



*I am the*  
**RESURRECTION**  
*and the LIFE* JOHN 11:25

## Ascension Parish

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### Required Clearances for Volunteers

Devoting your talents to the church is an important part of stewardship. The diocese requires all volunteers, 18 years of age and older, to have obtained all of the necessary clearances and trainings. In addition, all current volunteers must have their clearances and trainings up to date.

When you have made the decision to become more involved in the life of the parishes and are ready to begin the process of obtaining your clearances or updating those clearances that you already may have, all of the necessary information and links can be found on the Diocesan website at [www.dioceseofgreensburg.org](http://www.dioceseofgreensburg.org), under the heading YOUTH PROTECTION: PA CHILD SERVICES.

The Diocesan mandated clearances and trainings for volunteers include:

1. PA Criminal History Report (every 5 years)
2. PA Child Abuse History Certification (every 5 years)
3. A notarized Volunteer Affidavit of PA residency of 10 or more years or, FBI Fingerprints for PA Residency of less than 10 years. *Please make sure that your affidavit is notarized. (every 5 years)*
4. VIRTUS Training– (or Recertification Training for those who completed VIRTUS in 2015 or 2016) (every 5 years)
5. Diocesan Code of Pastoral Conduct (one time only)
6. PA Mandated Reporter Training (one time only)

For those who are updating their VIRTUS certification: the diocese is requiring that one of the two recertification training courses be completed. The VIRTUS recertification course will take only 30 minutes of your time. Choose either “Protecting God’s Children Recertification Training” or “Keeping the Promise Alive”. Please make sure to print off your certificate once it is completed and submit a copy to the parish.

Please note that if you have completed the state mandated clearances for an employer or another organization, the parishes need to be provided copies of these clearances. In addition, the VIRTUS training program is the only child protection program accepted by the Diocese; there is **no** substitute.

# FAITH FORMATION and YOUTH MINISTRY

Wednesday, April 5

6:30 to 8:00 PM

Sacred Heart Church & School

**Topic:** Stations of the Cross and the Forgiveness of Sins

We will pray the Children's Stations of the Cross and offer an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. For our littlest ones, they'll get to receive a special blessing. Parents, siblings, grandparents, etc., are invited to pray with us as we gather for our final formal session of the school year.

Also, be sure to RSVP for our May Celebration event .



*Faith Formation  
Youth Ministry*  
CELEBRATION  
FOOD • GAMES • FUN

**3**  
MAY  
6:30PM  
- 8PM

ALL FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY FAMILIES  
.....  
MERSINGER HALL  
ASCENSION CHURCH  
PLEASE RSVP BY APRIL 5 USING THE QR CODE.  
NIGHT OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS OF YOUR FAMILY.  
REACH OUT TO ELISA ESASKY WITH QUESTIONS.

These last two weekends, the first and second Scrutinies were celebrated at our 4:30 PM liturgy. These Scrutinies are celebrated on the Third, Fourth and Fifth Sundays of Lent. They are rites of conversion and repentance for our elect. The prayers and intercessions are intended to deliver the elect from sin, protect them from temptation and invite them closer to Christ.

We will celebrate the Third and final Scrutiny this Saturday. We also ask for your continued prayers of Dan, Nicole, Nik and Amber, and their sponsors as they journey to the Easter Vigil in a few short weeks.



## First Eucharist Practice

Our children preparing for the celebration of their First Eucharist are reminded of our practice slated for Wednesday, April 19. If you are receiving the sacrament at Ascension, your practice begins at 6PM at Ascension Church. If you are receiving the sacrament at Sacred Heart, your practice time is 7PM at Sacred Heart Church. Reach out to Elisa Esasky with questions or concerns.

Fifth Sunday of Lent March 26, 2023

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[www.ascensionsacredheartchurches.org](http://www.ascensionsacredheartchurches.org)  
[www.facebook.com/JeannetteCatholicCommunity](https://www.facebook.com/JeannetteCatholicCommunity)

### Office Hours

Monday to Thursday ..... 7:30 am to 12:30 pm

### Your Parish Staff

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**Mersinger Hall** ..... (724) 522-5558

## Sacraments

### Mass Times

#### Sunday

8:30 am ..... Ascension Church  
10:30 am ..... Sacred Heart Church  
6:00 pm ..... Ascension Church\*

