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**Rev. Arnel Patayon Tadeo**  
Shared Parochial Vicar

### Masses in Masontown

Monday, Wednesday, Friday ..8:00 am  
Saturday .....6:00 pm  
Sunday.....8:00 am & 11:30 am

**Confessions:** During Adoration  
**Adoration:** Friday 4:30-6:00 pm

### Masses in Footedale

Tuesday & Thursday .....8:00 am  
Saturday: .....4:00 pm  
Sunday.....9:30 am

**Confessions:** Saturday 3:00-3:30 pm  
**Adoration:** Wednesday 4:30-6:00 pm

**Office Hours:** Monday through  
Friday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

**Bulletin Articles:** The deadline  
for placing articles in the bulletin  
is Monday at Noon.

**New Parishioners, Welcome!**  
Please register as soon as possible.

**Communion to the Homebound** is  
provided on a regular basis. Call the  
Parish Office to be added to our list.

**Sacrament of Baptism:** By  
appointment. Prior to your baby's  
Baptism, you must be a registered,  
practicing member of this parish.

**Sacrament of Marriage:** Requires  
parish membership by at least one of  
the parties for six months prior to  
making arrangements for marriage.  
Weddings should be scheduled  
one year in advance.

**Prayer Chain:** To request prayer,  
please call Patty 724-245-9746  
or Valeria 724-583-9460

## August 28, 2022



## 22<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.” - Lk 14:13-14

**Fr. Marlon’s Reflections - 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

(Sir 3:17-18,20,28-29; Heb 12:18-19,22-24; Lk. 14:1,7-14)



In the gospel reading this Sunday we heard of Jesus talking about where the guests should sit at the table when invited somewhere. As a general rule in a fixed system, the most distinguished guest sits at the right hand of the host where he receives the highest honor. The second most important guest sits at the left side of the host and so on. While Jesus was aware of this fixed system, he was not presenting a lesson in social etiquette. He used this example of good manners at the table to draw attention to how honor is accredited in the Kingdom of God. This parable and the entire gospel talk to us about the need to be humble.

What is true humility and why should we make it a characteristic mark of our Christian life and action? Humility comes from the Latin word humus which means “fertile soil”. When a soil is fertile, whatever plants we want to plant, they will grow. Soil is a thing that whatever we throw, either trash or anything, the soil will accept. True humility is not feeling bad about your own self or having a low opinion of yourself or thinking of yourself as inferior to others. But true humility is ready to accept of who we are especially with regards to our talents, abilities and limitations or weaknesses. Humility is truth about our self. Viewing ourselves truthfully means seeing ourselves the way God sees us. A humble person makes a realistic assessment of himself/herself without illusion or pretense to be something he/she is not. A humble person does not have to wear a mask or put on a façade in order to look good to others who do not know who he/she really is.

The Lord tells us that we should act in everything we do, recognizing that all that we own we owe to God, that nothing is our own doing and that in comparison to him, we are nothing. We should live simple but decent lives because all of the gifts that we have received have come to us from above, freely. The person who acts in humility, who possesses that great gift, is pleasing to God.

Lastly, if we want to learn to be humble, we should imitate the life of Our Lord Jesus Christ. He lived for thirty three years and thirty of those years were spent out of the public eye. At the end of his ministry he was humiliated and despised. He is humble. He always defended the poor and the destitute. He never praised Himself.

In the Kingdom of God which is one continuous wedding banquet, titles, positions, and wealth do not count. What counts is fidelity to Jesus’ law of love that embraces even and especially the outcasts of society. In his wedding feast, Jesus sits his guests in the presidential table while he himself serves them – as he did his apostles at the Last Supper. Jesus expects nothing less of us on this life.

