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## August 6, 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 thru Friday  
9:00 am to Noon - 1:00 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



## PASTA DINNER / SALAD BAR BAKE SALE & BASKET RAFFLE SUNDAY, AUGUST 6

11:00 am to 4:00 pm at the social hall in Footedale

**Eat in or take out**

**The cost is** \$12 for adults \$6 for children under age 12.

**Choose** from several varieties of pasta along with traditional red, chicken alfredo or aioli sauce. The dinner includes a salad bar, Italian bread & butter and a beverage.

The Christian Mothers will host a **Bake Sale** featuring a variety of delicious homemade items and there will be a **Basket Raffle** on which you can take chances to win beautiful themed gift baskets.

**Please join us TODAY for a delicious family dinner!**

**Fr. Marlon's Reflections - Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus**

Dan. 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Pt. 1:16-19; Matt. 17:1-9



In today's Gospel we have the scene of the transfiguration of Jesus. Jesus took the opportunity to reveal His glory to Peter, James, and John. Peter became so blessed and elated by the experience that he told Jesus to just build tents there so they can stay there. Peter and the apostles had a foretaste of what is to come. Peter was willing to leave his family, livelihood, and land. The experience was so strong. It was also meant to be a preparation for the three in the coming passion and death of Jesus.

Yet, as we know, Peter could not accept Jesus being put to trial and even denied Jesus when asked if he was one of Jesus' followers. Faith is not dependent only on one instance of experiencing the Lord. Faith needs to be tested. Peter learned the hard way.

The key is in the voice from above which comes from the Father; "He is my chosen Son. Listen to Him." The Father introduced Jesus as the Messiah. Furthermore, He commanded everyone to listen to Him. For what are experiences of bliss, mystery, and the divine if it will not result to heeding the words of Jesus? We cannot just bask in the joy of having seen the Lord. The experience should take flesh in our daily lives. That is the best way to show that we really have listened to the Lord.

Every day we hear a lot of voices. We deal with the voices of other people, media, even the evil spirit, and our own voice. The voice of God competes with them. But the choice is ours which voice we will heed. The Father tells us to listen to our Lord. The voice of our Lord does not only address our concerns. The voice of the Lord leads us to salvation. He is the Good Shepherd and we are His sheep. The voice of the shepherd is the life of the sheep. The voice of God is the life of the faithful.

**PARISH FESTIVAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED****Labor Day Weekend: September 2 & 3, 2023**

We NEED Volunteers to make our festival happen! We need your time and talent to help make this a wonderful festival. Many months of planning have already gone into preparation but your participation is what will make it a success!

Whether you are brand new to the church or have been attending for years, the Parish Festival is a cherished event at our Parish and we invite you to join our 2023 Volunteers Team.

Whether you want to help set up, help prep, cook or serve food, look after our guests or entertain children in the game booths, we are looking for fun, energetic and outgoing parishioners to fill important roles that will help in delivering another successful parish and community event.

Please call Karen Hughes (724-557-3421), our Volunteer Committee chairperson, to let us know that you are willing to take part. We look forward to seeing you! No special talent is needed, just a willing heart! New parishioner? Come join us!

All are WELCOME to come and lend a hand!



Outdoor Masses provide relaxing, prayerful respite. Bishop Kulick's August Faithful Challenge is to attend an outdoor Mass this summer. Receiving the Eucharist nourishes the soul. The popularity of outdoor Masses soared during the pandemic, but many parishes still celebrate Mass outdoors during the summer months. You can find a list of outdoor Masses happening this summer at [TheAccentOnline.org](https://TheAccentOnline.org).

Attending an outdoor Mass or outdoor Eucharistic procession is an opportunity to get involved in the National Eucharistic Revival. So is attending **KNOW HIM: Stunned Disciples**, Thursday, September 21, 2023 at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg. Imagine the shock of Jesus' closest friends when they experienced his miracles, witnessed his crucifixion, and saw him alive again, resurrected from the dead. You will be transported back to Jesus' time and become a stunned disciple: experience Jesus' miracles, see the tools of the crucifixion, taste food from the Holy Land, and learn about other disciples like Blessed Carlo Acutis, a 15-year-old Italian website designer on the path to Sainthood. Register for this one-of-a-kind immersive experience at [DioceseofGreensburg.org/EucharisticRevival](https://DioceseofGreensburg.org/EucharisticRevival).

