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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: First & Third
Fridays - 4:30 to 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: Second & Fourth
Wednesdays - 12:30 to 2:00 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.



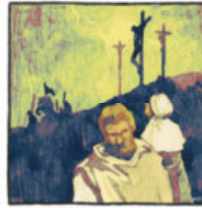
24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself,
take up his cross, and follow me.” - Mk 8:34

FESTIVAL 2024 - Saturday, August 31 & Sunday, September 1



“Take up your cross and follow me,” Jesus tells us. We are called to have a faith that is defined by the willingness to go where Christ has gone, and to do what Christ has done, to see Christ in others and to love them as He loves us.



Today is Catechetical Sunday

The word “catechesis” means “to echo.” Literally, we are to echo the Good News of Jesus Christ to the world. This is not a suggestion; it is a command of our Lord. Some people are called and set apart in our communities as catechists, those formally trained and charged with passing on the Gospel to children and adults, inside and outside of our communities. On Catechetical Sunday, we acknowledge them and remind ourselves of the need for formation and growth in all of us. To be a catechist is a privileged calling and today be sure to say “thank you” to one in your community.

It would be wrong on this day to only look to those bearing the **NAME** of catechist for an echoing of Good News. **ALL** of us are called to echo and share the Gospel message. **PARENTS** are the first and primary catechists in a child’s life, but we also are important catechists in the lives of our coworkers, our spouses, our relatives and our friends. Some say catechesis begins in the home, and while that is true, it carries with it a parent/child connotation, but where does catechesis really begin? It begins in the **HEART**.

This year on Catechetical Sunday, may your heart be moved to motivate you to share with others the Good News of Jesus Christ.

All who undertake to teach must be endowed with deep love, the greatest patience and, most of all, profound humility. The Lord will find them worthy to become fellow workers with Him in the cause of truth.
- St. Joseph Calasanz

35th Annual Rosary Walk - Sunday, September 15 beginning in the Garden of Prayer at St. George Church, Uniontown, at 2:00 pm. The intention of this walk will be “In Glory and Honor of Mary, the Mother of God.”

Ethnic Food Festival hosted by Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church at the McClellandtown Fire Hall from Noon to 5pm on Sunday, **September 15**, featuring Cabbage Rolls, Pierogi, Haluski, Kielbasi, Chicken, Homemade Soups, Homemade Baked Goods and more. There will be Basket Raffles throughout the day and entertainment by DJ Dusty Joe. Dine in or take out.

Parish Sympathy is expressed to the family of
† **Stella R. (Stiner) Evans**
who was buried Friday, September 6.
May God grant to her eternal life and comfort her family. May she rest in peace.



Congratulations to Owen Daniel Kitta, son of Jeffrey Michael & Heather Lynn (Grimplin) Kitta, who was baptized last Saturday, September 7, in the presence of his godparents, Max & Donna Kaydo. Welcome to the newest member of our Parish Family!

♪ Sung Sunday Evening Prayer
Sundays 6:15 pm - St. John the Evangelist, Uniontown
Come and participate in the richness of the Church’s liturgical prayer through the singing of Evening Prayer. Vespers (Evening Prayer) is one of the Liturgy of the Hours - the means by which the Church sanctifies the day and follows St. Paul’s exhortation to “pray unceasingly.” Worship aids are provided. We hope you will join us!

CHOIR REHEARSAL resumes at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, **September 18**, in Masontown. Rehearsals will alternate on Wednesday or Thursday evenings between worship sites.
Upcoming events for the choir include:
All Souls Day Mass with Bishop Kulick in Footedale; Funeral Home Christmas Memorial Service December 1 in Masontown, and Lessons and Carols December 22 in Footedale, as well as the Christmas Masses.
The main requirement for joining the choir is a pleasant singing voice to blend with the group and the desire to praise God in song. Even if you’ve never participated in a singing group in church, school or the community, please prayerfully consider whether the Holy Spirit may be calling you to join this Ministry.
For more information, please contact Eric at eblanda@dioceseofgreensburg.org

Faith Formation Begins September 22

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 being admitted to the corresponding Sacramental Class.

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

New this year is the ability to attend **any Faith Formation program within our region** if this time does not work. Grades K-5: Tuesdays 6:15/7:30 pm at St. Mary Nativity Parish Center; Grades K-8: Sunday mornings 10/11:30 am at SS Cyril & Methodius Annunciation Center. Indicate on the registration form the site that your child will be attending; return the form to the Parish Office.

We welcome **Regional Faith Formation Director, Theresa Mazur**. Theresa will be available at the Parish Office in Masontown Wednesday mornings 9:30 am to 12 pm.

Our Faith Formation Program seeks individuals interested in being **substitute or classroom assistants**. Questions? Contact kstavish@dioceseofgreensburg.org

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a program for children age 3-6 that revolves around the Parable of the Good Shepherd. The child enters the mystery of the Eucharist by first learning the names of the articles used on the altar then the gestures (preparing the chalice, etc.) Through this experience, the Mass emerges. Our Region is interested in offering this program and needs catechists to be trained for this program. If interested, please contact Theresa at TMazur@dioceseofgreensburg.org

Bible Study Invitation

Fr. Andrew Hamilton offers a monthly Bible Study at SS. Cyril & Methodius Church in Fairchance. Since we are now a unified eight churches, he extends the invitation to us to join him for the study which takes place on Wednesday, September 25. More details next week.



