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## August 13, 2023

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### Masses in Masontown

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

**Confessions:** Saturday 5:00-5:30 pm

**Adoration:** Check bulletin

### Masses in Footedale

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

**Confessions:** Saturday 3:00-3:30 pm

**Adoration:** Check bulletin

**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  
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## 19<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Peter said to him in reply, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. - Mt 14:28-29

## ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH of WESTERN FAYETTE COUNTY



### This is an important announcement from Bishop Larry J. Kulick:

Good Afternoon/Morning:

As you are aware, we generally have our clergy assignments in the mid-summer of each year. However, due to circumstances beyond our control those assignments had to be delayed to late summer. As you might have guessed that time is upon us now.

It is no secret that we are in a time of a diminishing number of ordained clergy, as well as a shifting, aging and declining demographic reality in many parts of our Diocese.

Without the support of our International Priest Missionaries, we would truly be in a more critical situation. Even with their assistance, and in order to maintain the pastoral care of as many of our parishes as possible, it is necessary to make clergy assignments that provide for the ongoing pastoral needs of all 78 parishes in the Diocese of Greenburg.

With all of that in mind, I have asked your pastor to inform you, that as of Thursday, August 31, 2023, **Father Dick Anthony Cortado** will be your new Administrator. Father Cortado is coming to you from the parishes of Uniontown. He is one of our International Priests from the Diocese of Tagum.

Your current pastor, Father Marlon Pates will return to the Philippines at that time as required by US Immigration Law. Father Arnel Tadeo will be assigned as Pastor to Saint Patrick's Parish in Brady's Bend.

As we move forward into the future, I am asking all of you, the people and staffs and your Pastoral and Finance Councils to embrace Father Cortado with a spirit of collaboration guided by the Holy Spirit.

Please welcome him with the generosity that you have provided to Fr. Marlon and Father Arnel in their time in your parish.

Please pray for all of our priests and people as we move forward to embrace the future with hope and vitality. Please be assured of my prayers for each of you and for your parish community.

In Christ,  
Bishop Larry J. Kulick

As we bid farewell to Fr. Marlon and Fr. Arnel, please note the following events that are planned:

**Sunday, August 20 - 2:00 to 3:30 pm** - Farewell reception for Fr. Marlon in Footedale

**Saturday, August 26 - 5:00 to 6:00 pm** - Farewell reception for Fr. Arnel in Footedale

**Sunday, August 27 - 9:30 am** - † Mass with Bishop Medil Sacay Ased of the Diocese of Tagum in the Philippines, who is Fr. Marlon's Bishop

Reception to follow in the Social Hall

**Choir Practice** for the 9:30 am Mass on August 27 with Bishop Medil will be held on Thursday, August 24, at 6:00 pm in Footedale. All choir members from both worship sites are asked to attend.

# **INTERNATIONAL FOOD FESTIVAL**

## **FRIDAY, AUGUST 25, 5:30 PM**

**Join us for an International Food Festival to support priestly formation in the Philippines.**

**Christ Our Shepherd Center  
2900 Seminary Drive, Greensburg**

Right now, more than 20 Filipino priests serve as missionaries in parishes throughout the Diocese of Greensburg. Bishop Medil Sacay Aseo, Bishop of Tagum in the Philippines, will be present for the event and appreciates our partnership. Missionary priests from the Diocese of Tagum are the largest in number serving our Diocese in International Priests Program. Proceeds from the International Foodfest will benefit vocations in the Diocese of Tagum.

Mass with Bishop Medil Aseo and Bishop Larry J. Kulick begins at 5:30 p.m. with the food festival immediately following.

Tickets are \$75 per person which include samples of food from Italy, Eastern Europe and the Philippines, plus an entire room of desserts as well as two drink tickets per person. Entertainment will include Filipino Dancers and a Polka Band.



### **Sponsorship Opportunities**

**Sponsorship opportunities are available. Your sponsorship will help provide additional support to priestly formation in the Philippines. You can also cover the cost of a priest or deacon attending the event by choosing to pay it forward with a \$75 sponsorship.**

#### **\$1000 Event Sponsorship**

- Includes 8 tickets to the event.
- VIP seating in each room.
- Logo and Organization Name on signage throughout the event.
- Mention in The Catholic Accent.

#### **\$500 Parish or Business Sponsorship**

- Includes 4 tickets to the event.
- VIP seating in each room.
- Organization name listed on signage throughout the event.