**SEPTEMBER SCHEDULE FOR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

**MASONTOWN WORSHIP SITE:**

- SEPTEMBER 2, Friday, 4:30pm - 6:00pm
- SEPTEMBER 16, Friday, 4:30pm - 6:00pm
- SEPTEMBER 30, Friday, 4:30pm - 6:00pm

**FOOTEDALE WORSHIP SITE:**

- SEPTEMBER 7, Wednesday, 4:30pm - 6:00pm
- SEPTEMBER 21, Wednesday, 4:30pm - 6:00pm

*Come, worship the Lord!*



**Bishop Larry J. Kulick, JCL Bishop of Greensburg**

has accepted into the Priestly Formation Program for the Diocese of Greensburg

**Tyler Randolph** of Immaculate Conception Parish, Irwin.

He will be in Pre-Theology I assigned to Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary, Wynnewood, PA  
Please keep Tyler, all of our seminarians and those discerning God’s call in our diocese in your prayers.

The month of September is dedicated to the Sorrowful Mother.

Sin brings sorrow to Mary's heart who grieves for those who have wandered from the paths of God. Her motherly heart desires the salvation of the sinner through her prayers of intercession.



During the month of September, please pray with Pope Francis for the abolition of the death penalty.

We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.



**Meet and Greet with Fr. Arnel at the Footedale Worship Site This Sunday**

Fr. Arnel Tadeo became part of our St. Francis of Assisi Parish family on July 14<sup>th</sup> as our shared Parochial Vicar.

We are blessed to have another priest assigned in our parish to respond to the demands of our spiritual needs. Please help us welcome Fr. Arnel through our "Meet and Greet With Fr. Arnel" event this Sunday, August 28, after the 9:30 am Mass at Footedale Social Hall.

**Monday - The Passion of St. John the Baptist**

John's mission from the time he was born had been to prepare the way for the Lord. He had done so all his life, calling people to repent of their sins and to await the good news. Now he led the way in death as well - his martyrdom showed what lay ahead for Jesus. No wonder Jesus praised John as *a burning and shining lamp!*

**Thursday - World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation**

"This day is to be observed annually as the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation which will offer individual believers and communities a fitting opportunity to reaffirm their personal vocation to be stewards of creation, to thank God for the wonderful handiwork which he has entrusted to our care and to implore his help for the protection of creation as well as his pardon for the sins committed against the world in which we live."  
(Pope Francis, 6 August 2015)

**Saturday is the Feast of St. Gregory the Great**

As pope, he is noted for liturgical reform and chant. He sent missionaries to England, wrote on many moral and theological subjects and is one of the four great doctors of the Latin Church. He is patron saint of music.

**Question of the Week:** Whom can I welcome into my life who is unlikely to be able to repay me?

**FAITH FORMATION**

**Faith Formation Open House**

**Sunday, August 28, 2:00 to 4:00 pm in Footedale**

Students and their parents will have the opportunity to enroll in this year's program, meet the teachers and tour the classrooms. We're looking forward to seeing you!

**Youth Ministry Open House**

**On Saturday, September 10, 4:30 to 6:30 pm**

Youth Ministry & all Faith Formation Students are invited to the Fairbank Bowling Center for an Open House event to begin the new Faith Formation year. New members are always welcomed!

Please RSVP to Rita Masi 724-208-6779 or rmasi00@yahoo.com

**Faith Formation Classes resume on Sunday, September 18,** and will take place in Footedale on Sunday mornings from 10:30 to 11:45 am.



**Dear Lord,**

**As our children, teachers and staffs head back to school, please bless them, protect them and watch over them. Amen.**

**The Practice of Stewardship**

In the Gospel today, Jesus warns us not to give in to hopes of repayment but to give openhandedly to the poor and needy. That sort of giving mirrors the bountiful giving of God, and Jesus assures us it is blessed indeed!

**The annual appeal for the Catholic University of America will be taken this weekend.** Fifty percent from this appeal will go to the CUA and fifty percent will aid the Catholic schools of the Diocese of Greensburg.

Thank you for your support of Catholic education.

**Our very grateful thanks for the following:**

Flowers on the main altar in Masontown last weekend that were given in memory of *Geno Coll* by his family.