#### Monday

8:00 am ..... Sacred Heart Church

#### Wednesday

6:00 am ..... Ascension Church  
8:00 am ..... Ascension Church

#### Thursday

8:00 am ..... Ascension Church

#### Friday

8:00 am ..... Sacred Heart Church

#### Saturday

9:00 am ..... Sacred Heart Church  
4:30 pm ..... Ascension Church

### Confession & Reconciliation

#### Wednesday

4:30 pm ..... Ascension Church

#### Friday

2:00 pm ..... Sacred Heart Church

#### Saturday

9:45 am ..... Sacred Heart Church  
3:00 pm ..... Ascension Church

\* Mass in Spanish



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# EASTER EGG HUNT

## PALM SUNDAY

ALL CHILDREN 12 AND UNDER

ASCENSION CHURCH  
Near the Blessed Mother Statue  
APRIL 2 | 1:00 PM

The poster features a festive Easter theme with a grey bunny wearing a yellow bow, surrounded by colorful Easter eggs and daisies. The background is a light wood-grain texture with a string of colorful bunting at the top.



## SACRED HEART CHURCH

# FISH FRY

4:00 to 7:00 PM  
724.527.9940

### Menu

- BAKED COD \$9
- FRIED FISH SANDWICH \$9
- FRENCH FRIES \$3
- SHRIMP (6P) \$8
- PIEROGIES (3) \$4
- WHOLE PIZZA (CH/WH) \$8
- HALF PIZZA \$4
- COLE SLAW/APPLESAUCE \$1
- BUN \$1 - DINNER ROLL \$0.50
- POP/BOTTLED WATER \$1
- DESSERTS \$1.50

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INCLUDING GOOD FRIDAY  
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All Menu Items will be served a la carte. Watch For weekly specials.

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[ascensionsacredheartchurches.org](http://ascensionsacredheartchurches.org) | FB @JeannetteCatholicCommunity

The poster features a close-up image of a fish fry sandwich with lettuce, tomato, and cheese on a bun. The background is a dark wood-grain texture.

## The Annunciation of the Lord

Sometimes spiritual writers are accused of putting Mary on a pedestal and thereby, discouraging ordinary humans from imitating her. Perhaps such an observation is misguided. God did put Mary on a pedestal and has put all human beings on a pedestal. We have scarcely begun to realize the magnificence of divine grace, the wonder of God's freely given love. The marvel of Mary—even in the midst of her very ordinary life—is God's shout to us to wake up to the marvelous creatures that we all are by divine design.



God's plan of salvation flows through this faithful young woman, from the small village of Nazareth. Mary's response to the angel who brings the news that she will conceive and bear a son is one of receptivity and great faith. Mary's yes is the yes that allows Jesus to be born into the world. God desires that we say yes to him as well -- that he might come into the world through us, his unworthy servants.

The Solemnity of the Annunciation also coincides with the anniversary of the papal encyclical *Evangelium vitae*, also known as *The Gospel of Life*. This document, written by Pope St. John Paul II, reaffirmed the Church's constant teaching on the value and inviolability of every human life. In *The Gospel of Life*, Pope St. John Paul II challenged us to assess our efforts in assisting pregnant moms in need and to improve our responses, where needed, especially at the local level. In short, to truly accompany each pregnant and parenting woman in need. He writes: "With great openness and courage, we need to question how widespread is the culture of life today among individual Christians, families, groups and communities in our Dioceses. With equal clarity and determination we must identify the steps we are called to take in order to serve life in all its truth." EV 95

In Jeannette we have responded to this challenge put forth by Pope St. John Paul II with our *Walking with Moms in Need* collections. With these collections, we have assisted those young moms who have chosen life, by providing diapers, clothes and other necessities to help them care for their most precious gift.

## Lenten Penance Services

Below are some of the remaining area Penance Services scheduled for the Lenten Season. Please set aside some time during this holy season for the Sacrament of Confession. There will be extra priests at these services to accommodate all penitents attending.

Tuesday, March 28; 7 pm, St. Regis Church, Trafford

Wednesday, March 29; 7 pm, St. Barbara Church, Harrison City

Thursday, March 30; 7 pm, Mother of Sorrows Church, Murrysville

## Around the Parishes

### First Saturday Masses

The First Saturday Masses and Confessions that began last year will be continuing. We will begin at 8:30 am with the Rosary, followed by Mass at 9:00 am. Confessions will follow Mass.

Remember that Our Lady requests our going to Confession, receiving the Holy Eucharist, praying the Rosary, and spending 15 minutes with her, meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary each First Saturday.



