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What a glorious and joyous Great Vigil here in Jeannette. Our community of faith welcomes Nicole Walak,

Daniel Payne, Amber Phipps and Nikolas Harper as our newest family members. This journey for these four brothers and sisters was one filled with great blessings, amazing stories and true testaments to God's working hand in the masterpieces of their lives.

May we all joyfully celebrate the Resurrection this Easter season.



To see all the photographs from the Great Vigil visit @JeannetteCatholicCommunity on Facebook.

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic, and taking the journey, please reach out to the Parish Office or visit the Newcomers and Visitors section of our parish website. ascensionsacredheartchurches.org

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 16, 2023

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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 Tuesday 6:15 pm..... Ascension Church Wednesday 8:00 am..... Ascension Church Thursday 8:00 am..... Ascension Church Friday 8:00 am..... Sacred Heart Church Saturday 4:30 pm..... Ascension Church

Confession & Reconciliation

Wednesday 4:30 pm..... Ascension Church Friday 2:00 pm..... Sacred Heart Church Saturday 3:00 pm Ascension Church * Mass in Spanish

First Eucharist Practice Family Reminder

All children set to receive their First Eucharist are reminded of our practice, Wednesday, April 19. Children should attend with at least one parent. This practice is vital and families should make every effort to be present.

Children receiving the sacrament at the 8:30 AM Mass at Ascension will practice at 6PM at Ascension Church.

Children receiving the sacrament at the 10:30 AM Mass at Sacred Heart will practice at 7PM at Sacred Heart Church.

Communion

Please know how many pews you will need reserved for family and guests for the celebration Sunday, April 23. You will need to give Elisa this information at practice. Practice is no more than 30 minutes. Questions — email Elisa ASAP.

A Request for Prayers

Please lift our second grade children in prayer as they prepare for the joyful celebration of their First Eucharist, this Easter season in our Jeannette Catholic Community.

Our Communicants are:

Jason Chuqui Ella Jean Cycak Capri Hope DiPietro Roland James Dopkowski Ariana Grace Engle Siena Nichole Gajski Khai Mardonio Koschack Kaitlyn Isabella Marshall

Divine Mercy Reflection

The Eighth Day Is Freedom—Kathryn Mulderink

Every year, I am in awe that we prepare for Easter with 40 days of penitence, and then celebrate Christ's Resurrection for 50 days! Every day of the Octave of Easter is one long Easter Sunday, liturgically speaking; a week-long day of rejoicing, encompassing the "first day of the week" (Easter Sunday) and the "eighth day" of the week (Divine Mercy Sunday). This "eighth day" becomes the new "first day", the symbol of the new creation Christ has set in motion.

The eighth day as a sign of holiness and freedom is seen in Scripture, particularly in the Book of Leviticus. On this day, children were circumcised, becoming purified and receiving the seal of the covenant (Lev 12:2 -3). Animals were ceremonially unclean before their eighth day, and could not be sacrificed before then (Lev 22:27). All people who were unclean for any reason remained so until the eighth day, when they were accounted clean (Lev 14:8-10; 15:13-14). Even the vessels for ministry and the priests went through seven days of purification, and were "clean" on the eighth day.

The Gospel tells us that Jesus rose on "the first day of the week," which is the same as the "eighth day." The Jewish people hold Saturday, the seventh day, as a day of rest and worship, because God rested on the seventh day of creation. But Christians acknowledge that Jesus' sacrifice on Calvary fulfilled every Levitical oblation and sacrifice, and the resurrection on the "eighth day" points to the NEW creation and the final fulfillment of all creation. In the early Church, the baptismal font was

often octagonal, to symbolize that through this font that we become a new creation in Christ!

On Divine Mercy Sunday, we see Jesus putting Thomas' doubts to rest by revealing his wounds, through which he poured out mercy on the world. It is through these wounds that Jesus gave us the incredible gifts of cleansing and forgiveness and renewal, and here he gives his disciples the authority to forgive in the sacrament of Penance. In Jesus' many words and actions and miracles, he proved that Love overcomes every sin and shortcoming. On this "eighth day" of Easter, we glimpse the whole point and hear anew the call to fulfillment of all creation: the final victory over every uncleanness and sinfulness, and our final, glorious rest at the Marriage Feast of the Lamb, celebrating the definitive conquering of death on the mystical eighth day of creation in eternity.

In the Diary of St. Faustina Kowalska, Jesus reveals his desire that this day be "a refuge and shelter for all souls... On that day, the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the Fourt of Mu Marcy" So. Let us invitully approach that Fourt by going to Confer

the Fount of My Mercy." So, let us joyfully approach that Fount by going to Confession and receiving Him in Communion to welcome the Gift of His healing love!

