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Masses in Masontown

Monday, Wednesday, Friday ...8:00 am Saturday6:00 pm Sunday......8:00 am & 11:30 am

Confessions: Saturday 5:00-5:30 pm **Adoration:** Check bulletin

Masses in Footedale

Tuesday & Thursday8	:00	am
Saturday:4	:00	pm
Sunday9	: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.

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Thank you Father Marlon ♥ for the blessings that you brought to our parish and into our lives these past two years. In addition to our gratitude, we offer to you our love and prayers for every success and happiness in the future. May our dear Lord bless you abundantly! Sacramentally Father Marlon performed 12 Baptisms; 3 Marriages and 122 Burials during his pastorate. Our most grateful thanks.

KNOW YOUR ADMINISTRATOR

I am Fr. Dick Anthony Fullido Cortado, born on December 10, 1979, at the Regional Hospital in barangay Apokon, Tagum City, Davao del Norte, Philippines. I am the eldest among my siblings, with parents Antonio Sayan Cortado Sr. and Necitas Fullido Cortado. Sadly, my father passed away just as I was about to be ordained as a transitional Deacon 17 years ago. I have a sister named Shiela Cortado Icalina, who is married to Raymond Icalina, and a brother named Antonio Fullido Cortado Jr.

My educational journey began at Masara Elementary School in Masara, Maco, Davao de Oro, Philippines, from 1987 to 1993. I continued my high school education at Assumption Academy of Mawab in Mawab, Davao de Oro, Philippines, from 1994 to 1997. Moving forward, I entered college seminary at Queen of Apostles College Seminary in Tagum City, Davao del Norte, Philippines, where I earned a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy from 1997 to 2001. Continuing my studies, I spent the next phase of my seminary journey at the Regional Major Seminary of Mindanao in Davao City, Philippines, from 2001 to 2006. During this time, I focused on Spirituality Formation, pursued a Theology degree, and engaged in Post graduate Studies, earning a Master of Arts in Pastoral Ministry.

My sacramental journey began with my baptism at San Roque Parish of Mawab on April 27, 1980, officiated by Rev. Fr. Benito Hilot. I received confirmation from Most Rev. Joseph Regan DD, Bishop of Tagum, on March 24, 1997, at the same parish. Throughout my major formation years, I achieved milestones such as the Lectorate Ministry, Acolyte Ministry, and Admission to Candidacy for Ordination. On August 10, 2002, Most Rev. Fernando Capalla DD, Bishop of Davao, installed me as a lector at San Pedro Cathedral in Davao City. A year later, on August 12, 2003, I became an acolyte at the same cathedral, also installed by Most Rev. Fernando Capalla, DD.

After a decade of seminary formation, I was admitted as a candidate for ordination on May 1, 2006, at St. Joseph the Worker Parish of Montevista, Davao de Oro, under the guidance of Most Rev. Wilfredo Manlapaz DD. Following this, I was ordained a deacon on May 20, 2006, at the Parish of Christ the Eucharistic King in Tagum City, by Most Rev. Wilfredo Manlapaz DD, Bishop of Tagum. My journey culminated with my Ordination to the Priesthood on March 27, 2007, at Christ the King Cathedral in Tagum City, officiated by Most Rev. Wilfredo Manlapaz DD.

Throughout my pastoral journey, I have been entrusted with various roles. I served as Assistant Pastor at San Isidro Parish of Sawata, Davao del Norte, from June 2007 to June 2009, and as Administrator at the same parish from June 2009 to June 2010. I then became an Associate Pastor at Sto. Nino Parish in Panabo City, Davao del Norte, from June 2010 to June 2012. My service continued as an Associate Pastor at Sr. Santiago Apostol Parish in Compostela, Davao de Oro, in June 2012 to June 2014. From June 2014 to July 2, 2016, I served as an Associate Pastor at St. Therese of the Child Jesus Parish in Nabunturan, Davao de Oro. On July 2, 2016, I took on the role of Administrator of Sto. Nino Quasi-Parish in Antequera and Nabunturan, Davao de Oro, until August 22, 2018. Subsequently, I served as the Pastor of San Isidro Labrador Parish in Manay, Panabo City, from August 22, 2018, to June 2019.

My journey took an international turn on July 23, 2019, as I joined the international priest program within the Diocese of Greensburg. As a Missionary, I served as the Parochial Vicar of the Roman Catholic Churches of Uniontown from October 1, 2019, to August 31, 2023.

Welcome, Father Anthony!



LABOR DAY FESTIVAL on the parish grounds in Masontown next weekend!