## Coming Up in Our Parishes

### Holy Name Society Procession

Sunday, March 26, 10:30 am, at Sacred Heart Church.

### St. Anthony Novena

Tuesday, March 28, 7:00 pm, at Ascension Church.

### K of C, 1222, Business Meeting

Tuesday, March 28, at 7:30 pm, in Council Meeting Room.

### Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday, March 29, 10:00 am to 6:00 pm, at Ascension Church. Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00 pm, Confessions at 4:30 pm, Vespers at 5:30 pm, followed by Benediction.

### Catholic Book Study

Wednesday, March 29, 6:15 pm in Mersinger Hall.

### Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, March 31, 9:00 am to 3:30 pm, at Sacred Heart Church. Confessions at 2:00 pm, Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00 pm, followed by Benediction.

### Sacred Heart Fish Fry

Friday, March 31, 4:00-7:00 pm, in the Sacred Heart Cafeteria.

### K of C Bingo

Friday, March 31, Doors open at 6:00 pm in Mersinger Hall.

### Sacred Heart Church Cleaning

Saturday, April 1, 10:30 am, at Sacred Heart Church.

### Ascension Rosary Altar Society

Sunday, April 2, 9:30 am, in Mersinger Hall.

### Sacred Heart Rosary Altar Society

Sunday, April 2, 11:30 am, in the Sacred Heart Cafeteria.

## Scripture Readings

### The Week of March 26, 2023

Sunday	Fifth Sunday of Lent
	Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45
Monday	Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62; Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Jn 8:1-11
Tuesday	Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-18. 19-21; Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Jn 8:31-42
Thursday	Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn 8:51-59

**Friday** Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7; Jn 10:31-42

**Saturday** Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10; 11-12abcd, 13; Jn 11:45-56

**Sunday** **Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion**  
**Procession:** Mt 21:1-11  
**At Mass:** Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14-27:66

Readings are available at [bible.usccb.org](http://bible.usccb.org)



## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, March 25 • The Annunciation of the Lord

3:00 pm Confessions .....SH  
 4:30 pm Berlin, Long, Golomb Families  
 (Kevin & Sue Woodward) .....SH

### Sunday, March 26 • Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:30 am Dominic M. Johnson  
 (Mom & Dad) .....ASC  
 10:30 am Living & Deceased Members  
 Of Our Parishes .....SH  
 6:00 pm Ferruccio Orsatti  
 (Silivina Osartti) .....ASC

### Monday, March 27 • Lenten Weekday

8:00 am Edwin "Teak" Antoniak  
 (Wife, Bev & Family) .....SH

### Tuesday, March 28 • Lenten Weekday

6:15 pm **No Mass** .....ASC  
 7:00 pm St. Anthony Novena (Week 2) .....ASC

### Wednesday, March 29 • Lenten Weekday

6:00 am Intention of the Celebrant .....ASC  
 8:00 am James A. Salvatore  
 (Frank & Helen Moffa) .....ASC  
 4:30 pm Confessions .....ASC

### Thursday, March 30 • Lenten Weekday

8:00 am William "Bill" Pacelli  
 (Lois Rose) .....ASC

### Friday, March 31 • Lenten Weekday

8:00 am John & Mary Elias & Infant Son  
 (Chuck & Betti Fontana) .....SH  
 Noon Stations of the Cross .....ASC  
 2:00 pm Confessions .....SH  
 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross .....SH

### Saturday, April 1 • Lenten Weekday

9:00 am For the Conversion of Russia .....SH  
 9:45 am Confessions .....SH  
 3:00 pm Confessions .....ASC  
 4:30 pm Living & Deceased Members  
 Of Our Parishes .....ASC

### Sunday, April 2 • Palm Sunday Passion of our Lord

8:30 am Brian A. Thomas  
 (Sam & Mary Ann Thomas) .....ASC  
 10:30 am Elmer "Doc" Dixon  
 (Mary & Family) .....SH  
 6:00 pm Intention of the Celebrant .....ASC

Confessions are heard Monday through Friday from noon to 1:00 pm  
 at Saint Vincent Archabbey Basilica in Latrobe

## Eternal Rest Grant Unto Him, O Lord

**For our deceased parish family members whose Funeral Crosses  
 hang on the walls of Ascension and Sacred Heart Churches.**

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through  
 the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



## Candles at Sacred Heart

**Blessed Sacrament Tabernacle**  
 March 26—April 1  
**Dominic M Johnson**  
 (Michael & Bobbi Faulk-Johnson  
 Mom & Dad)

## Around the Parishes (cont.)

### **The Thirteen Tuesdays in honor of St. Anthony continues March 28 at Ascension Church**

The Thirteen Tuesdays in honor of St. Anthony will be prayed at  
 Ascension Church on Tuesdays at 7 pm. It continues through  
 June 13. In addition to praying the Novena, the Exposition of  
 the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction will take place.

