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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.



29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will
be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among
you will be the slave of all.” - Mk 10:43-44

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B



Today is World Mission Sunday, a day on which we bring to mind the missionaries who preach and live the gospel to those who have not yet heard or understood it. Today also marks the beginning of Pastoral Care Week, in which we recognize those who give spiritual care to those in need, but it is also important to realize that every one of us is called to be both a missionary of the gospel and a giver of pastoral care. As Jesus teaches His disciples in today's Gospel, we are all called to serve.

For Reflection: Looking at my life right now, how is Jesus summoning me?
How can I be of service in my family, my parish, my community?

Blessing of Missionaries: So often we think of missionaries as those people from Protestant churches who go to other countries to spread the good news; however, do you realize that the United States is actually considered a "mission country" because we need more priests and sisters in the United States than we produce? Yes, we are now a mission country. Let us ask God's blessing on those men and women from other countries who are in our midst as priests, brothers, and sisters and when we pray, let us also ask God to change our hearts so that we will again produce a society that brings forth more vocations. **Let us pray:** God of every nation, You commissioned us at Pentecost to go and make disciples of all nations. When we take up Your commission, we become missionaries of Your Gospel. Bless all missionaries in our communities with Your love that surpasses all understanding. Change our hearts so that we may become the missionaries You expect us to be. We ask this through Jesus, the first missionary of Your Gospel. Amen.

What's in it for me?

I think we've all been guilty of looking at a situation and wondering what's in it for us. It doesn't matter what it is. Often our first reaction to one of these requests is a heavy sigh and the thought: "If I do this, what will I get?"

Sometimes it surprises us to realize that the Apostles were no different. We tend to idolize these contemporaries of Christ as giants who walked with the Savior but in reality, these individuals were merely human beings struggling to commit to the task of everyday stewardship.

In the Gospels we see glimpses of them longing for praise and affirmation. We see them jockeying for positions of power within the group of twelve. We see them expect earthly rewards like honor and admiration. We see them acting a lot like us; but in the end, we see them transformed by the grace of God. Like all the saints, their holiness stems from their commitment to their call. They stumble through and, as they stumble, they keep trusting God. They keep turning to Him. They keep asking for help. They don't give up just because they keep failing at it.

We are defined by what we give when we have no hope of being reimbursed, rewarded, or recognized. The Apostles understood this, eventually, and they gave accordingly. Most of them gave their very lives. Remember, they're just like us. If they can do it, we can, too. - Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



May God bless the priests of the Diocese of Greensburg! ♥

Annual Convocation - October 8, 9 & 10, 2024



UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesday, October 23, in Footedale

12:30-1:30 pm: Adoration & Confessions
 1:30-1:45 pm: Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena
 1:45-2:00 pm: Benediction

THANKSGIVING FOOD COLLECTION

Beginning October 19, non-perishable food items will be collected and shared with the Salvation Army and the Community Kitchen. If you have these items to donate, please place them in the boxes located at the church entrances. This project is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus who thank you for your support.

There will be a **LITURGY MEETING** at 6:00 pm on Monday, **October 28**, in Footedale.

ALL SOULS MASS with Bishop Kulick

Saturday, **November 2**, 11:00 am at the Saint Maximillian Kolbe Shrine in Footedale.

ALL SOULS MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

Monday, **November 4**, 6:00 pm in Masontown. We will remember all who were buried from Saint Francis of Assisi Parish since last All Souls Day.

PARISH CASH BASH - Sunday, November 10

at the social hall in Footedale. Doors open at 2:00 pm; drawings begin at 2:30 and take place every ten minutes through 7:00 pm. Donation of \$20 includes food and refreshments. Tickets are available at the Parish Office Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

BINGO - Sunday, November 17

1:00 to 4:00 pm at the cafeteria in Masontown. Donation of \$5 per person includes a light lunch. Sign up sheets are located at the church entrances. All are welcome.

