

June 19, 2022
Body and Blood of Christ

Happy Father's Day!



A PENNSYLVANIA CHARITABLE TRUST
A PARISH OF THE DIOCESE OF GREENSBURG

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, June 18 — Vigil

4:00 PM All Fathers Living & Deceased

Sunday, June 19 — Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

8:30 AM All Fathers Living & Deceased

10:30 AM All Fathers Living & Deceased

Monday, June 20

8:00 AM † Theresa, Joseph & Lewis Arabia Family by Kostelac & Winn Families

Tuesday, June 21

No Mass

Wednesday, June 22

No Mass

Thursday, June 23

8:00 AM † Deceased Members of the Nick Mascetta Family by Family

Friday, June 24

No Mass

Saturday, June 25

4:00 PM † Debra Harkins by Dan Harkins

Sunday, June 26

8:30 AM † Mary Louise Assenat by Shirley & Tony

10:30 AM † Angeline Forlini by Children

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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 — June 25 & 26

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 p.m.	P. Fantauzi	A. Puntuerio	S. Puntuerio V. Watkins
8:30 a.m.	G. Pesi	A Pastella	D. DeFelices L. Assenat
10:30 a.m.	M. Sacco	T. Mazzei	E. Yatchyshyn

Money Counters

Monday, June 13—Team #6—M. Smith

We are the Body of Christ

One of the most popular symbols of the early Christian community which has survived the test of time is the fish. This was a much beloved symbol that can be found a number of times throughout the gospels; some of the disciples were fishermen; Jesus commands them to put out their nets and they catch an abundance of fish; Jesus is cooking fish on the seashore for the disciples' breakfast; the risen Jesus eats a piece of fish in the upper room. The gospel for this solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ mentions two fish. But they were seemingly insufficient for the task at hand: feed the large, hungry crowd. At Jesus' blessing the fish are sufficient and satisfying. Therefore the fish becomes a symbol for self-giving.



We are reminded today of one of Jesus' more popular miracles; the multiplication of the loaves and fishes. This story was so popular among the people that they told it over and over again. It is mentioned five times in the New Testament – more times than any other miracle – so it is doubtful that it was a figment of anyone's imagination. In fact, when the disciples were confused and muttering about something, Jesus says: "Oh you of little faith, don't you remember the five loaves for the five thousand...and the seven loaves...and how many baskets you took up...?" (Mt. 16:5-10) This miracle certainly must have been a fantastic event for the story to spread so quickly.

The story of Jesus feeding so many people has many significant meanings for all of us who share in this miraculous gift. Eucharist lies at the heart of what it means to be a Roman Catholic Christian. Sacrifice, commemoration, family meal, and wedding feast are all ways of describing the mystery by which Catholics are nourished and sustained as members of Christ's body. Today's reading underscores an aspect of Eucharistic theology infrequently commented on. In addition to all of these things, the Eucharist is mercy shown to people hungry for God. The action Jesus took in blessing and breaking the bread has clear Eucharistic overtones as Jesus continues to satisfy the hungers of the human heart. What's more, the command of Jesus to the disciples to feed the crowd is a blueprint of social justice. We, now the Disciples of Christ, are to take care of God's people.

The story is about the inexhaustible grace of God which, when seemingly all used up, has not run out. From a very little can come very much. God does not count, does not measure, does not find excuses like the disciples. God just gives, and gives and gives. We, too, are to share what we have, not just from our leftovers, but whatever little we might have. When we give even a little there is more at the end than there was in the beginning. If we always wait until the numbers are right, the poor will starve, the sick will die, and many hearts will be broken beyond repair. We, too, have to multiply the little we have.

This is a Eucharistic story about God feeding our spirits as well as our bodies to give us strength to do God's work on earth. We are the Body of Christ, and through the Eucharist it is his blood that flows through our veins. Jesus does with us what he did on that hillside: he blesses me, he breaks me, and he gives me the broken bread. The bread must be broken; otherwise it cannot be given. Our lives, like bread, are to be shared and given, and once we give to others we will find that it is they who give to us. Jesus was right to say to the disciples: "Give them some food yourselves."

Ministry Schedule Callout

We'll be working on the new schedule, which will run from **July 16 to Sept. 11**. If there are any changes to your schedule in that time frame, please let Tara know by **Monday, June 27**; call the office, or email tmanderino@dioceseofgreensburg.org.

With Deepest Sympathy — Condolences are extended to the family of STEPHEN N. MAJOR. May God grant him eternal rest, and comfort to his family. We commend his soul to rest in the peace of Christ.