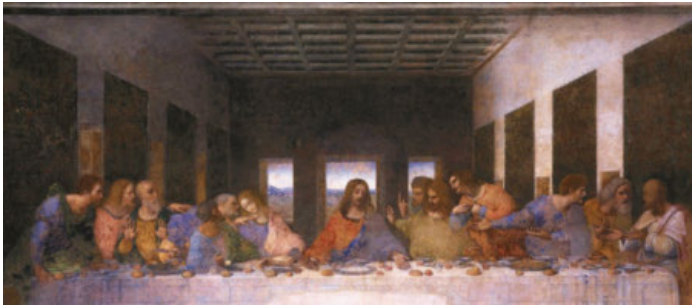


Thursday, September 21, 2023

*Register Today!*

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

**Saint Francis of Assisi Parish  
Footedale Worship Site**

**Saturday, August 19 / 9:00 am to Noon**

**Featuring**

- \* Video Presentation featuring Leonardo da Vinci's *The Last Supper*
- \* Tasting of various breads and explanation of how baking bread & sharing a meal relate to the Eucharist
- \* 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

**Please RSVP by August 13** by using the sign-up sheets located at the church entrances.

**PARISH EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL EVENT**

Please don't miss this event! Registration is still open. Make your reservation by using the sign-up sheets which are located at the entrances of our church. – *Fr. Marlon*

**Confirmation Preparation Help Needed**

We are in need of a Faith Formation teacher who would be responsible for preparing our 7<sup>th</sup> grade students for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation Class. Clearances are required.

If you don't have the proper clearances, we can assist you. Interested in helping? Please respond by August 13 to [KStavish@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:KStavish@dioceseofgreensburg.org)

**Stewardship of Treasure**

*Thank you* to Cindy Nichols for a donation toward the new boiler that she gave in memory of *Eleanor Sigwalt*.

**July 30:** \$5,117; loose \$318; monthly \$417; children \$5; online \$297 totaling \$6,154  
Boiler Fund - \$100

**Our parish is very grateful for your support!**



*rest in peace*

**Parish Sympathy** is expressed to the families of  
† **Justine (Voytek) Hadenak**

and

† **Dennis Ralph Ballas**

who were buried Friday, August 4.  
May God grant them eternal life and comfort their families. May they rest in peace.



**ServSafe Class Offered**

Saints Cyril & Methodius Parish, Fairchance, will host a ServSafe class on **Saturday, September 16**, 8:00 am to 6:00 pm (includes test time). **Successful completion of this class will provide the certification needed to comply with state requirements and Diocesan policy regarding food preparation, handling and serving.**

The class is open to the public; **all persons involved with food-type fundraisers are encouraged to attend.** Fee of \$170 includes lunch, 7<sup>th</sup> edition ServSafe Manager Book with updates, exam answer sheet, print exam and instruction materials. To register, call 724-564-7436 or email [dsutton@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:dsutton@dioceseofgreensburg.org) by **August 16**.



**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**

**Masontown Matters** will host an **event** on Sunday, **August 6**, 3-7pm at the Masontown-German Park that will feature food items by *The Corner Creamery* and *What's Smokin BBQ*; a Cornhole Tournament takes place at 3pm and a Concert in the Park at 6pm featuring the Carmichaels American Legion Post 400 Band conducted by our own Frank Ricco. All are welcome!

**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 Band and continues until 9:00 pm. Join us for a day of fellowship, raffles, crafts, games, good food, dancing to the music of The Vibrations Band. Please join us!

