

Sacred Heart Parish

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The Catholic Churches of Jeannette, Pennsylvania

Ascension Parish

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TWO PARISHES

✠ ONE FAITH COMMUNITY ✠

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please contact Joan Duncan, 724-744-7474, ext.105
or jduncan@dioceseofgreensburg.org
for additional information.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Arrangements must be made with the pastor at least
six months in advance. The latest hour for Saturday
nuptials is 1 pm.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

From September through May, Children's Liturgy is
celebrated at a Sunday Mass at each parish for children age
four and up.

FAITH FORMATION AND SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Please contact Joan Duncan, 724-744-7474, ext.105 or
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additional information.

HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

Temporarily Suspended
Please contact Rosemary Lewis,
724-523-2159 with any questions.

CONFESSIONS

Saturday (before the Vigil Mass)
3:15—4:00 pm in Mersinger Hall

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday and Friday	Ascension	8 am
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday	Ascension	8 am

Saturday Vigil 4:30 pm

Sacred Heart: October through March
Ascension: April through September

Sunday	Ascension	6:30 & 10:30 am
	Ascension	8:30 am

NOVEMBER 8, 2020

**Ascension Church Parish and Sacred Heart Parish
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

OPENING HYMN:

“SING TO THE MOUNTAINS”

Verses:

God, we praise you, God, we bless you, God, we name you sovereign Lord! Mighty King whom angels worship, Father, by your church adored. All creation shows your glory, Heaven and earth draw near your throne. Singing “Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord of hosts and God alone!”

True apostles, faithful prophets, Saints who set their world ablaze. Martyrs once unknown, unheeded join one growing song of praise. While your church on earth confesses, One majestic Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, God our hope eternally.

GLORIA:

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore You, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory. Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *“My soul is thirsting for you O Lord, my God.”*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *“Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia”*

HOMILY

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. **For us men and for our salvation He came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man.** For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERTORY (Instrumental)**COMMUNION HYMN:**

“AT THAT FIRST EUCHARIST”

Refrain:

Thus may we all one Bread, one body be. Through this blest Sacrament of Unity.

Verses:

At that first Eucharist before you died. O Lord, you prayed that all be one in you. At this our Eucharist again preside, and in our hearts your law of love renew. (R)

For all your church, O lord, we intercede. O make our lack of charity to cease. Draw us the nearer each to each we plead, by drawing all to you, O Prince of Peace. (R)

We pray for those who wander from the fold. O bring them back Good Shepherd of the sheep. Back to the faith which saints believed of old, back to the Church which still that faith does keep. (R)

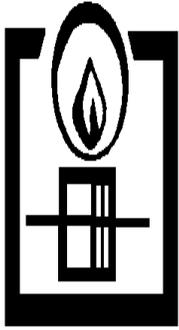
CLOSING HYMN:

“HOLY GOD, WE PRAISE YOUR NAME”

Verses:

Holy God, we praise thy name! Lord of all, we bow before thee. All on earth thy scepter claim, All in heaven above adore thee. Infinite thy vast domain, Everlasting is thy reign.

Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit, Three we name thee. While in essence only One, Undivided God we claim thee, and adoring bend the knee, while we own the mystery.



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**Candles at Sacred Heart
November 8—14**

Tabernacle

Paul & Florence Zemba
(Carl & Connie Shifko)

Sacred Heart (2)

Clem & Georgia Roscosky
(Linda & Frank Drury)
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(Linda & Frank Drury)

Blessed Mother (2)

Eleanor Anderson
(Patricia Wasnesky)
Rose Marie & Frank Drury
(Linda & Frank Drury)