### **Sacred Heart Super BINGO**

Sacred Heart Parish will hold a Super BINGO on Saturday, May  
 20, in the Sacred Heart Cafeteria. Doors open at noon; games  
 begin at 1:30 pm. Tickets are \$30, which include, lunch, 20  
 games, 4 special games and a jackpot game. The jackpot is  
 \$1,000. There will also be a 50/50 drawing, basket raffles and  
 more! Only 250 tickets are being sold. Tickets can be purchased  
 after Mass, at the Sacred Heart Lenten Fish Fries or by calling  
 Kelly @ 724-875-2437 or John @ 724-396-9737.

### **Mass moving from Sacred Heart to Ascension**

The Saturday anticipated Mass at 4:30 pm will be moving from  
 Sacred Heart Church to Ascension Church next week, April 1.  
 Saturday confessions will be moving as well.

### **Sacred Heart Mother's Day Special Ticket**

The Sacred Heart Centennial Fundraising Committee is sponsoring  
 a *Mother's Day Special* ticket. It is a \$10 ticket going off on  
 Sunday, May 14. Each ticket sold has two numbers for a chance  
 at a cash prize of \$2,500 or 6 unopened rolls of PA Instant  
 Lottery Tickets, 1 roll each of: \$1, \$2, \$3, \$5, \$10, & \$20. This  
 ticket is part of an ongoing effort of the committee to raise  
 funds for the continued renovation of Sacred Heart Church as  
 the building nears its 100th Anniversary. Tickets will be availa-  
 ble after Sunday Mass at Sacred Heart this weekend.

### **Sacred Heart Church Cleaning**

There will be a spring cleaning at Sacred Heart Church on Satur-  
 day, April 1 at 10:30 am. If you have a few hours to spend that  
 day, come and join your fellow parishioners, along with your  
 bucket. All help is greatly appreciated!

### **Ascension Rosary Altar Society**

The Ascension Rosary Altar Society will be meeting after the  
 8:30 am Mass on Sunday, April 2 in Mersinger Hall.

### **Sacred Heart Altar Rosary Society**

The Sacred Heart Rosary Altar Society will be meeting after the  
 10:30 am Mass on Sunday, April 2. All of our scheduled  
 meetings will now be on Sundays in the school cafeteria.

## Our Stewardship

### **Offertory for March 12, 2023**

Ascension .....\$5,073.00  
 Sacred Heart .....\$7,144.00

### **Attendance for March 12, 2023**

4:30 pm .....145  
 8:30 am .....98  
 10:30 am .....142  
 6:00 pm .....51

## 2023 DLA Pledges

### **As of March 14, 2023**

Ascension \$13,845 (33.3% of the Diocesan Target  
 and 29.1% of the Diocesan & Parish Target)  
 Sacred Heart \$23,230 (50.7% of the Diocesan  
 Target and 41.6% of the Diocesan & Parish Target)

## Around the Diocese

### **Women's Day of Recollection March 26 at St. Rita Parish, Connellsville**

The Christian Mothers of St. Rita Parish, Connellsville will hold their annual Women's Day of Recollection on Sunday, March 26, at 1:30 pm in the church. Retreat master will be Deacon William Newhouse. The day will include time for reflection, rosary and Benediction. Women from all parishes are invited. Cost, which includes a coffee/cinnamon roll break and a catered dinner, is \$20. For reservations call 724-628-6832 by Monday, March 20.

### **Day of Recollection April 1 at St. Emma Retreat House, Greensburg**

St. Emma Retreat House, Greensburg, will host a Day of Recollection to prepare for Holy Week Saturday, April 1, from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. The day will include coffee/rolls, conferences, confessions, Mass and a meal. Cost is \$40 at the door. For reservations (required), email [retreats@stemma.org](mailto:retreats@stemma.org) or call 724-824-3060.

