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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, 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.

The Last Supper and the Gift of the Eucharist

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Following all weekend Masses May 13 & 14 and St. Anthony Novena May 16
St. Anthony Hall inside Ascension Church Sponsored by Pantalone Funeral Home

Fifth Sunday of Easter, May 7, 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				
Wednesday				
8:00 am Ascension Church				
Thursday				
8:00 am Ascension Church				
Friday				
8:00 am Sacred Heart Church				
Saturday				
4:30 pm Sacred Heart Church				
Confession & Reconciliation				
Saturday				

3:00 pm Ascension Church

* Mass in Spanish



Confirmation Reminder

All teens set to receive their Confirmation are reminded of our practice, Sunday, May 7, at St. Elizabeth Ann

Seton Church in North Huntingdon.

Practice is slated for 6:30 PM and your sponsor should be present with you. If your sponsor is unable to attend, you must attend with a parent who can relay the

directions/message to your sponsor. This practice is vital and families must make every effort to be present.



Camp Virtue is a day camp that allows 6th-8th grade youth the opportunity to explore their Catholic faith while also exploring the world around them. Camp Virtue will help participants to understand that they can enjoy each day to the fullest while being filled with faith and a love for God. Camp Virtue will include dynamic talks on the virtues, praise and worship, small group sharing, games and much more until lunch time. After lunch we will depart via school bus for a HIGH ADVENTURE activity for the afternoon.



Fifth Sunday of Easter Reflection

Spiritual and Religious — Tommy Shultz

The question is often asked why you need religion at all. Can't you just be a spiritual person and go directly to God? Especially in the wake of scandal, doesn't it seem like all human institutions have failed in one way or another to transmit the Gospel to all people at all times? Years ago a very popular Youtube video showed a man speaking poetry claiming that he loved Jesus but hated religion. This seems to be a modern response to the horrible tragedies that have happened in religious institutions over the course of history, and these tragedies should not ever go unnoticed or the victims of these tragedies be forgotten. Though it may be coming from a genuine place of concern for people to say they don't need religion, it is clear from the very beginning that Jesus founded a religion, a visible Church. He knew better than anyone that people could come directly to him, but he didn't set it up that way. In today's First Reading we hear a beautiful story of the early Church organizing and ordaining more priests in order to serve the growing needs of the flock. Right from the very beginning in Acts 6 we see the need for a visible Church that can bring the visible Christ to visible people with tangible needs.

Of course we can always go directly to God, but as human beings we often get in our own way. I know many Protestant friends who ask God directly for forgiveness and then have to struggle through mental games wondering if they truly are sorry and repentant. One of the benefits to a

visible Church and visible sacraments is that we don't need to guess. Even Catholics can go directly to God and make a perfect act of contrition, but we are required by Canon Law to confess our sins to a priest, not because the Church wants to assure that we feel embarrassed about our sins, but so that we can have the assurance of forgiveness.

Though the Church is not perfect because it is full of very sinful people, myself included, being spiritual and not religious constantly leaves us wondering or worried about where we stand before God. With the Sacraments we need not worry, we have the assurance of Christ.

So take hope during this Easter season that God has set up a Church, that it is a visible body with authority, and that by living in this Church we can be assured that God is working for our salvation, despite the things we do or the lies we believe. Why not have the best of both worlds? Let's make it a point this Easter season to be spiritual and also religious, clinging to the hope that Jesus brings through his death and resurrection.

From all of us here at Diocesan, God bless!

Around the Parishes

Tickets are still available for the Super Bingo May 20 at Sacred Heart

Sacred Heart Parish will hold a "Super Bingo" Saturday, May 20, in the cafeteria. Doors open at noon and games begin at 1:30 pm. Tickets are \$30, which includes lunch, 20 regular games, four special games and a \$1,000 jackpot game. There will also be a 50/50 drawing and basket raffles. Only 250 tickets will be sold. Tickets can be purchased after weekend Masses, at the St. Vincent de Paul Store in Jeannette or by calling 724-875-2437 or 724-396-9737.

Coming Up in Our Parishes

Ascension Rosary Altar Society

Sunday, May 7, 9:30 am, in Mersinger Hall.

Sacred Heart Church Centennial Planning Meeting

Sunday, May 7, 11:30 am, in the Sacred Heart Cafeteria. St. Anthony Novena

Tuesday, May 9, 7:00 pm, at Ascension Church.

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday, May 10, cancelled.

Confirmation

Wednesday, May 10, 7:00 pm, at St Elizabeth Ann Seton Church.

Catholic Book Study

Wednesday, May 10, cancelled.

