



August 27, 2023



Today's readings

**21st Sunday
in Ordinary
Time**

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass

Monday & Thursday:
8:00 a.m.

Tuesday, Wednesday,
and Friday:
No Mass

Weekend Mass

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday:
8:30 a.m.
10:30 a.m.

Confession:

Saturday: 11:30 a.m.
Or by appointment

All Sacraments:

Please call the office



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LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, August 26—Vigil

4:00 PM † James Elias by Wife, Jackie

Sunday, August 27 — 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM † Thomas Burger 97th Birthday by The Bagay Family

10:30 AM † Louis & Barnie Greco by Lois, Dave and Jill

Monday, August 28

8:00 AM † Anthony J., Alex and Guy Mascetta by Adelina Mascetta

Tuesday, August 29

8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

Wednesday, August 30

No Mass

Thursday, August 31

8:00 AM † Dustin Harvey by Family

Friday, September 1

8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

Saturday, September 2 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Ronald Danko by Dad & Mom

Sunday, September 3 — 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM † Patty Bisceglia by Edward Laatu

10:30 AM † Richard Fantauzzi by Carol Sepesky

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday –Thursday: 8:30 a.m. –12; 1 p.m.– 3 p.m.

Friday: 8:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Ministry Schedule — September 2 & 3

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 p.m.	G. Pesi	A. Punteriero	S. Punteriero
8:30 a.m.	S. Stein	A. Pastella	T. Todd
10:30 a.m.	M. Sacco	K. Imbrescia	M. Guiliford

Money Counters

Monday, August 28—Team #2 — W. Anders

God Reveals Only Goodness

Sometimes it is a good thing for us to sit back and think about God's revelations to us. Our world constantly pushes us to become more independent and not have to look to others for help. We strive to become self-sustaining as individuals as well as a country. Today



our liturgy speaks to us about the overwhelming presence of God in our midst. We are reminded that God is the one who sustains us and helps us deal with life and the problems life throws at us. It is this understanding that will ultimately bring us peace in life; we are never alone no matter how "independent" we feel we are. God is always the one who initiates and we respond.

God's generosity encompasses absolutely everything that this world is about. No matter where we live, work or play it is the generosity of God that constantly surrounds us. We are undoubtedly a people blessed beyond words; and yet for a people who have been given so very much, how can we be so negligent in our appreciation or even awareness of God's goodness? Too often in life we pride ourselves in our own accomplishments and even though we admit to having God's help, we still take a lot of the credit. Today's liturgy speaks to us about God's dominion over all the earth. In the first reading Isaiah reminds the people that it is not the power of kings or leaders that matters, it is God's power allowing them to rule and share their gifts.

When they forget this and start operating out of their own agendas, God will step in. He gives us a message of hope; letting us know how all powerful and loving God is in life.

In the second reading we find the great thinker Paul reciting a prayer reminding us of the ever presence of God through the gift of Jesus in and among our world. He reminds us of the transcendence and the unpredictability of God's ways. In the gospel for this week, Matthew reminds us just how God reveals the mysteries of life to us. These are things that we cannot learn by ourselves, it is always the power and presence of God revealing divine goodness to us.

When Jesus asks the disciples who people say he was, it was Peter who confesses exactly what was revealed to him by God: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." God is constantly revealing to all of us goodness in life. In fact our own discipleship is a revelation. Only by God's gift is Peter able to make his profession of faith and receive his role of leadership. Just as it was with Peter, we ourselves can recognize Jesus because God has revealed him to us. The good news of the church is that Christ trusts us to proclaim throughout the ages that his identity has been revealed by God. Jesus did not choose only great thinkers or saintly people to steer his church on a right course and make his name known. He chose ordinary humans who simply open themselves to the capacity to be great believers because they are first great hearers of the revelation. We all need to be more attentive to life and recognize the revelation that is being given to us!

Weekly Collection August 20

Votive Candles:	278
Utility & Energy:	53
Accent:	76
Assumption:	513
Children & Adult Collection:	5,854
Online Collection:	1,217
Total Collection:	\$7,991

Ministry Callout —The next schedule will run from September 16 through November 5. Please call the office or email Tara —tmanderino@dioceseofgreensburg.org with any changes to your schedule by **Friday, September 1**. If anyone is interested in joining any of the ministries, know that we would love to have you.

With Deepest Sympathy — Condolences are extended to the family of IRENE DE ROSE. May God grant her eternal rest, and comfort to her family. We commend her soul to rest in the peace of Christ.

Stewardship

Salt and Light Award Nominations

Do you know an individual or organization worthy of recognition for their time, treasure and talent? If so, we want to hear from you! **Catholic Charities is seeking nominees in the categories of Humanitarianism, Philanthropy and Outstanding Human Service Organization.** Nominations are being accepted through Oct. 31 for the 24th annual Communities of Salt & Light Awards Dinner. The dinner is scheduled for Thursday, April 18, 2024, at Stratigos Banquet Centre, North Huntingdon. Nomination forms and criteria can be found at ccharitiesgreensburg.org under "Fundraisers."

