

JANUARY 23, 2022 | THE 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor." - Lk 4:18a

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER MATT



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

What an amazing day!

The day described in our First Reading was such an amazing day. The people of Israel have just returned to Jerusalem. They had been in exile for as long as any of



them could remember. But God changed the heart of Cyrus, King of Persia, and not only did he allow Israel to return to their home, he rebuilt the temple and the walls of the city! It was astonishing. Ezra the priest, stood on a platform so that all the people could see him and the scroll with God's Word on it. Ezra proclaimed God's Word and explained God's Word to the people. This touched the people deeply. They were so moved at what God had done for them. Then Nehemiah and Ezra told the people, do not be sad this day! God was with them in the Word. Rejoice that God has come to you this way. Celebrate! What an amazing day!

The Psalm says that God's Word is Spirit and life! This is what was read to the people. This is why Ezra and Nehemiah say that day was not one to be sad. Spirit and life have just been placed in their ears. The same Spirit that St. Paul will many years later say, as we hear in our Second Reading, makes us all members of one body! What an amazing day!

In the Gospel, Jesus goes to Galilee in the power of that same Spirit. He goes to the synagogue and just as Ezra had done centuries earlier, He stands and unrolls the scroll, so that the people can see. He reads of the Spirit that has anointed Him to bring liberty and healing and recovery. He then explains it to the people. He explains very simply that the prophecy is about Him and it will be done in them. The translation we read today says that Jesus says this scripture is fulfilled "in your hearing." The literal translation of the Greek says the passage is fulfilled "in the ears of you." I like that even better. He is telling those people that this is it! This is the day of rejoicing. He is here in the Spirit and the Word is fulfilled by Him in them.

Wait a minute. Think about it. Wasn't God's Word just proclaimed to you, by a priest standing up on a step so that you could see him and the Word? Hasn't the Spirit been given to each of us who have been baptized? Isn't Jesus Himself here with us in the Word, the Eucharist, and in us, who have been made one, members of the Body of Christ? Yes! Yes to all of that! So then who should be the ones rejoicing today? We have so much more to rejoice about than those people did centuries ago in Ezra's time. So much more than those in that synagogue in those early days of Jesus' ministry. So much more. And so do you know what today is? It is an amazing day!

No matter what is going on in your life, and I know you all have a lot of worries, sorrows, frustrations, doubts and fears. No matter what you have and I have, we have reason to rejoice. We have reason to hope. We have reason to keep going. Because Jesus Christ, Crucified, Risen and Ascended in to Heaven, is in our midst. He is with us in the Word, in the Eucharist, and in our Oneness as a community. So no matter what is going on, remember who you really are and the ways that God is with us. Think about that at Mass this Sunday. What an amazing day!

Peace and Love, Fr. Matt

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Facilities Schedulina Contact Barb

Cemetery Inquiries Contact North Regional Office, 2636 Ellwood Road, New Castle, PA 16101, 724-323-0033, cpca@cpca-pgh.org

CONFESSION

SCHEDULE



Saturdays 11:00am-12:00 pm | St. Mary 12:00pm-12:30pm | St. John 12:00 pm-1:00 pm | St. Joseph

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WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Date	Time	Location	Intention	Requested By
Saturday, January 22 Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children	4:00 PM Vigil	St. Mary	Chester "Dutch" Bauer	Mr. & Mrs. Vince Kriley
	5:30 PM Vigil	St. Joseph	John Mamros	Michael & Shelley Giobbi
	8:00 AM	St. Joseph	For the Parishioners of Saint Francis of Assisi	
Sunday, January 23	8:30 AM	St. John	Barbara Geibel	Gary & Yolanda Cypher
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	10:00 AM	St. Mary	Tom Angert	Michelle & Eric and Family
	11:00 AM	St. Joseph	Vincent Green Sr.	Lucille Green
Monday, January 24 St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	8:00 AM	St. Mary	Gerard Green	Wife
Tuesday, January 25 The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle	8:00 AM	St. John	LeRoy Geibel Sr.	Theresa Snyder
Wednesday, January 26 Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops	9:00 AM	St. Joseph	Alex Giobbi	Shelley Giobbi
Thursday, January 27 St. Angela Merici, Virgin	8:00 AM	St. Mary	Bob Franz	Anne & Rose Michel
Friday, January 28 St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church	9:00 PM	St. Joseph	Edward Zrelak	Traggiai Family
Saturday, January 29	9:00 AM	St. Joseph	Donald Slovinsky	Gaylene Traggiai
	4:00 PM Vigil	St. Mary	Nancy Kriley	Family
	5:30 PM Vigil	St. Joseph	Otto Conroy	The Lawton Family
Sunday, January 30 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:00 AM	St. Joseph	Priest's Intention	
	8:30 AM	St. John	Denny Rodgers	Mom, Wife and Family
	10:00 AM	St. Mary	Bob Franz	Clare Mitch
Catholic Schools Week	11:00 AM	St. Joseph	For the Parishioners of S	Saint Francis of Assisi