Eucharistic Adoration

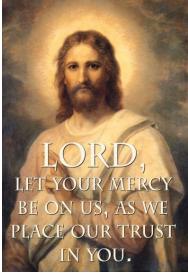
Friday, May 12, 9:00 am to 3:30 pm, at Sacred Heart Church. **No Confessions at 2:00 pm,** Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00 pm, followed by Benediction.

K of C Bingo

Friday, May 12, Doors open at 6:00 pm in Mersinger Hall.

Ascension Church Cleaning

Saturday, May 13, 9:00 am, at Ascension Church.



Scripture R	Readings	Friday	Feast of Saints Nereus and Achilleus,
The Week of May 7, 2023			Martyrs, and Saint Pancras, Martyr Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-9, 10 & 12; Jn 15:12
Sunday	Fifth Sunday of Easter Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12	Saturday	-17 Feast of Our Lady of Fatima Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5; Jn 15:18-21
Monday	Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26	Sunday	Sixth Sunday of Easter Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20;
Tuesday	Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a		1Pt 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21
Wednesday	Feast of Saint John of Avila, Priest and Doctor of the Church, and St Damien of Molokai, Priest Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Jn 15:1-8	Readings a	re available at <u>bible.usccb.org</u>
Thursday	Acts 15:7-21; PS 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10; Jn 15:9-		

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Mass Intentions

THREE HILLES	
	6 • Easter Weekday ConfessionsASC Domenick Catalano (Wife, Daughters, Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren)ASC
Sunday, May 7	 Fifth Sunday of Easter
8:30 am	Living & Deceased Members
	Of Our ParishesASC
10:30 am	John & Stephanie Pawlik
	(Family)SH
6:00 pm	Por la Salud de Morena Lovo
	(Jessica Lara)ASC
Monday, May 8	• Easter Weekday
8:00 am	Glenn & Theresa Pilkington
	(Family)SH
Tuesday, May 9	• Easter Weekday
7:00 pm	St. Anthony Novena (Week 8)ASC
•	ay 10 • Easter Weekday
8:00 am	Intention of the CelebrantASC
4:30 pm	Confessions cancelledASC
	11 • Easter Weekday
8:00 am	Albert & Viola Zoscak (John & Rae Serenko)ASC
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	Easter Weekday
8:00 am	Sylvia Orange
2.00	(Dan & Family)SH
2:00 pm	Confessions cancelledSH
Saturday, May	13 • Lenten Weekday
3:00 pm	ConfessionsASC
4:30 pm	Living & Deceased Members
	Of Our ParishesASC
Sunday, May 14	I • Sixth Sunday of Easter
8:30 am	All Living and Deceased Mothers
	Of Our ParishesASC
10:30 am	All Living & Deceased Mothers
	Of Our ParishesSH
6:00 pm	Para Todas las MadresASC
	neard Monday through Friday from noon to 1:00 pm
at Saint Vincent A	Archabbey Basilica in Latrobe

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Him, O Lord

James Ager

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

May—For church movements and groups

We pray that church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.

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.

Around the Parishes (cont.)

Ascension Rosary Altar Society

The Ascension Rosary Altar Society will be meeting after the 8:30 am Mass on Sunday, May 7 in Mersinger Hall.

Sacred Heart Church Centennial Planning Meeting

There will be a Sacred Heart Church Centennial planning meeting on Sunday, May 7, following the 10:30 am Mass in the Sacred Heart cafeteria. All are welcome!

Ascension Church Cleaning

There will be a May cleaning at Ascension Church on Saturday, May 13 at 9:00 am. If you have a few hours to spend that day, bring your bucket and join your fellow parishioners. All help is greatly appreciated! More hands make less work!!

Sacred Heart and Ascension Churches Rosary Altar Spring Luncheon

A spring luncheon will be held at Ferrante's Lakeview Restaurant on May 21 for its members and their guest(s). Social time begins at 12:15 pm with the luncheon being served at 12:45 pm. Invitations have been sent out to the members and responses are due by May 7. Contact Maribeth Brecht at 724-527-3323 or Cathy Duez at 724-462-0033 if you have any questions.

Assisting at the Sunday Offertory Procession

If a Sunday Mass Intention is for your loved one and you would like to assist in carrying the gifts to the altar, please let the ushers know before Mass and they will make sure that you are given that opportunity.

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.

Homebound Ministry

Holy Communion will be distributed monthly to our homebound parishioners. Please call Rosemary Lewis, 724-523-2159 to schedule a visit.

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.