Flowers at the statue of the Blessed Mother in Masontown for the Solemnity of the Assumption that were given by John & Carol DelGrosso

Air Conditioning in Footedale donation that was given in memory of *Lou Otto* by his wife, Patty

**Stewardship of Treasure**

**August 21:** \$6,074; loose \$259; monthly \$665; children \$1; online \$387 totaling \$7,386

**Our parish is very grateful for your support. It is vital to the life of our parish!**



**Labor Day Weekend**

**Saturday, September 3 & Sunday, September 4**  
 6:00 to 10:00 pm on the parish grounds in Masontown  
 Everyone's help is needed to make this a success!  
 If you are not physically able, then please pray for us!

**Entertainment at the Festival will include:**

Saturday: 6:00/7:00 pm - Futureproof  
 7:00/10:00 pm - Shelly McCombie Duo  
 Sunday: 6:00/10:00 pm - The Classics

**Food Items will include:**

Homemade pierogi & haluski, hot sausage & pulled pork sandwiches, hamburgers, cheeseburgers, hot dogs, pizza, French fries, Fried dough, Funnel Cakes

**Needed: Cases of Water and Coke & Pepsi products**

**Needed: Theme Baskets - ALL TYPES**

Sports, movies, lottery tickets, gift cards, etc.  
 (Please bring these items to either Church on weekends or drop them off at the Parish Office in Masontown Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm)

**Needed: Baked Goods**

We need your help in supplying home baked goods for this popular stand.

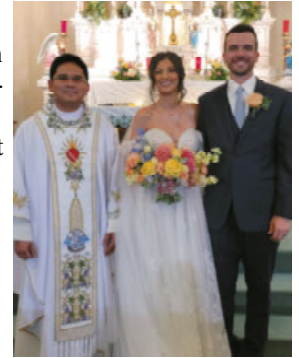
**Needed: Volunteers!** It takes 60-70 volunteers each night to prepare, staff the booths, clean up, etc. and we need your help! We can't do this without you!

**Sign up to volunteer** by contacting the Parish Office 724-583-7866 / sfoafayette@dioceseofgreensburg.org  
 Consider helping out while having fun!

**Pray:** We need everyone to pray - for good weather and for a safe and successful festival!

**Parish Sympathy** is expressed to Paul Lipchinsky on the recent passing of his brother *Thomas Lipchinsky*. May God grant to him eternal life and comfort his family.

**Michael Spegar & Jessica Burns**  
 The entire St. Francis of Assisi Parish family extends our warmest congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Michael and Jessica Spegar, who were married last Saturday at Footedale Worship Site. Best wishes for a long and healthy life together! May God shower you with His blessings year after year!  
 Congratulations on your Holy Wedding!



**VENDOR SHOW - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25**

Hosted by our Christian Mothers  
 10:00 am to 3:00 pm at the social hall in Footedale.  
 Questions? Please contact Sharon - 724-208-1284.

**Neighboring Events**

**OTPUST FESTIVAL - Sunday, August 28**  
 Noon to 6:00 pm at Holy Trinity Orthodox Church in New Salem. All are welcome to come - enjoy good food and fellowship.

**The 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Rosary Walk** takes place Sunday, **September 18**. It begins at 2:00 pm at St. George Maronite Catholic Church then continues to St. John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic, St. John the Evangelist, St. Therese, St. Mary Nativity and St. Joseph.

**Dealing with a Divorce?**

Anyone who has filed for divorce or completed a divorce is welcome to attend a divorce support group hosted by St. Vincent Basilica Parish using *DivorceCare*. The group will meet on 13 Wednesdays from 7-9pm at Saint Vincent Grove - September 7/December 14. At each session, the group will watch a *DivorceCare* video then discuss the topic of the video. Through this process, members accompany one another to find hope and healing from the grief, doubt, anger and stress brought about by the end of their marriage relationship.

Questions? Contact Teri at 724-539-8629 x 15 or tpomerleau@dioceseofgreensburg.org

**In a Troubled Marriage?**

Retrouvaille can help. See helpourmarriage.org

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# MASS SCHEDULE

## Saturday, August 27 -- Vigil: 22nd Ordinary Sunday

4:00 pm-F (M) Elaine Rosnack  
6:00 pm-M (M) Wynonna Gashie (Tony/Judy Gashie Family)

## Sunday, August 28 -- 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am-M (A) Esther Pleban (Sons, John, Ed & Family)  
9:30 am-F (A) Pro Populo  
11:30 am-M (M) John Alexander (Raymond Trincia Sr.)