# MASS SCHEDULE

## Saturday, August 5 -- Vigil: Transfiguration of the Lord

4:00 pm-F (M) John & Bridget M. Berisko (Sons)  
6:00 pm-M (A) David Krovich (Dad, George Krovich)

## Sunday, August 6 -- The Transfiguration of the Lord

8:00 am-M (M) Pro Populo  
9:30 am-F (M) Living & Deceased of the Kopec Family  
11:30 am-M (A) Domenick LeDonne (Nemchik Family)

## Monday, August 7 -- Weekday

8:00 am-M Elaine Rosnak (Husband, Ken)

## Tuesday, August 8 -- Saint Dominic

8:00 pm-F Lauren Madison (Family)

## Wednesday, August 9 -- St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

8:00 am-M Michael Zumerling Jr. (Family)  
12:30-2:00 pm-F Adoration / Confessions

## Thursday, August 10 -- Saint Lawrence

8:00 am-F Dolores Sofranko (Bill Rostich)

## Friday, August 11 -- Saint Clare

8:00 am-M Betty Berish (Rosalie Sabatelli)

## Saturday, August 12 -- Vigil: 19th Ordinary Sunday

3-3:30 pm-F Confessions  
4:00 pm-F (M) Paul J. Cech Sr. (Joan & Kevin Cech)  
5:00-5:30 pm-M Confessions  
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

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

### Mass Readings for the Week Ahead

Monday: Nm 11:4-15; Mt 14:13-21  
Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13; Mt 14:22-36  
Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25; 14:26-35; Mt 15:21-28  
Thursday: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Jn 12:24-26  
Friday: Dt 4:32-40; Mt 16:24-28  
Saturday: Dt 6:4-13; Mt 17:14-20  
Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9-13; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33

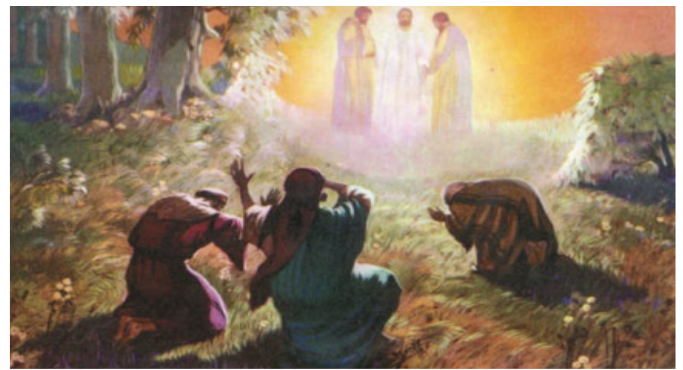
*“Do not be disturbed by the clamor of this world which passes like a shadow. Do not let the false delights of a deceptive world deceive you.” - St. Clare*



### Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday, August 9, in Footedale

12:30-1:30 pm: Exposition/Confession  
1:30-1:45 pm: Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena  
1:45-2:00 pm: Benediction



Today we celebrate the feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord, remembering the day when Jesus was transfigured before the eyes of His closest disciples. On that day, our Lord's glory shone through Him like the sun, His whole being shining with light.

We recall that on the first day of creation, God transformed the world with light. Let us join Peter, James and John on this holy mountain, where Jesus, who dwells within us, transforms every darkness in our lives to light.

### Interested in Becoming Catholic?

The Inquiry Stage of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a time for searching, questioning, discussing and reflecting. No decision is required during this Period of Inquiry. The Rite is designed for: those who have never been baptized; those who have no Church to call their own; Catholics who have been baptized but have not received Confirmation or Eucharist; those who would like to come into full communion with the Church; Catholics who have strayed from their faith but would now like to be reconnected.

If you or someone you know is interested, please contact the Parish Office 724-583-7866  
sfoafayette@dioceseofgreensburg.org

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

† **Sanctuary** - Wayne Edenfield  
requested with love from Elaine

My sister, Mary Ann Suba  
requested by Marg Jacobs

† **Blessed Mother** - Bernadette Livingston  
requested by sister, Joan Cech

† **Saint Joseph** - Frank Palo  
requested by Philip Berisko

† **Saint Anthony** - Anthony Mackowiak  
requested by sister, Clara Clark

† **Sacred Heart** - John & Bridget Berisko  
requested by son, Philip



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