### **Annual Salt and Light Awards Dinner set April 20**

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg will host its largest annual fundraiser, the Communities of Salt and Light Awards dinner, Thursday, April 20, at 6 p.m. at Stratigos Banquet Centre, North Huntingdon. All proceeds are redistributed to the most vulnerable and at-risk residents of the Diocese. This year's awardees are Gerald Wilcox, Humanitarian; Kindness Closet, St. Edward Parish, Organization; and Monsignor Raymond E. Riffle, Lifetime Achievement. Tickets are \$130 per person. Advertising and sponsorship opportunities are also available. For information, visit [ccharitiesgreensburg.org](http://ccharitiesgreensburg.org) or call Heather Rady at 724-837-1840.

### **Magnificat Breakfast April 29 in Greensburg**

The Greensburg Chapter of Magnificat – A Ministry to Catholic Women will hold a breakfast Saturday, April 29, from 9 a.m.-noon at Rizzo's Banquet Hall, Crabtree. Guest speaker Father John-Mary Tompkins will talk about his faith journey. Cost is \$25 (students \$20). To register, call 724-836-2094 by April 24 or visit [www.magnificatgreensburg.com](http://www.magnificatgreensburg.com) to download a registration form (no online registration).

### **Bus trip to Sight and Sound Theatre's 'Moses' planned June 23**

St. Paul Parish, Greensburg, is planning a bus trip to the Sight and Sound Theater, Lancaster, to see "Moses" Friday, June 23. Cost is \$178 (\$75 deposit due by Friday, March 17). The bus will leave at 10 a.m. The trip will include an Amish-style dinner at Plain & Fancy. Participants can register, pay the deposit and sign waivers at <https://scholasticatravel.groupcollect.com/go/15477a>. For information, call 724-989-6034.

### **Grandparents Raising Grandchildren hosts monthly meetings**

An increasing number of grandparents are unexpectedly thrust into the role of being the primary caregiver for children in need of family members (other than their parents) to provide a home due to opioid abuse, alcoholism, incarceration, divorce, child abuse or other reasons. One in 10 grandparents (often on fixed incomes) have been the primary support of a grandchild at some time in their lives. Pennsylvania ranks seventh among the 50 states in terms of number of children, age newborn to adolescent, living in grandparent-headed households. Our churches are concerned and are putting our faith into action through Grandparents Raising Grandchildren, an ecumenical social outreach mission of St. Cecilia Parish, Whitney, Sacred Heart Parish, Youngstown, and Trinity Lutheran Church, Latrobe. Monthly meetings offer grandparents useful information and time to interact with one another, which can serve as a form of venting or therapy. A hot dinner and child care are provided. For information, call 724-423-3777 or 724-537-7358.

### **Matters of Sexual Misconduct Information**

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 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 Child-Line number and made the report. The Bishop's Delegate may be reached at 724-837-0901, ext. 1221.

## Around the Community

### **Jeannette Community Lenten Lunches & Worship**

All community services are being held at noon at the First Presbyterian Church of Jeannette.

March 29: Holy Trinity Lutheran – Pastor Sue Luttner

April 5: First Baptist – Pastor Cliff Hockensmith

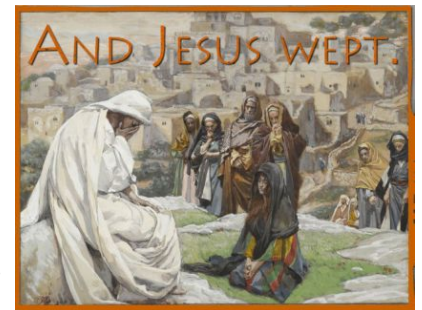
April 7, Good Friday: Hopewell Baptist – Pastor Anthony Murray

### **Jeannette American Legion Bingo**

A bingo benefitting "Legion Activities" is taking place on Sunday, April 2. Doors open at 11:30 am and bingo begins at 1:00 pm. Food will be available for purchase courtesy of the Legion Auxiliary. For more information, call the Legion at 724-523-6231.

### **YWCA offers tutoring for reading and writing**

The adult basic literacy program at the Greensburg YWCA offers one-on-one tutoring for individuals who may need help with reading and writing skills. The YWCA is looking for students who, after an initial assessments, will make a commitment to the program, and is also seeking volunteer tutors, who must complete training modules before tutoring. For information, contact Paula Egnot at 724-834-9390, ext. 106, or [literacy@ywcaestmoreland.org](mailto:literacy@ywcaestmoreland.org).



## Around the World

### **CRS Spotlight**

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