EVANGELIUM VITAE

This past March 25, on the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord, the Church celebrated the 25th Anniversary of the release of Pope John Paul II's encyclical letter, *Evangelium Vitae* (*The Gospel of Life*). To celebrate this anniversary, Deacon Bill is looking for a few interested individuals who would like to study this landmark encyclical in order to understand more fully the Saint Pope's message to the entire world regarding the sanctity of all human life. Due to the coronavirus social distancing guidelines, we will not be meeting in person, but will be meeting via Zoom sessions. These sessions will take place on specified Saturday mornings from 9:00-10:30 am this fall and winter and will continue until the completion of the document. Join us and discover how these profound words of St. Pope John Paul II are just as relevant today as they were twenty five years ago. Please contact Deacon Bill directly, or by email, in order to sign up. Email him at wnewhouse@dioceseofgreensburg.org. **He will need your email address in order to send you the Zoom session invitations.** The tentative startup date for this undertaking is November 14. More information will be available as the start up date comes nearer.

ASCENSION ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS

The Ascension Rosary Altar Society will again, this Christmas Season, sponsor "The Angel Tree" for the residents of Westmoreland Manor. Angel tags with names and a suggestion for a gift will be on the tree November 3. A suggested gift amount is \$25. Please **DO NOT WRAP YOUR GIFT**, A GIFT BAG IS ACCEPTABLE. Be sure to attach the Angel tag and bring the gift in no later than December 6.

A **BIG THANK YOU** to everyone who volunteered to help in anyway and also those who responded to the request for cake donations. It was much appreciated as the Take-Out Spaghetti Dinner a great success.

MISSION CO-OP Over the past 10 years, it is estimated that 50 million female babies were killed in India by way of systematic and selective gender elimination. In a country where poverty is a daily threat, female infants are often viewed as an intolerable burden. The Archdiocese of Hyderabad is working to change these practices, not only promoting but supporting and sustaining life.

The diocese recently launched an initiative entitled: Girl Child Education, Empowerment of Women and Promotion of Social Change. This initiative prioritizes the Church's work of evangelization and social change Through this program, the diocese participates in efforts to provide the poorest of the poor with the basic necessities of life, including clean water, electricity, proper housing, education, health care and sanitation.

This work represents a long-term commitment on the part of the Church. Change rarely happens as quickly as we desire. However, an ancient Indian proverb reminds us that "Drop by Drop makes the Ocean."

In today's bulletin, you'll find special envelopes for this Mission Co-Op Appeal. Please use these envelopes for the special collection to be taken the weekend of November 14 -15. Your support is greatly appreciated.

NEW BULLETIN Next week we launch our *New* Bulletin. We'll be publishing one consolidated Bulletin for Ascension, Sacred Heart and Saint Barbara parishes. Our hope is that this new format will allow us to better share information about happenings and events in all three parishes.

As you might expect, there are some economies of scale to be realized through this action. Ideally, this consolidated Bulletin will allow us to better utilize the services of parish staff. And the financial support provided by our Bulletin Advertisers give us the opportunity to print additional materials, such as worship aids, at no cost to the parish.

Although we are sharing a Bulletin, this action does not affect the status of each parish. Or does this undertaking change the way requests are to be made for items to be included in the bulletin. We'll roll out our new format the weekend of November 14/15.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS in their effort to Leave no Neighbor Behind, are conducting 2 drives, Coats for Kids and a Thanksgiving Food Drive. Please drop off clean, gently used coats in the back of Ascension Church to be given to needy kids in Jeannette and non-perishable food for those in need in the back of Ascension Church. Please have your items in the Church before Thanksgiving Day. Anything you can do to help our neighbors would be greatly appreciated.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE SACRED HEART PARISH	
Offertory of October 24/25	
Offertory	\$ 3,163.00
Loose	56.00
Children's	0.00
Total	\$ 3,219.00
Thank you for your generosity.	

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE ASCENSION PARISH	
Offertory of October 24/25	
Offertory	\$ 2,351.00
Loose	56.00
Children's	2.00
Total	\$ 2,409.00
Thank you for your generosity.	

VETERAN'S DAY While not an observance of the Liturgical Year, it is a date significant in our nation's memory. On this day, we remember those men and women who in times of war and peace, have served to provide for our peace and security. It is a day to offer thanksgiving for their sacrifices and to seek, on their behalf, God's continued safekeeping. Let us offer our gratitude to those who have served in our armed forces, and let us pledge our prayers for those who currently serve in harms way.

