



Holy Family Parish

A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust

A Parish in the Diocese of Greensburg

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West Newton, Pennsylvania 15089

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MARCH 23, 2025 ~ THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



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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)

Third Sunday of Lent

Saturday, March 22

4:00pm **Mass Rita McGrogan** by Holy Family CCM

Sunday, March 23

11:00am **Mass Mary Ann Keegan** by Elaine Janitor

Monday, March 24

8:00am **Mass at Church of St. Anne**

Tuesday, March 25

8:00am **Mass Dolores Leone** by Ann Corella

Wednesday, March 26

8:00am **Mass Bertha Janitor** Birthday Remembrance
by Mary Houseman

Thursday, March 27

No Mass

Friday, March 28

8:00am **Mass at Church of St. Anne**

6:00pm **Stations of the Cross**

Third Sunday of Lent

Saturday, March 29

4:00pm **Mass Anna Olbrish** by Family

Sunday, March 30

11:00am **Mass Margi Azzari** by Tina, Corrine, & Annette

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. 22 (4:00pm) Lector: Aleta Keegan
Euch. Minister: Tina Quinn
Sun. Mar. 23 (11:00am) Lector: Pat Beneccio
Euch. Minister: Ann Page
Sat. Mar. 29 (4:00pm) Lector: Honey Lou Carrol
Euch. Minister: Mary Houseman
Sun. Mar. 30 (11:00am) Lector: Bill Hughes
Euch. Minister: Armand Luzi

WEEKLY OFFERTORY FOR 3/9/2025

Offertory: \$2,234.00
Monthly: \$270.00
Loose: \$87.00
Candle: \$75.00
Ash Wednesday: \$515.00
Easter Flowers: \$100.00
Home Missions: \$456.00*
Central Europe: \$20.00*
Funds to Diocese* = \$476.00
Funds Available to Parish = \$3,281.00
Budget Requirements\$5,000.00
Deficit.....\$1,719.00

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



O CIA: Beginning this weekend, our Elect – Makenna and Marta – continue the Period of Purification and Enlightenment.

This period is “a more intense preparation of spirit and heart, which has the character of recollection rather than of catechesis and is intended to purify hearts and minds by examination of conscience and penitence” with the purpose of forming a deeper relationship with Christ the Savior. (OCIA,139) An integral aspect of this period is the celebration of the Scrutinies of the Elect. These Scrutinies will be held during the Eucharistic Celebration on the Third, Fourth and Fifth Sundays of Lent. These rites include prayers of exorcism, prayers of uncovering and healing all that is weak and sinful and strengthening all that is upright, strong and good. (From the Diocese of Greensburg Christian Initiation Policy)

Please join us in prayer over these remaining weeks of Lent for Makenna and Marta

First Holy Communion for Holy Family & St. Anne

Practice: April 24, 6:30-7:30 pm at St. Anne
First Holy Communion: April 26, 10 am at St. Anne

Stations of the Cross ...

Will be held Fridays at 6:00pm at Holy Family



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

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Volunteer Clearances

Please visit the Diocese of Greensburg website (www.dioceseofgreensburg.org) and click “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.

Lector & Eucharistic Minister Schedules

Please pick yours up in the entrance of the church.



a time to
Share  **2025 Diocesan Lenten Appeal**



Regional Faith Formation and Youth Ministry Directors

Regional Faith Formation and Youth Ministry Directors are joining forces to help thousands of people form a meaningful relationship with Jesus Christ! When you donate to the Diocesan Lenten Appeal, you support the work of forming disciples. Prayerfully consider Lent as *A Time to Share*. Visit DioceseofGreensburg.org/DLA2025 to make a donation.  Scan to donate

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Cookbook Parish Fundraiser

The Parish Council and the cookbook committee would like to thank you for contributing your cherished recipes and sharing your time to us. We hope to produce a lovely book that will be a useful tool and a valued remembrance for years to come. Thank you for your support.

3rd Sunday in Lent

God's Time and the Urgent Call for Conversion

In our Christian lives, we often look for examples of true conversion—people who have fully committed their lives to Jesus and turned away from sin. We can find inspiration in the stories of saints like St. Augustine and St. Ignatius of Loyola. However, it's important to remember that conversion requires our personal commitment to follow Jesus and resist temptation.

In today's Gospel, Jesus talks about the tragic deaths of some Galileans and a tower accident. The key point isn't whether their sins caused their deaths, but rather that we should not wait for death to catch us unprepared. Death can come at any moment, and we need to be ready. Conversion is urgent; it's about aligning our lives with God's will so that when we face death, it leads us to salvation rather than despair.

St. Paul reminds us that conversion should come from within us because God gives us the chance to change. Through baptism, we enter a special time of grace—our "burning bush moment"—where we encounter God's mercy and compassion. Like the gardener in the Gospel, God patiently gives us opportunities for conversion.

Lent is a time for us to reflect on our lives and prepare our hearts for the promise of resurrection.

Each day is an urgent call to embrace this promise. Let's not hide from God's call or delay our conversion. Instead, let's fill our lives with God's presence. While death will eventually come, it cannot separate our relationship with God. In a life of conversion, death is simply a doorway to eternal life with Him.

Your presence here makes all the difference.

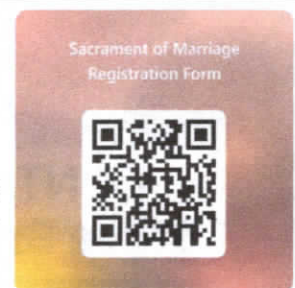
OCIA – Order of Christian Initiation

The OCIA process involves a journey of faith and conversion. It is for anyone over 8 years of age. Those inquiring are introduced to the beliefs, life, liturgy, and apostolic work of the Catholic Church. OCIA is for the unbaptized, for the baptized who would like to receive Confirmation and Eucharist, and for those who just have questions. If you would like to ask questions or start this journey, please complete the form via the QR code and Adelle will contact you to set up an initial meeting. If you prefer a link, please email aslebodnik@dioceseofgreensburg.org and one will be sent to you.



Sacrament of Marriage – Planning and Preparation

Congratulations! Preparing to enter into the Sacrament of Matrimony is a blessed time. Once you choose a date, we encourage you to begin the process so that date is reserved. The preparation process for the Sacrament takes approximately 6 to 9 months. It involves sessions with both the Pastor and Regional Director of Faith Formation. There is also paperwork that will need to be completed. We are here to make this as easy as possible, while coming to grow in relationship with God as a couple. To begin this process, please scan the QR Code. If you prefer a link, please email aslebodnik@dioceseofgreensburg.org and one will be sent to you.



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.