Stewardship

Peter's Pence Collection

The Peter's Pence Collection, **June 25 and 26**, helps fund the charitable works of the Holy Father. It provides emergency relief assistance to those throughout the world who suffer from war, oppression, and natural disasters and gives us the opportunity to extend a sign of peace to the Body of Christ around the world. Our gifts to this annual collection is used to strengthen dioceses, religious orders, and struggling communities of faith when they need it most. The Support of the Holy See Collection is used to meet the Diocese's obligation arising from Canon 1271 to contribute to the support of the operational expenses of

Weekly Collection June 12	
Votive Candles:	162
Utility & Energy:	148
Accent:	34
St. Anthony:	240
Children & Adult Collection:	6,452
Online Collection:	320
Total Collection:	\$7,356
Peter's Pence:	47
Total Collection:	\$7,403

of the Holy See. Every Diocese is assessed for this obligation. As we participate in this special combined appeal, we join with more than one billion Catholics worldwide in a loving expression of solidarity. We share in the concern of the successor of Peter for the many different needs of the universal Church and for the relief of those most in need around the globe.

Vacation Bible School

Children in grades K—5 will **"Travel with Jesus"** beginning June 21st at 9:00 a.m. at Epiphany of Our Lord. For more details call the Faith Formation Office at 724-929-9300.

Haluski Making

We will be making Festival Haluski on **Monday, June 20 at 9:00 a.m.** If you are able, come and lend a hand. Come and share the tasks and the talk! Many hands make light work.

Groups

Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Monessen #776, will meet on **Tuesday, June 21** at Epiphany Church Hall starting at 7:00 p.m. with the recitation of the rosary. An **Ice cream social** will be held. All Catholic women are invited to attend. For additional information, please contact Regent Debbie Genemore at 724-708-8335.

Movie Event

Join us on **Friday, July 8** for a Movie Event when we're all golden! Dress as your favorite Golden Girl — or show guest— and gather to watch select episodes, answer trivia questions, and just have a fun evening. We will have more details coming, but want you to mark your calendar and give you ample time to prepare your wardrobe if you plan to dress the part (it's optional).



Golf Outing

Catholic Charities Annual Golf Outing Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg will host its **20th Annual Paul R. Smiy Memorial Golf Outing** Friday, Aug. 12, at Ligonier Country Club, with a 10 a.m. shotgun start. The outing will feature **theme holes**, "Pope Putt," **skill prizes** and more. Cost is \$150 per golfer or \$600 per foursome. Sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information or to register, visit charitiesgreensburg.org.



R.C.I. A.



We are looking towards next year, and hoping to have some candidates for RCIA. Remember that **formation or sharing our faith is a responsibility that all Baptized Christians** share in. If you know of anyone who might be interested in learning about our church, this is the program for them. Sometimes there are people in our lives that may want to learn about the Catholic Faith but they are never asked. It is always the personal invitation that makes all of the difference.

If your spouse is not catholic, or if your friends have asked you questions, invite them to come and see if this might be a good fit for them. Know that you are welcome to come along with them so that they will feel more comfortable.

If you know of anyone interested, or if you have any questions you can call the office.

Pastoral Ministry program

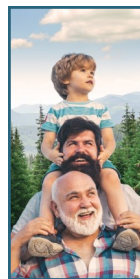
The Certificate in Pastoral Ministry program will be offered again in summer 2022 and is now **going virtual!** If you think you are called to be a **catechist, teacher, youth minister, evangelist, pastoral associate or permanent deacon, or some other similar area of ministry**, this two-year program will give you the tools you need. The program is offered in conjunction with Seton Hill University and financial aid is available. Find out more at www.DiocesefofGreensburg.org/pastoralministry.

Altar Servers...

We are putting together the new ministry schedule. If you are interested in being an altar server, this is the perfect time to let us know. **If your child has made their First Holy Communion, they are eligible to serve on the altar.** Serving is a wonderful way for youth to be involved in the church; it teaches responsibility and it enriches faith. If your child is interested in serving, please give me a call at the office and I will make it happen.



Happy Father's Day!



Today we recognize and celebrate our Fathers. It is a time to be grateful to the men who have helped form our lives. The gift of a father is one that is beyond any treasure. For the many sacrifices that our dads have made let us all be grateful and give thanks. Spend some time showing your father how grateful you are to him for all that he has done for you. A very special prayer of gratitude to all of our Fathers, and here's wishing you all a Blessed Father's Day!

Ultimate Thursdays

Fun, Faith, and Fraternity

Inviting all high school **young men entering grades 9-12** for the upcoming academic year! Please join us for *Ultimate Thursdays* this summer on **June 9, 23, and July 7** at Christ Our Shepherd Center. The evening includes brotherhood, a game of ultimate Frisbee, food, prayer, and a halftime talk offered by the seminarians. For more information and registration please visit GreensburgPriest.org. Also there is a promotional video to watch: <https://youtu.be/BucvYE7La5Y>

Catholic Charities offers counseling

For virtual and in person counseling. Call Catholic Charities at 724-837-1840 or email counseling@diocesefogreensburg.org.