PRAYER AND WORSHIP



Kassidy Knoch Tina Tarr Maxine Yonosko James J. Edwards Ken Orloski Baby Willow Lydon Marta Riordan Gary McLafferty Tracey Bierhals Renee Verostek Dennis Geary Cookie & Tom Miller Bernadette Conerty Tom Angert Jr. Pat Jordan Marek Wabiszewski Robert Rakarich Rose Hinch Marge Karenbauer

Mary Lou Beilstein Bernice Durand Elaine Lydon Marge Steinhiser John Lorenz Kathy Miller Joe Krall Lois Davanzati Elizabeth Rakarich Agnes Widenhofer Carol Rowley Dan Jonczak Jr. Judy Convery Mary Carbin Jim Edwards C.J. Krilev Loretta Schnur Janet Biscetlia Fr. Victor Kriley, OFM, Cap. Fr. Gary Stakem, OFM, Cap

Please call the office or email Jenn to add/remove names from the prayer list.



Prayers for comfort and peace to the family & friends of those our parish family has lost.

Heather Craig

Lawrence Furey

May they rest in the peace and glory of the Risen Christ.



WEEKLY READINGS

FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 23, 2022

Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117: 1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18

Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/ Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/Mk 4:21-25

Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/ Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11/Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41

Next Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf. 15ab]/ 1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21 -30



This week's Sacred Heart candle at St. John is In Memory of LeRoy Geibel Sr.

O most holy Heart of Jesus, fountain of every blessing, I adore you, I love you and will a lively sorrow for my sins. I offer you this poor heart of mine. Make me humble, patient, pure, and wholly obedient to your will. Grant, good Jesus, that I may live in you and for you. Protect me in the midst of danger; comfort me in my afflictions; give me health of

body, assistance in my temporal needs, your blessings on all that I do, and the grace of a holy death. Within your heart I place my every care. In every need let me come to you with humble trust saying, Heart of Jesus, help me. Amen.

PARISH UPDATES AND EVENTS



Blessings to those baptized last week in our parish. *Etta Lane Lehmeier daughter of Clayton & Jessica Lehmeier*

Welcome to our faith community!

Just a reminder that the following practices are effective until further notice:

- •Priests, deacons, Eucharistic ministers, servers, greeters, ushers, lectors, cantors, and choir members are **required** to wear a face mask.
- •Those attending Mass are **urgently encouraged to** wear masks, regardless of vaccination status.
- •The presentation of the gifts is suspended.
- •Parish events and meetings are temporarily postponed or may be held virtually.

Anyone who is sick, feels they are at risk, or is a primary caregiver, as well as those who have serious anxiety about being part of a large group at this time are excused from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Please remember that none of our clergy or staff members will ever email or text you asking for a favor, or for gift cards, cash, or anything of the sort. Once again, messages are circulating from scammers. Please delete any messages immediately. If there is ever any question of validity in any communication from the parish, priests, or staff please contact the office to be sure.



WEEKLY COLLECTIONS -JANUARY 16, 2022

Offertory - Mass	\$11,070.11
Offertory - Online	
Total Offertory	\$13,590.11

PARISH SHARE COLLECTIONS

Parish Share (PSP)	\$1,205.00
Parish Share - Online	\$365.00
Total Parish Share	\$1,570.00
2021 Parish Share Goal	\$127,706.00
Received to Date	\$129,376.70

MINISTRY COLLECTIONS

Catholic Relief Services	\$10.00
Utility/Energy Fund	\$28.25
Food Bank	\$70.00
St. Anthony/DePaul Schools	\$1,977.10
Solemnity of Mary	\$79.00

Thank you for your continued support of Saint Francis of Assisi Parish!

Just a friendly reminder to all , if sending anything via mail to the parish, please use the *Administrative Center address only (315 Stoney Hollow Rd., Cabot, PA, 16023).* Please do not send correspondence to any of the individual church locations. Please remember that any checks made out to the parish need to be made payable to St. Francis Parish, not individual church locations. Thanks for your help!