Food available each day includes homemade holupki, haluski, pierogi; Hamburgers, hot dogs, hot sausage and pulled pork sandwiches; Pizza, funnel cakes and baked goods. There will be a variety of GAMES and raffles for all ages and FUN for the entire family. The popular FESTIVAL BASKETS will be available for you to take chances to win.

The Festival begins on **Saturday**, **September 2**, with an **outdoor POLKA MASS** at **4:00 pm** music by The Vibrations Band. Festival activities begin at 5:00 pm; Saturday's live entertainment features the **Shelly McCombie Duo** from 6:00 to 9:00 pm

On Sunday, September 3, the Festival begins at 4:00 pm

Live entertainment on Sunday features The Vibrations Band from 5:00 to 9:00 pm

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!

Items Still 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. Pull out your favorite recipe and bring it to the Bake Sale!

If you have these items to donate, please bring them to Church (both sites) this weekend or drop them off at the Parish Office in Masontown Monday through Friday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Thank you!!!

VOLUNTEERS for both events are still needed and

welcomed! If you can't help out during the events, please consider helping us to prepare beforehand and/or to help us clean up afterwards. Call the Parish Office with questions and for more information. Any help you can give will be very much appreciated! Young people seeking service hours are welcome! For information, please call Karen - 724-557-3421

Please pray for good weather and for a safe, successful festival.

October Calendar Ticket

This ticket replaces the traditional book of raffle tickets and is very important to the overall success of the Summer Celebration. Winning numbers determined by the PA Daily Lottery Evening Number; prize total for the month is \$7,000; donation is \$20.

Tickets are available throughout the week at the Parish Office and will be sold during the Festival.











Faith Formation begins Sunday, September 17.

Enrollment for the 2023/2024 Faith Formation year takes place this weekend.

Faith Formation begins with four-year olds (Pre-K) and continues through the eighth grade Confirmation Class.

The Sacrament of First Eucharist is received in the second grade; however, students must have completed one year of preparation (Faith Formation or Catholic School) prior to being admitted to the First Eucharist Class.

The Sacrament of Confirmation is received in the eighth grade; however, students must have completed the Seventh Grade Confirmation Preparation Class (Faith Formation or Catholic School) prior to being admitted to the Confirmation Class.

If this requirement is not met, the student will be placed in the first grade or seventh grade preparatory class before

Classes take place each Sunday from 10:30 to 11:45 am at the Footedale Worship Site

being admitted to the corresponding Sacramental Class.

Questions? kstavish@dioceseofgreensburg.org

Faith Formation Bowling Party Saturday, September 9, 4:30/6:30 pm at the Fairbank Bowling Center. This event is being sponsored by our Youth Ministry group in an effort to welcome back all Faith Formation students. Please join us!

Interested in Becoming Catholic?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process by which one becomes a member of our Catholic faith. **RCIA** begins on Sunday, **September 10**, at 10:00 am and takes place at the Saint Benedict Learning Center in Masontown. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact the Parish Office - 724-583-7866.

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 people living on the margins**. We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never be considered of lesser importance.

The Practice of Stewardship

"Who do you say that I am?" Let our whole lives be the answer, given not in words but in action. If the world looked at your life, your decisions, your words, and your deeds, would they conclude that you are a person who believes Christ is the Son of the living God?

Catholic University Appeal this weekend

This annual appeal supports Catholic Education, both locally and nationally. Fifty percent of this collection will go to support the Catholic University of America and fifty percent will be used to aid the Catholic schools here in our own Diocese. Your financial support is critical to the success of our Catholic schools. Please support this collection prayerfully and generously.

Stewardship of Treasure Feast of the Assumption of Mary: \$1,002

August 20: \$6,086; loose \$441; monthly \$697; children \$8; online \$477; totaling \$8,711

Our parish is grateful for your support!

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of † Mark E. Purnell, age 64, who entered eternal life on August 17. Father Mark served as pastor of the former Holy Rosary Church in Republic from 1996 to 2000. May God grant to him eternal life and comfort his family. May he rest in peace.



The Miracle of Christmas

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 Saint 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. For questions/reservations, please contact Rosemary Reagan - 724-245-8333.

Annual Otpust Festival - Sunday, August 27

Holy Trinity Orthodox Church in New Salem extends an invitation to join them for this annual event. Divine Liturgy takes place at 10am with Archbishop Melchisedek. The Festival follows from Noon to 6pm. There will be food, baskets, hourly prizes, bake sale, games of chance.

89th Annual Pilgrimage at Mount St. Macrina Theotokos: Seeker of the Lost takes place September 2 & 3.

