report. The Bishop's Delegate may be reached at 724 837 0901, ext 1221.