The Practice of Stewardship

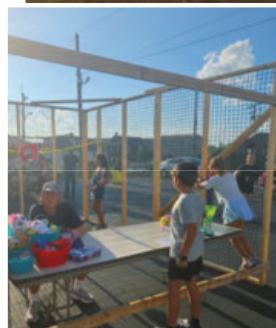
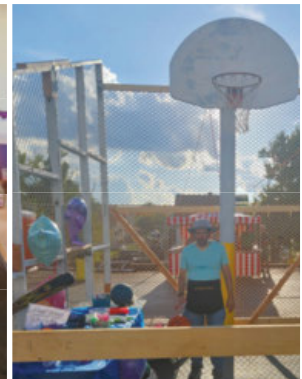
In the second reading today, Saint James has harsh words for those who do not put their faith into action. May we be such good stewards of God's gifts to us that we can never be accused of having "faith that does nothing in practice" See James 2:17

Thank you for the following donations to Saint Francis of Assisi Parish:
In memory of *Michael A. "Mickey" Fugozzotto*
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Stewardship of Treasure

September 1: \$5,581; monthly \$545; loose \$595; online \$300; totaling \$7,021
September 8: \$7,056; monthly \$1,907; loose \$528; online \$425; totaling \$9,916

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MASS SCHEDULE ©LPI

Saturday, September 14 - Vigil: 24th Sunday Ordinary Time

4:00 pm-F Judith A. Scola (Joanne/Mary Jo Bashour)
6:00 pm-M Jama Revak (George Parish)

Sunday, September 15 -- 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am-M Betty Berish (Dave & Vicki Berish)
9:30 am-F Rev. Peter Peretti (SFOA Christian Mothers)
11:30 am-M Pro Populo

Monday, September 16 -- Saints Cornelius & Cyprian

8:00 am-M Joanne Zawacki (Dianne Costello)

Tuesday, September 17 -- Weekday

8:00 am-F Msgr. Edward McCullough & Family

Wednesday, September 18 -- Weekday

8:00 am-M Elaine Rockwell (Dennis & Jean Stuchal)

Thursday, September 19 -- Saint Januarius

8:00 am-F Renne Kremposky (Angie/Dave Klippi)

Friday, September 20 -- Weekday

8:00 am-M Anthony "Tony" Olesko (Kim Orbash)
4:30-6:00 pm-M Adoration & Confessions

Saturday, September 21 -- Vigil: 25th Ordinary Sunday

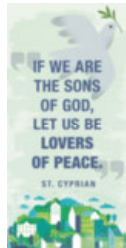
3-3:30 pm-F Confessions
4:00 pm-F George & Mary Matis (Children)
5:00-5:30 pm-M Confessions
6:00 pm-M Patrick Krokus (M/M G Dragich & Family)

Sunday, September 22 -- 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am-M Joseph B. Spak (Dtr. Kathy Pleban/Fam)
9:30 am-F Adeline Kiec (Jim & Roseanne Kret)
11:30 am-M Pro Populo

Mass Readings for the Week Ahead

Monday: 1 Cor 11:17-26; Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-31; Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31-13:13; Lk 7:31-35
Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11; Lk 7:36-50
Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20; Lk 8:1-3
Saturday: Eph 4:1-13; Mt 9:9-13
Next Sunday: Wis 2:12-20; Jas 3:16-4:3; Mk 9:30-37



Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, September 20, in Masontown

"The Eucharist is a Divine storehouse filled with every virtue." - Saint Francis of Assisi

4:30-5:30 pm: Adoration & Confessions
5:30-5:45 pm: Divine Mercy Chaplet
5:45-6:00 pm: Benediction



Yesterday we celebrated the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. That's quite a mouthful but it means that by dying on the cross, which He willingly accepted, Jesus was exalted.

In today's Gospel, Jesus confides in His disciples for the first time that He would be persecuted and killed.

Then turning to the entire crowd, He tells them that they must take up their crosses, for it is in sacrificing their lives that they can save them.

Are you willing to accept your cross, difficult as it may be? As you ponder that question, remember this: your cross, the cross Jesus calls you to shoulder, is linked to the Holy Cross itself, which is the most beautiful sign of our salvation.

Cardale Property

The Diocese of Greensburg has granted permission to St. Francis of Assisi Parish (Masontown, PA) to offer for sale the Madonna of Czestochowa Church, Rectory and Social Hall Complex in Cardale, PA (lots 30-27-0050; 30-27-0051; 30-27-0052; 30-27-0053 totaling 2.155 acres)

If interested, contact the Parish Office **no later than September 30, 2024** at 724-583-7866 to obtain the details of the sealed bid process and deadline.

Memorial Candle Request

Remember a deceased loved one or honor a loved one or a special occasion by sponsoring a memorial candle. The candles will burn in their memory/honor for one week.

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