Heritage Festival - Saturday, September 9, at Saint Hubert Church, Point Marion. The Festival begins with a Polka Mass at 4:00 pm with music by The Vibrations and continues until 9:00 pm. Join us for a day of fellowship, raffles, knife & scissor sharpening, children's games, craft store, bake sale, good food and dancing to the music of The Vibrations. Please join us!

3 Day Mission - September 10, 11 & 12

St. Therese de Lisieux Church, Uniontown
National acclaimed actor Frank Runyeon will perform the
Gospel of Luke, explore the Sermon on the Mount and
speak about Hollywood Vs. Faith. Each performance is
an hour long and will be held at 7:00 pm in St. Therese
Church. Performances are free and family friendly
but we ask that you please make a reservation at
www.faysouth.org so that we can assure seats for all.

Stepping Stones Bereavement Support begins the fall program for the newly bereaved and those who may still be suffering from a devastating loss. Articles and DVDs will be used and there is no charge for participants. Sessions begin on Monday, September 11, at 7:00 pm and take place at Third Presbyterian Church, 425 Union St., Uniontown. For information or to register, call Lillian at 724-439-1683.

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Saturday, August 26 -- Vigil: 21st Ordinary Sunday

4:00 pm-F (M) Bernadette Livingston (Sister, Joan Cech)

6:00 pm-M (A) Clement Ryan (Family)

Sunday, August 27 -- 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am-M (M) Joseph P. Matyus Jr. (John/Annette Kormanik) 9:30 am-F (A) Renne Kremposky (The Golden Group)

11:30 am-M (M) Pro Populo

Monday, August 28 -- Saint Augustine

8:00 am-M Esther Pleban (Sons, John/Ed Pleban Families)

Tuesday, August 29 -- Passion of Saint John the Baptist

8:00 pm-F No Mass

Wednesday, August 30 -- Weekday

8:00 am-M John Richnafsky (Mother, Alice Richnafsky)

Thursday, August 31 -- Weekday

8:00 am-F Regis Kopec (Family)

Friday, September 1 -- Weekday

8:00 am-M Deceased Members of Adams Family

Saturday, September 2 -- Vigil: 22nd Ordinary Sunday

3-3:30 pm-F Confessions

4:00 pm-F (M) Michael Reposky (Cindy Nichols)

NO CONFESSIONS in Masontown

4:00 pm-M (A) Outdoor Polka Mass - Pro Populo

Sunday, September 3 -- 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am-M (M) Tom Pavlovich (Rick/Denise Bobincheck) 9:30 am-F (A) 50th Anniversary of M/M Bernard Kopec

11:30 am-M (A) Phil Griffith (Mother & Family)

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

Mass Readings for the Week Ahead

Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-10; Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8; Mk 6:17-29

Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13; Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13; Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8; Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11; Mt 25:14-30

Next Sunday: Jer 20:7-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

Today we are honored to welcome **Bishop Medil Aseo**

who will preside at our Eucharistic Celebration at 9:30 am at the Footedale Worship Site. He is Fr. Marlon and Fr. Anthony's Bishop in the Philippines - Diocese of Tagum

Refreshments will follow at the social hall. All are welcome to stop by and greet him.

THANK YOU ONCE AGAIN

With much love in my heart, I would like to extend my gratitude to all of you who took time in coming to my farewell party last Sunday.

Thank you also to those who were not able to come. Please know that I always give thanks to God because of you, good and beautiful parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi. You don't how much I loved more my priesthood because of you. I may not be able to send each one of you a thank you card, but please kindly consider this message as my Personal "Thank You" to each one of you.

I will still be around for our Parish Festival celebration, and will help Fr. Anthony with the Masses on that weekend. I'll be leaving on the 5th of September. Please pray for my safe travel to the Philippines, and please pray also for my father "Teofilo Pates" who is sick.

Please be assured of my prayers for you.

Many of you have been asking for my address in the Philippines. My address is:

FR. MARLON PATES

Obispado de Tagum Seminary Drive, Magugpo West Tagum City, Davao del Norte 8100 Philippines

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

† **Sanctuary** - *God's blessings upon Fr. Arnel* requested with love by the SFOA Parish Family

† Blessed Mother - Anniversary Remembrance for Mike & Betty Olesh requested by Family

74th Wedding Anniversary Remembrance of Augustine Aello requested by wife, Edith

† **Saint Joseph** - *Ed Monaghan* requested by Sandy & George Rantovich

† Saint Anthony - Michael Reposky requested by Cindy Nichols

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† Sacred Heart - Birthday Remembrance for Toby Maykuth requested by Ken, Cheryl, Kayla & Alyssa Grimm



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