AUTHENTICITY One of the wonderful challenges brought by those in the 18-35 age range, is a call to authenticity. They hear our words, but they demand to see the actions that prove them true. They provide us a wonderful opportunity to honestly consider: "What do our actions really reveal about what we value?"

Too often, in our quest to promise the truth, to defend the vulnerable, or to undertake many other good works, we lose sight of a core tenet of our faith. People are not problems. They are obstacles. We cannot reduce them to a simple evaluation: friend or enemy.

Every human being has been fashioned in the image and likeness of God. God looks upon every person as a beloved son or daughter. Do we do the same? When it becomes clear how much we love others, perhaps they'll be able to hear what we have to say.

CIVIL DISCLOSURE In High School, my nephew was a member of the Debate Team. He shared with me the joys of triumphing in that competition of wit and intellect. Victory came not simply from knowledge of the subject, but also from an ability to refute the points made by your opponent. I fear that as a society we're far more interested in debate rather than discourse.

Discourse is ideally, a mutually beneficial undertaking. In discourse, there are not winners and losers. The goal is not to refute an opponent. Rather discourse invites a sharing of ideas and concerns. In discourse ideally, all parties benefit from a broadened or enhanced awareness. Through discourse we gain insight into things that otherwise remain unknown.

When we look at the ministry of Jesus of Nazareth we recognize that His greatest conflicts came from those who had no interest in discourse. They had all the answers. They knew all the truth, that they were interested in knowing. The ministry of Jesus of Nazareth invites us to recognize that not even God can bring about transformation or conversion in those individuals who believe in their own perfection; they're right and everyone else is wrong.

In our society we are faced with many problems that can leave us feeling helpless. These challenges seem always beyond our ability. However, God invites us to do what we can, not what we can't. The first step in changing the world is to take up the challenge of ongoing self-change. When we leave behind the temptation to debate, and take up the real work of civil discourse, perhaps we will be surprised by the world that God brings into being.



TODAY—November 8—32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:30 a.m. Living & Deceased Parishioners of
ASC Sacred Heart & Ascension

8:30 a.m. Patrick Kelly, Stolkovich Family,
ASC Edith & Lawrence Heminger,
 Sara Chembans
(Sandra Kelly & Family)

10:30 a.m. Jan Jupena
ASC *(Husband, Anthony)*

MONDAY—November 9—Weekday

8:00 a.m. Wilbur Winfield
ASC *(Don & Janet Shirer)*

TUESDAY—November 10—Weekday

8:00 a.m. Rudolph Piacentino
ASC *(Family)*

WEDNESDAY—November 11—Weekday

8:00 a.m. Vincent Giaquinto
ASC *(Giaquinto Family)*

THURSDAY—November 12—Weekday

8:00 a.m. Mr. & Mrs. James Prenni
ASC *(Daughter, Jean)*

FRIDAY— November 13—Weekday

8:00 a.m. Ed McHugh
ASC *(Curtis & Karen Antoniak)*

SATURDAY—November 14—Weekday

4:30 p.m. Ralph & Jessie Gunther
ASC *(Cope & Vida Copeland)*

SUNDAY— November 15—33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:30 a.m. Paul & Florence Zemba
ASC *(Carl & Connie Shifko)*

8:30 a.m. Anna & Joseph DeMarchis
ASC *(Kim & Joe DeMarchis)*

10:30 a.m. Living & Deceased Parishioners of
ASC Sacred Heart & Ascension

ASCENSION ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY will be accepting donations during the month of November for "The Baby Closet Project." This project is through Catholic Charities who help pregnant young girls who want to keep their baby. Checks should be made payable to Ascension Rosary Altar Society. Checks and cash should be put in an envelope marked "Baby Closet" and dropped in the collection basket. Any questions call Mare Colosimo at 724-832-2288.