Thank You's

Triduum & Easter Liturgies

On behalf of the Jeannette Catholic Community, thanks to everyone who had a hand in making the Holy Week liturgies so special this year. This would include the sacristans, the musicians, the cantors, the lectors, the servers, the ushers, the ministers of hospitality and those who helped to clean and decorate. These liturgies don't just happen. They take time, practice and preparation, and for those of you who gifted the parish with your time and talent, you have our deepest appreciation.

Scripture Readings

The Week of April 16, 2023

Sunday	Divine Mercy Sunday Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31
Monday	Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9; Jn 3:1-8
Tuesday	Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5; Jn: 3:7b-5
Wednesday	Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn 3:16
	-21
Thursday	Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20; Jn
	3:31-36

Friday Saturday Sunday Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15 Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21 **Third Sunday of Easter** Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

Readings are available at bible.usccb.org



Coming Up in Our Parishes

Sacred Heart Church Centennial Committee Meeting

Sunday, April 16, 11:30 am in the Sacred Heart Cafeteria.

K of C, Greensburg Chapter

Monday, April 17, 7:00 pm, in St. Anthony Hall.

St. Anthony Novena

Tuesday, April 18, 7:00 pm, at Ascension Church.

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday, April 19, 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, April 19, 6:15 pm in Mersinger Hall.

First Eucharist Practice

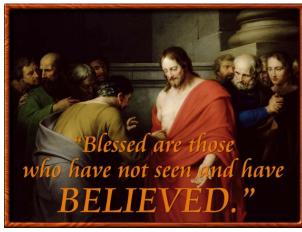
Wednesday, April 19, 6:00 pm at Ascension Church/ 7:00 pm at Sacred Heart Church

Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, April 21, 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.

K of C Bingo

Friday, April 21, Doors open at 6:00 pm in Mersinger Hall.



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Mass Intentions

Saturday, April	15 • Easter Weekday			
3:00 pm	Confessions ASC			
4:30 pm	Pete Ciccaglione			
	(Wife Marie)ASC			
Sunday, April 1	6 • Divine Mercy Sunday			
8:30 am	Living & Deceased Members			
	Of Our Parishes ASC			
10:30 am	Opick & Lander Families			
6.00 pm	(Marilyn Lander) SH			
6:00 pm	Por la Salud de Miguel Renderos (Jessica Lara)ASC			
Monday, April 1	17 • Easter Weekday			
8:00 am	Alice Dunn			
	(Sacred Heart Rosary Altar Society) SH			
Tuesday, April	18 • Easter Weekday			
6:15 pm				
7:00 pm	St. Anthony Novena (Week 5) ASC			
Wednesday, April 19 • Easter Weekday				
8:00 am	Mark Clark			
	(Dan Wyzkiewicz) ASC			
4:30 pm	Confessions ASC			
Thursday, April 20 • Easter Weekday				
8:00 am	Dom, Connie, Michelle Fontana			
	(Rick, Donna, Connie Fontana) ASC			
	Saint Anselm			
8:00 am	Benedictine Mass Association SH			
2:00 pm	Confessions SH			
Saturday, April	22 • Easter Weekday			
3:00 pm	Confessions ASC			
4:30 pm	Mike Yuhas			
	(Wife Merlene & Family)ASC			
Sunday, April 23 • Third Sunday of Easter				
8:30 am	Living & Deceased Members			
	Of Our Parishes ASC			
10:30 am	Leonard Drury			
6.00	(Marcel & Sharon Jaffre)SH			
6:00 pm	Por la Salud de Morena Lovo			
Confessions are b	(Jessica Lara)ASC neard Monday through Friday from noon to 1:00 pm			
	Archabbey Basilica in Latrobe			

Eternal Rest Grant Unto His, O Lord

Edward Huhn

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

Monthly Prayer Intentions of Pope Francis

April—For a culture of peace and non-violence

We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.

Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do Thou, O prince of the Heavenly Host, by the Power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Thank you's (cont.)

Sacred Heart Fish Fries

On behalf of the Jeannette Catholic Community, thanks to everyone who had a hand in making the Sacred Heart Fish Fries a success this year. This was another extremely challenging year considering the increased prices of food and supplies. Despite these challenges, through the skillful leadership of Jeff Dorko and his wife Martha, the parish returned to an eat in or take out format which seemed quite popular as the number of fish sandwiches being sold exceeded previous years. Jeff & Martha, thank for your leadership!

In addition, we would like to thank all those who cooked, served, washed dishes, took orders, hosted and performed any other tasks involved in making it a success. We would also like to thank those who made contributions, such as prize baskets, desserts, drinks, napkins, foam plates, etc. Everyone working together made it possible. We don't have a final figure yet, but when we do we will be sharing it. Thank you and God Bless you all!