## Monday, August 29 -- Passion of Saint John the Baptist

8:00 am-M Paul Verska (K of C #4261)

## Tuesday, August 30 -- Weekday

8:00 am-F Joseph & Ann Sumego (Debi, Ed, Roseann)

## Wednesday, August 31 -- Weekday

8:00 am-M Nancy Barnhart (Christian Mothers)  
4:30-6:00 pm Adoration in Footedale

## Thursday, September 1 -- Weekday

8:00 am-F Dolores Kovach (Family)

## Friday, September 2 -- Weekday

8:00 am-M Joseph A. Zawelensky (Family)

## Saturday, September 3 -- Vigil: 23rd Ordinary Sunday

3-3:30 pm-F Confessions  
4:00 pm-F (A) Pro Populo  
\* 5:00 pm (Outdoor Mass) Phil Griffith (Mother, Ann Marie)

## Sunday, September 4 -- 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am-M (M) Paul Krokus Jr. (Parents, Paul & Irene)  
9:30 am-F (M) Linda Marano (Dolly Kröll)  
11:30 am-M (A) Pro Populo

(M) Fr. Marlon / (A) Fr. Arnel



In today's Gospel, Jesus tells guests at a feast to accept their invitations with humility, to be satisfied with the lowest place at the table. We are guests at a feast today, invited by our Lord to this wonderful Eucharistic meal. We come with humility, acknowledging our imperfections and sinfulness. Jesus also tells the host to invite those who are not well-off, who cannot repay him in kind. Our host today at this feast is Jesus, who offers His very Body and Blood for our redemption. There is no way we can truly repay Him for His generosity and mercy. Let us give thanks for His constant invitation.

### Interested in Becoming Catholic?


The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process by which one becomes a member of our Catholic faith. The process not only teaches the Doctrine of the Church but also explores its practices.

If you or someone you know is interested, please contact the Parish Office at 724-583-7866 or [sfoafayette@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:sfoafayette@dioceseofgreensburg.org)

### \* Please Note - Change of Mass Time

**Saturday, September 3**, is the first day of our Parish Festival. Please take note that **Outside Mass** will be celebrated at **5:00 pm** on the **Masontown Parking Lot.**

### Mass Readings for the Week Ahead

Monday:	1 Cor 2:1-5; Mk 6:17-29	
Tuesday:	1 Cor 2:10b-16; Lk 4:31-37	
Wednesday:	1 Cor 3:1-9; Lk 4:38-44	
Thursday:	1 Cor 3:18-23; Lk 5:1-11	
Friday:	1 Cor 4:1-5; Lk 5:33-39	
Saturday:	1 Cor 4:6b-15; Lk 6:1-5	
Next Sunday:	Wis 9:13-18b; Phlm 9-17; Lk 14:25-33	



### Eucharistic Adoration

**Wednesday, August 31 in Footedale**

4:30-5:30 pm: Exposition and Confession

5:30-5:45 pm: Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena

5:45-6:00 pm: Benediction

**Memorial Candles** burn this week in loving memory of or for the special intention of:

† **Sanctuary** - *Esther Pleban*  
requested by Martha Medved

*Health of Judy Scola*  
requested by her sister, Mary Jo Bashour

† **Blessed Mother** - *Mike & Betty Olesh*  
requested by her family

*Hermína Yasenosky*  
requested by children & grandchildren

† **Saint Joseph** - *Charles Rohol*  
requested by his family

† **Saint Anthony** - *Augustine & Edith Aello*  
*Wedding Anniversary Remembrance*  
requested by their family

*Minnie Yasenosky Birthday Remembrance*  
requested by family

† **Sacred Heart** - *Monica Markusic*  
requested by her mother, Dolores Solomon



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