Our Stewardship

Offertory for April 23, 2023

Ascension	\$3,173.00
Sacred Heart	\$2,849.00

Attendance for April 23, 2023

4:30 pm	139
8:30 am	
10:30 am	152
6:00 pm	55

2023 DLA Pledges

As of May 1, 2023

Ascension \$38,707 (93.2% of the Diocesan Target and 81.4% of the Diocesan & Parish Target)

Sacred Heart \$47,961 (104.7% of the Diocesan Target and 86.0% of the Diocesan & Parish Target)

Fifth Sunday of Easter, May 7, 2023

Around the Diocese

Registration open for Eucharistic Congress

Registration is open for the Diocese of Greenburg's Eucharistic Congress. "Creating a Eucharistic Community: Forming Disciples of Christ in Love and Service" will feature engaging workshops, speakers and national experts who will provide insight into fostering a Eucharistic culture in parishes, schools and the Diocese. Diocesan and parish staff and members of the general public can select from one of two sessions: May 8-10 or May 9-11. To view a list of speakers, visit DioceseofGreensburg.org/EucharisticRevival. Attendance is free for the first 400 people to register.

Next edition of The Catholic Accent to air on WPXI this month

Intentional Disciples, those who love and care for others with a purpose, are featured on the next edition of "The Catholic Accent" television program airing on WPXI, Channel 11, on Sunday, May 14, at 11:30 a.m. The program will also air on Sunday, May 21, and a half dozen more times on MeTV. Join Bishop Larry J. Kulick as he discusses the call of intentional discipleship locally and its role in the National Eucharistic Revival.

More than 1,000 people in one day visited Christ Our Shepherd Center in Greensburg to participate in a one-of-a-kind immersive experience. "The Catholic Accent" highlights other unique events in store for our faith community.

And, "The Catholic Accent" helps you plan your summer by featuring the upcoming festivals scheduled at parishes across the Diocese, including a special international food festival. "The Catholic Accent" is always on at <u>TheAccentOnline.org</u>.

Burger Bash May 13 at Immaculate Conception Parish, Irwin

Immaculate Conception Parish, Irwin, will hold a drive-thru Burger Bash Saturday, May 13, from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Upcoming dates are June 10, July 8, Aug. 12, Sept. 9 and Oct. 14. For information, call 724-863-9550.

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 May 17, June 14 and July 12.

Healing prayer service set May 19 at St. Paul Parish, Greensburg

Hem of His Garment will lead a healing prayer service Friday, May 19, at 6:30 p.m. at St. Paul Parish, Greensburg. The evening includes Eucharistic exposition, corporate prayer for healing, individual prayer ministry, and praise and worship. For information, contact Kim Hutchins at <u>hutchins@hssop.org</u>, 412-817-5465 or <u>hemofhisgarment.org</u>

Donations for "Trash 'n Treasure" Sale at Saint Paul Parish

The Rosary Altar Society and Parishioners of Saint Paul Parish in Greensburg will be holding its annual Trash 'n Treasure Sale on Wednesday July 12 through Saturday July 15.

Donations for this event will be accepted for housewares, toys, furnishings and other usable goods (NO clothing, baby equipment, large exercise equipment, encyclopedias, college textbooks, tires, console televisions, stereos, computer equipment except laptops or flat screens, monitors, stuffed animals, pillows (decorative or bed), golf clubs or bags, skis, pictures or frames of any size, or anything with Freon). Everything, including bedding items, should be clean. Christmas decor will be accepted.

These items may be dropped off at the church social hall, located at 820 Carbon Road_between the hours of 9am-1pm on Mondays through Thursdays starting Tuesday, May 30, and 6-8 pm on Mondays and Thursdays starting Thursday, June 1. **PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE DONATIONS OUTSIDE AS THEY MAY GET DAMAGED OR STOLEN.** For more information, please contact Nancy at 724-834-8704 or Bonnie at 724-834-0237.

Annual Faith and Reason Summer Program June 18-24 at Saint Vincent College, Latrobe

Saint Vincent College, Latrobe, will host the 12th annual Faith and Reason Summer Program June 18-24. Students age 15 and older are invited to apply for admission to the program, which introduces young minds to the rich intellectual tradition of the Catholic faith and is designed to prepare students for college-level education. Housing in a college residence hall and three daily meals in the college dining hall are included in the cost (\$495). Limited scholarship funding is available. Students may register at stvincent.edu/faithandreason. For information, contact Dr. Michael Krom at 724-805-2844 or michael.krom@stvincent.edu.

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 American Legion Bingo

A bingo benefitting "Legion Activities" is taking place on Sunday, May 7. 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.

Around the World

CRS Spotlight

Rising temperatures, erratic rainfall and recurrent drought have pounded areas such as Honduras, depleting harvests and leaving millions hungry. For farmers like Eulalio Amaya Orellana, the impacts of climate change are all too common. "The summers are very strong," he said. "I planted but I could not harvest due to a lack of water. The temperatures dried out our plants." Visit www.crs.org to see what CRS is doing to help and how you can get involved!

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