Around the Parishes

Pastoral Visitation

If you have a loved one who is hospitalized, homebound, incarcerated or in a nursing home, please phone or text Fr. Job at 717-875-3369. This is a private line; no one has access to the information except for Fr. Job. If it is an emergency after 9:00 pm, please call 724-532-6754.

Prayer Chain

If there are any concerns, needs, or people in your life that you would like to have prayed for, please contact a dedicated group of parishioners who believe in the power of prayer and would love to assist you. Feel free to call Jan Mangan @ 724-523-5645 or Mary Hershberger @ 412-485-8681 to place your prayer request.

Candles at Sacred Heart

Blessed Sacrament Tabernacle April 16—April 22



(Patty, Cheryl, Jim Sabo) Sacred Heart Chapel (2) April 16—April 22 Alice Dunn

Alice Dunn



(Patty, Cheryl, Jim Sabo)

Our Stewardship

Offertory for April 2, 2023

Ascension	\$3,558.00
Sacred Heart	\$6,224.00

Attendance for April 2, 2023

4:30 pm	124
8:30 am	133
10:30 am	192
6:00 pm	128

2023 DLA Pledges

As of April 8, 2023

Ascension \$33,632 (81.0% of the Diocesan Target and 70.7% of the Diocesan & Parish Target)

Sacred Heart \$39,376 (86.0% of the Diocesan Target and 70.6% of the Diocesan & Parish Target)

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 16, 2023

Around the Diocese

Divine Mercy Sunday liturgy April 16 at Christ Our Shepherd Center

Bishop Larry J. Kulick invites the faithful of the Diocese to join with him in a celebration of God's mercy on Sunday, April 16, Divine Mercy Sunday. The liturgy is scheduled for 2 p.m. in St. Joseph Chapel at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be prayed during this time of Eucharistic Adoration. Weather permitting, there will be an outdoor Eucharistic procession.

Oblates of St. Benedict to meet April 16

The Oblates of St. Benedict, Latrobe Deanery, will meet Sunday, April 16, from 3-4:15 p.m. in Brownfield 202 at Saint Vincent Seminary. Benedictine Brother Francisco Whittaker will speak on *"Conversatio morum."* For reservations, call Benedictine Father Donald Raila, 724-805-2291. Attendees may also attend vespers at 5 p.m. and supper at 5:35 p.m.; an additional session is available at 6:45 p.m. (discussion based on the *"Study Guide for the Rule of St. Benedict")*. Call Father Donald a few days in advance to register for supper and evening events. Afternoon presentations may also be offered virtually.

Cancer support group meets monthly at St. Barbara Parish, Harrison City

The St. Peregrine cancer support group meets monthly (usually the third Wednesday at 7 p.m.) at St. Barbara Parish, Harrison City. All cancer survivors and caregivers are welcome. Upcoming meeting dates are April 19, May 17, June 14 and July 12.

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 <u>ccharitiesgreensburg.org</u> 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 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 to download a registration form (no online reg-istration).

Swing into Spring Crafter's Market

Saint Bruno Rosary Altar Society is hosting a "Swing Into Spring" Crafter's Market. The event will be held on Saturday, May 6 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Saint Bruno Church Hall, 1715 Poplar Street, South Greensburg. The kitchen will be open. There will be a basket raffle with crafter items along with a 50/50. Crafter applications are still being accepted. For more information, please email Beth lezzi at <u>balwine7@yahoo.com</u>.

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 <u>https://scholasticatravel.groupcollect.com/go/15477a</u>. For information, call 724-989-6034.

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 <u>after</u> 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 Food Pantry

CRS Spotlight

The next Jeannette Presbyterian Food Pantry food distribution, sponsored through the Westmoreland County Food Bank, is scheduled for April 28. Volunteers are needed from 8:30 am to noon. If you would like to help with this vital ministry to our community, please call the church office for more information (724-523-5427).

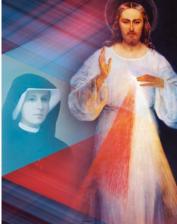
YWCA offers tutoring for reading and writing

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 <u>literacy@ywcawestmoreland.org</u>.

Around the World

In the Asia-Pacific region, Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) work is of utmost importance. DDR helps families, communities and governments prepare for a disaster and bolsters their resilience in a disaster's aftermath. CRS's goal is to help people survive disasters with dignity, rebuild their lives and strengthen their resilience capacities to better withstand the impacts of future disasters. Visit www.crs.org for more information and to see how you can help!

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