Jesus Thirsts: The Miracle of the Eucharist takes viewers on a global journey to uncover the transformative power of the Eucharist. Through discussions with Catholic leaders and heartfelt personal narrative, the film unveils the Eucharist as Jesus Christ Himself, eagerly desiring to fulfill our spiritual thirst with His boundless love. To purchase tickets use the link below:
<https://brushfire.com/faithcontentnetwork/jesusthirsts-themiracleoftheeucharist/588148>

Showing Dates: October 26th at 6:00 PM
November 2nd at 6:00 PM
November 3rd at 2:00 PM
St. Mary Nativity Parish Center

Newly Baptized

Congratulations to Gunner Paul Popovich, son of Charles & Nicole (Lovett) Popovich, who was baptized last Saturday, October 12, in the presence of his godparents, Mark D. Lovett II and Sabrina Lloyd. Welcome to the newest member of our Parish Family!



Parish Sympathy is expressed to Arleen Rossini on the recent death of her brother, *James Gable*. May God grant him eternal life and comfort his family. May he rest in peace.



Start by doing what is necessary then what is possible. Soon you are doing the impossible.
 - Saint Francis of Assisi

Communion to the Homebound

is provided on a regular basis. Please 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.

Prayer Chain

To request prayer, please call Patty 724-245-9746 or Valeria 724-583-9460

Protecting God's Children

If you have a suspicion about sexual or other abuse of a minor child by anyone, contact PA *Childline* immediately at 1-800-932-0313. If the alleged abuser functions in any parish, school, or diocesan position, either paid or volunteer, also contact the Bishop's Delegate for Matters of Sexual Misconduct at 724-837-0901, ext. #1221, after making the *Childline* report.

St John Paul II

Feast Day, October 22

Saint John Paul II was born Karol Wojtyla in the small Polish town of Wadowice. During World War II, when the Nazis invaded Poland, Karol secretly studied for the priesthood in an underground seminary. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1946, appointed Archbishop of Krakow in 1964, and three years later made a cardinal. In 1978, he was elected the 264th pope, where he took the name John Paul II.

Saint John Paul II made evangelization a key part of his papacy and made pastoral visits to all parts of the world. In 1981, he was shot twice in an assassination attempt. Following Jesus' example of compassion, he later met with his would-be assassin in his prison cell, where he forgave him for what he had done.

Saint John Paul II was well-known to be an active sportsman throughout his life, hiking and skiing well into his 60s. In 1992, his health began to decline and it was later discovered that he suffered from Parkinson's disease, a degenerative disorder of the central nervous system. Near the end of his papacy, it became difficult for him to speak and his poor health and physical suffering made public appearances difficult. Still, he continued his pastoral work. He died April 2, 2005, declared blessed on May 1, 2011 and became a saint April 27, 2013.

Saint John Paul II, pray for us!

Thank you to the gentlemen of the Knights of Columbus who worked tirelessly this summer refreshing the Marian Shrine. We are very grateful for your service and dedication. ♥



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The Practice of Stewardship

All discipleship involves mission. The bishops' pastoral letter on stewardship reminds us, "Every member of the Church is called to evangelize and the practice of authentic Christian stewardship inevitably leads to evangelization."

Thank you for a donation to Saint Francis of Assisi Parish given in memory of *Robert Rocheck* by Mr. & Mrs. Mark Smearcheck

Today is the annual Mission Sunday Appeal which is entirely devoted to evangelization efforts that offer life-changing education and care to those most in need.

Stewardship of Treasure

October 13: \$5,727; loose \$515; monthly \$1,619; children \$8; online \$785; totaling \$8,939

Our parish is very grateful for your support!

October is Polish Heritage Month

Following the 9:30 am Mass on Sunday, **October 27**, the Polish Heritage Club invites you to the social hall for some insight into the history of the former Saint Thomas Parish and its connection to Polish immigrants. Light refreshments will be served. Please join us.