#### **\$250 Room Sponsorship**

- Includes 2 tickets to the event.
- VIP seating in room of your choice (Italian, Filipino, or Eastern European).
- Organization name listed on room signage of your choice.

#### **\$75 Pay-It-Forward Sponsorship**

- Cover the cost of a priest or deacon to attend the event.
- Name listed in Worship Aid.



*Bishop Medil Sacay Aseo*

**Register for tickets & sponsorships at [DioceseofGreensburg.org/FoodFest](http://DioceseofGreensburg.org/FoodFest)**

## MATTHEW 14:22-33

### 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the midst of our trials and tribulations, the Lord extends His Hands to us and saves us. He calms our frightened hearts through His quiet presence. May our faith in the Lord draw God's chosen people to the new covenant in Christ.

### Monday is the Feast of Saint Maximilian Kolbe

Born near Lodz, Poland, he founded the Militia of Mary Immaculate, founded several monasteries; missioned in Japan; offered his life at Auschwitz in exchange for the father of a family. He is patron saint of drug addicts, prisoners, families and the pro-life movement.

**Tuesday is the Feast of the Assumption of Mary,** ark of the new covenant, who bore Jesus in her womb. Because she belonged to Christ, Mary our queen is raised on high - a great sign for all who believe in her Son. She shares in the victory promised to all who believe.

**Wednesday is the Feast of St. Stephen of Hungary** As the first Christian king of Hungary, he united and Christianized the Magyar people; received the "holy crown" from Pope Sylvester II in 1000 and is renowned for his charity to beggars. He is known as the "Apostolic King and Apostle of Hungary."

**Golden Group** - Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, **August 16**, at 11:30 am at the social hall in Footedale. The group will enjoy a "Summer Picnic" lunch.

Budget Charters has a bus going to the Sight and Sound Theatre in Lancaster to see *The Miracle of Christmas* live on stage on Thursday, **November 9**. Cost of \$185 includes transportation, ticket for the 4pm show and dinner. This is not a dedicated bus for St. Francis but we have reserved 35 tickets at this time. You are encouraged to make your reservation as early as possible. Payment must be made by October 1. The bus will pick us up at the Footedale parking lot and the Uniontown Mall.

The **Concert in the German-Masontown Park** has been rescheduled for **Sunday, August 13, at 6:00 pm**. Music by the Carmichaels American Legion Post 400 Band under the direction of Frank Ricco, Conductor. All welcome!



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## Summer Celebration News

**Thank you** to all who supported last Sunday's Pasta Dinner, Salad Bar, Basket Raffle and Bake Sale. Through your support, **we realized a profit of \$8,300**. Special thanks to those who dined with us, donated the baskets and baked goods, made monetary donations and mostly to those who gave of their time and talents. We can't thank enough those who prepared and served the meals, those who set up and cleaned up. This event takes a team effort and our team is awesome!



### LABOR DAY FESTIVAL

on the parish grounds in Masontown

#### Saturday, September 2

4:00 pm: Outdoor **POLKA MASS** with **The Vibrations Band**

5:00 pm: Festival begins

6:00 to 9:00 pm: Live entertainment featuring the **Shelly McCombie Duo**

#### Sunday, September 3

4:00 pm: Festival begins

5:00 to 9:00 pm: Live entertainment featuring **The Vibrations Band**

**Everyone's help is needed to make the Summer Celebration a success!** There is something that everyone can do to help. If you are not physically able, then please pray for us!

**VOLUNTEERS are needed!** If you can't help during the Festival, please consider helping us to prepare beforehand and/or to help us clean up afterwards. Any help will be very much appreciated! Young people seeking service hours are welcome! Call the Parish Office.

#### Items Needed Include:

✓ **Cases of water** (16 oz.) and **Coke & Pepsi products** (12 oz. cans - regular and diet)

✓ **Theme Baskets - All Types**

Sports, movies, lottery tickets, gift cards, etc.

✓ **Baked Goods** - we need your help in supplying home baked goods for this popular stand.

✓ **Summer Celebration Sponsors**

We are asking for donations to help cover expenses and entertainment costs. Donor levels are: Diamond \$500; Platinum \$250; Gold \$100/\$249; Silver \$50/\$99; Bronze \$30/\$49. Sponsors will be displayed on signs throughout the celebration grounds, in the Bulletin and on our Facebook page.

✓ **October Calendar Ticket**

Winning numbers determined by the PA Daily Lottery Evening Number; prize total for the month is \$7,000; donation is \$20; available throughout the week at the Parish Office. Stop by to choose your lucky number.