Festival Wrap-Up

We will have our final meeting for this year's festival on **Monday evening, August 28th at 6:30 p.m.** in the church hall. If you would like to add any comments about this year's festival, please feel free to come!

Last week, we inadvertently omitted listing **Steve Assenat**, our D.J. during the festival. In addition to providing music for the car show, and in tandem with the fireworks display, he used his system to power the microphone for Mass. He certainly added to the festival atmosphere.

In next week's bulletin, we will have a report of how well we did this year.

Spaghetti Dinner



The **Knights of Columbus** and the **Epiphany Ladies** will hold a Spaghetti Dinner on **Sunday, September 17** from Noon until 5:00 p.m. Tickets will be sold after Masses next weekend, September 3 and 4.

Joy!

The Roman Catholic Churches of Uniontown have an **exciting three-day event planned for September 10, 11, and 12.** The national acclaimed actor **Frank Runyeon** will perform the Gospel of Luke, explore the Sermon on the Mount, and speak about Hollywood vs. Faith.



Frank, a Catholic, has advanced degrees in Religion and American Studies. He has won national acclaim for his work as a translator and performer of Biblical texts, but may be best known for his many roles on television. His performances are funny, insightful and riveting. **Each performance is an hour and will be held at 7:00 p.m. in St. Theresa Church, 61 Mill St., Uniontown.**

Performances are free and family friendly, but please make a reservation so we can keep track of attendance to assure everyone has a seat. Reserve a spot through our website: www.faysouth.org. Also available is a limited number of reserved seating up front and close to the performance for a cost of \$10 per person.

Ascension App

To hear the bible and/or the Catechism of the Catholic Church, download **The Ascension Catholic App** to your cell phone or tablet. Fr. Mike Schmitz provides podcasts on the bible and the catechism. You can also read the information. The app is available at the Google Play Store for Android and the Apple Store for iPhone.

Faith

Formation for Our Children



FAITH FORMATION

Although we learn about God's goodness and his Church all of our lives, it is important to help our children to understand the presence of God's love through the Church and it's sacraments. A letter along with this year's calendar has been sent via e-mail to all of our families who are a part of our Formation Program. If you did not receive one, please let us know. We are asking that children register for formation, and these forms can be found in the back of the church, in the church office or on the website. If you have any questions, call Scott Martin at 724-929-9300.

Bible Study



As we are moving toward a change of seasons, we are also getting ready for our Fall Bible Study. This session we will focus on the **Sermon on the Mount** by Little Rock Scripture Study. The Beatitudes have been used as a model of spiritual and social justice from the time they were first spoken. During this four week study of the Beatitudes, we will watch a **video lecture and then break into small groups for discussion.** We will meet on Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m. The exact start date TBD. Cost of the book will be \$15. To register for the program, please call the office or sign up in back of the church by Friday, September 8. If you have any questions, feel free to call the office at 724-684-7661.

Around the Diocese

Tickets on sale for Farm to Table Dinner

Join Catholic Charities and Bishop Larry J. Kulick for the third annual Farm to Table Dinner, a celebration of bounty and fellowship, **Wednesday, Oct. 4, from 6-9 p.m. at Cavallo Fields, Pleasant Unity. Cost is \$125 per person.** Seating is limited. Proceeds benefit Catholic Charities' services in the four counties of the Diocese. Menu and registration information can be found at ccharitiesgreensburg.org.

Italian Day food sale

The Christian Mothers of **St. Rita Parish, Connellsville, will host an Italian Day sale Friday, Sept. 1, from 11 a.m.-5:30 p.m.** in the social hall. Three dinners will be available for dining in or takeout: spaghetti with two meatballs, manicotti with two meatballs, and eggplant parmesan with a side of spaghetti and one meatball. All dinners include salad, roll and cake. Pizza will also be available.

Holy Cross Parish. Youngwood, Festival

Holy Cross Parish, Youngwood, will hold its fall **festival Saturday, Sept. 16, from 5-9 p.m. and Sunday, Sept. 17, from 11 a.m.-6 p.m.** Food, games, entertainment and a huge basket raffle are planned. For information, call 724-925-7811.

Cash Bash at St. Bruno Parish

The St. Bruno Parish Rosary Altar Society and South Greensburg Volunteer Fire Department will co-host a cash bash with more than \$23,000 in cash prizes, including a \$10,000 grand prize, Saturday, **Sept. 23, from 6:30-10:30 p.m.** in the parish hall. Doors open at 6 p.m. Only 333 tickets will be sold, with three numbers per ticket. Cost is \$100 per ticket. Winners need not be present except for the earlybird drawing at 6:15 p.m. For tickets, call 724-836-0690.