FREE VETERANS LUNCH

Saturday, **November 9**, at The Meeting Place, 7 Main Street, New Salem from 11:00 am thru 1:00 pm. Open to all veterans and their spouses/caregivers in the New Salem and surrounding communities. This event is sponsored by the New Salem American Legion Auxiliary Unit 753. Please RSVP by November 1, by calling 724-245-8333.



Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, October 7, 2024
The Living Rosary and the Blessing and rededication of the Marian Shrine.





MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 19 -- Vigil: 29th Ordinary Sunday
 4:00 pm-F Helen Pollick (Jimmy/Bobby/Cindy/Sharon)
 6:00 pm-M Pro Populo

Sunday, October 20 -- 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 am-M Mary Fotta (Marge Turner)
 9:30 am-F Joe Mehalek (Wife, Donna)
 11:30 am-M Donna Parish (M/M Jacob Burich/Fam)

Monday, October 21 -- Weekday
 8:00 am-M Cheryl Marie Maykuth (Parents)

Tuesday, October 22 -- Saint John Paul II
 8:00 am-F Janice Rocek (Dan/Erin Clearwater)

Wednesday, October 23 -- Saint John of Capistrano
 8:00 am-M Charles Rohol (Family)
 12:30-1:30 pm-F Adoration & Confessions

Thursday, October 24 -- Saint Anthony Mary Claret
 8:00 am-F Walter M. Suba (Joe/Patty Fedor)

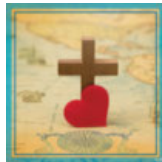
Friday, October 25 -- Weekday
 8:00 am-M Guy & Carmela Porco (John/Mary Anne Cox)

Saturday, October 26 -- Vigil: 30th Ordinary Sunday
 3-3:30 pm-F Confessions
 4:00 pm-F Mary & Casimer Glodziak (Dtr MaryJane)
 5:00-5:30 pm-M Confessions
 6:00 pm-M Helen Miller (Dtr., Kathy Packroni)

Sunday, October 27 -- 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 am-M Mike Hmelyar (Paul Dirda)
 9:30 am-F Special Intention Polish Heritage Club
 11:30 am-M Joanne Zawacki (M/M Anthony Rosky)

Mass Readings for the Week Ahead

Monday: Eph 2:1-10; Lk 12:13-21
 Tuesday: Eph 2:12-22; Lk 12:35-38
 Wednesday: Eph 3:2-12; Lk 12:39-48
 Thursday: Eph 3:14-21; Lk 12:49-53
 Friday: Eph 4:1-6; Lk 12:54-59
 Saturday: Eph 4:7-16; Lk 13:1-9
 Next Sunday: Jer 31:7-9; Heb 5:1-6; Mk 10:46-52



Whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. - Mark 10:35-45

God's work of salvation is the focus of today's readings. From the prophecy of Isaiah to Jesus' assuming the human condition to the ransom paid by Jesus, we see God's design. There may be human failings and misunderstandings along the way and we may even move away from God, but it is always God who initiates our conversion and leads us back.

— THE BOOK OF — DEUTERONOMY

Bible Study with Father Andrew

The next Bible Study will occur on Wednesday, **October 30**, at Saints Cyril & Methodius Church, Fairchance in St. Helen Hall (located beneath the sanctuary of the church) at 6:30 pm. This meeting will focus on the Book of Deuteronomy. If you are a newcomer, do not worry, to profit from the Bible Study, you do not need to have attended previous Bible studies. Hope to see you there!

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

- † **Sanctuary** - Jan Rocek
requested by her family
- † **Blessed Mother** - Helen Kovacic
requested by her children
Roberta Witteman
requested by her sister, Paulette
- † **Saint Joseph** - Veronica & Peter Mullen
requested by grandson, Kevin
- † **Saint Anthony** - Birthday Remembrance
for Lisa Faris
requested by Patty Otto
- † **Sacred Heart** - Lou Otto
requested by wife, Patty
Jan Rocek
requested by LuAnn & Mary Lou Drzazgowski





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