# MASS SCHEDULE ©LPI

**Saturday, August 12 -- Vigil: 19th Ordinary Sunday**  
 4:00 pm-F (M) Paul J. Cech Sr. (Joan & Kevin Cech)  
 6:00 pm-M (M) Michael Shine (Becky Egidi & Family)

**Sunday, August 13 -- 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 8:00 am-M (A) Herb Miller (Debbie Miller)  
 9:30 am-F (A) Dolores Sofranko (Fabrycki Family)  
 11:30 am-M (M) Pro Populo

**Monday, August 14 -- Saint Maximilian Kolbe**  
 8:00 am-M Grace Ricco (Frank & Colleen Ricco)

**Tuesday, August 15 -- Assumption of Mary into Heaven**  
 12:00 pm-F Andrea Shimek (SFOA Golden Group)  
 6:00 pm-M Pro Populo

**Wednesday, August 16 -- Saint Stephen of Hungary**  
 8:00 am-M Art Cerullo (Mary Ann Blasinsky)

**Thursday, August 17 -- Weekday**  
 8:00 am-F Mary Coppolino (Patti/Michael Bello)


**Friday, August 18 -- Weekday**  
 8:00 am-M Thanksgiving (Rosa Stoffa)  
 4:30-6:00 pm-M Adoration & Confessions

**Saturday, August 19 -- Vigil: 20th Ordinary Sunday**  
 9:00am/Noon-F **The Last Supper / Gift of the Eucharist**  
 10:00 am-M Memorial Mass for Irene O'Brien  
 3-3:30 pm-F Confessions  
 4:00 pm-F (A) Robert & Dorothy Brown (Adhrena/Robert)  
 5:00-5:30 pm-M Confessions  
 6:00 pm-M (M) Pro Populo

**Sunday, August 20 -- 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 8:00 am-M (M) Toby Maykuth (Stoffa Family)  
 9:30 am-F (M) Ann Valusek (Lud & Terrie Kopec)  
 11:30 am-M (A) Geno Coll (Family)

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

## Mass Readings for the Week Ahead

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| Monday:      | Jgs 2:11-19; Mt 19:16-22               |  |
| Tuesday:     | Jgs 6:11-24; Mt 19:23-30               |   |
| Wednesday:   | Jgs 9:6-15; Mt 20:1-16                 |   |
| Thursday:    | Rv 21:9-14; Jn 1:45-51                 |   |
| Friday:      | Ru 1:1-22; Mt 22:34-40                 |   |
| Saturday:    | Ru 2:1-11; 4:13-17; Mt 23:1-12         |   |
| Next Sunday: | Is 22:19-23; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20 |   |



**Eucharistic Adoration**  
**Friday, August 18, in Masontown**  
 4:30-5:30 pm: Exposition / Confession  
 5:30-5:45 pm: Chaplet of Divine Mercy  
 5:45-6:00 pm: Benediction



**On Tuesday, August 15, we celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
 Because she belonged to Christ, Mary, our queen, is raised on high, a great sign for all who believe in her Son. This is Mary's greatest feast! It is the solemnity of her death, burial and resurrection - her Passover. **It is also the patronal feast of the Diocese of Greensburg.** Celebrating Mary's Assumption into Heaven strengthens our belief that the human body is sacred and destined for glory. Just as Christ was raised from the dead in bodily form, we recognize that when she fell asleep in death, Mary was also raised bodily into heaven.

### Masses for this Holy Day of Obligation will be:

Tuesday, August 15: 12:00 Noon in Footedale and 6:00 pm in Masontown

## Know Him: *The Last Supper* and the Gift of the Eucharist

**Saturday, August 19 -- 9:00 am to Noon at the Footedale worship site**

**Featuring:** Displays and Video Presentation on Leonardo da Vinci's *The Last Supper*  
 Tasting of various breads; explanation of how baking bread and sharing a meal relate to the Eucharist

An opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of the Washing of Feet

**Keynote Speaker:** Vincent Reilly, Director of Faith, Family & Discipleship for the Diocese of Greensburg

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

- † **Sanctuary** - Adam & Josephine Smith requested by their sons & daughters
- † **Blessed Mother** - Angela Pikulski requested by her daughters
- † **Saint Joseph** - Herb Miller requested by Debbie & Haley Miller  
*Victor Pallotta*  
 requested by Lou, Mark, Vicki & Bob
- † **Saint Anthony** - 55<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary of John & Carol DelGrosso requested by their family
- † **Sacred Heart** - Mark Magazine *Birthday Remembrance* requested by Mom & Family



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