Important numbers for Reporting Child Abuse below:

Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator Office: 412-456-3093 Hot Line: 1-888-808-1235 PA Childline: 1-800- 932-0313

PARISH UPDATES AND EVENTS

COMMUNITY DINNER

Volunteers from St. Mary's will provide the community dinner at St. Paul Church on Tuesday, February 15 and Tuesday, May 3, 2022. Community dinners are being served as a takeout dinner only. We are asking for donations of cookies that we can package and serve for dessert. Please avoid using any peanut butter or nuts. Cookie donations may be dropped off at the parish office on Tuesday, February 15th from 9am to 2 pm. Please contact Juanita Collins or Cheryl Weiland if you have any questions. Thank you

The position of St. Joseph's Preschool Head Teacher is available beginning with the 2022-2023 preschool year. Preschool is held Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9 am to 11:30 am and Tuesdays from 12:30 pm to 3 pm. Interested applicants are asked to submit a resume to: office@saintfrancisparish.net or by mail to St. Francis

Parish, Attn: Barb, 315 Stoney Hollow Rd., Cabot, PA 16023 by Friday, February 4, 2022 for consideration. Thank you.



St. Francis of Assisi Prayer Blanket Ministry has moved the location of the blankets from the Office at St. Joseph's church to the hall. Blankets can be picked up between 10:00 AM and 11:30 AM on Tuesday mornings when we have our meetings. We have a beautiful selection of blankets and crocheted shawls for women, men and children. In this new year, we are looking forward to providing support and comfort to even more people in need. The blankets are blessed, and a pair of rosaries from All Saints Parish, Butler, are included. Feel free to stop in to get a blanket, have a cup of coffee with us, and spend a few minutes with your church family. If you have any questions, contact Suzanne Ekas at 724.360.0027.

The St. Francis of Assisi Substance Abuse Ministry (SAM) will gather to recite the rosary at St Joseph church on Tuesday,

January 25th at 7:00pm. The SAM will continue to gather the fourth Tuesday of every month to pray the rosary. Join us to pray for those affected by substance abuse and their families.





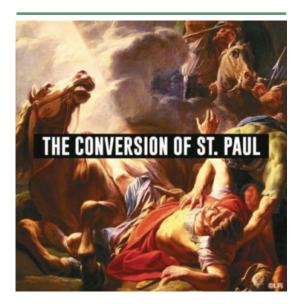
Keep in touch with us

A safe and simple way to get updates from the parish via email or text message.

You can select which groups or ministries within Saint Francis Parish that you want to receive messages from.

To get started, <u>TEXT</u> JJM to 84576

Or <u>Go online to:</u> saintfrancisparish.flocknote.com



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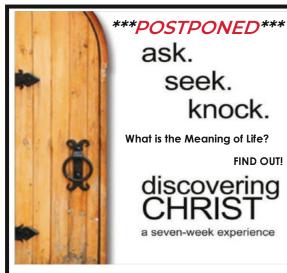




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FIND OUT!



St. Clare & St. Francis Parishes together present, discoveringChrist. **New date to be determined, registrations still being accepted! ** Sessions will be held on Monday evenings for seven weeks, from 6:30 - 8:30 pm at St. John Hall in Fenelton. The program includes dinner and seating is limited. Seats still available. Registration forms are available in the vestibule of each church. If you have any questions, contact Sue Fraley (724.445.3713 Ext. 3, sue@saintclareparish.com) or Angie Robb (724.352.2149 Ext. 208, angela@saintfrancisparish.net).

A NITE AT THE RACES Friday, February 25, 2022

Ticket donation is \$25 which includes admission, food buffet, beer, pop, coffee and wine. (BYOB) Tickets may be purchased by calling Karyn at

724-355-5403. If you reach the



voicemail, leave your name and call back number.

There are **100 horses** for sale at \$10 each. You choose a name for your horse. If your horse wins any of the 10 races, you will win \$40.

There are **100 jockeys** for sale at \$5 each. You choose a name your jockey. If your jockey wins any of the 10 races, you will win \$20.

To avoid confusion we ask that you write down the names and phone numbers for admission tickets and the names, phones and horse or jockey names so that the stubs can be filled out without delay at the time of your purchase.

- We will once again carry out the Mardi Gras theme since this event takes place the weekend before Lent begins.
- You may reserve seating for your group at the time you purchase your tickets.
- We are always looking to add to our race team. If you would like to help with any race preparations: selling tickets, food prep, decorating, taking bets, etc., we'd love to have you. Call 724-355-5403 to volunteer or if you have any questions.
- Basket Raffle tickets may be purchased at the February 20 KofC pancake breakfast.
- Check out the website for more information. GIDDY UP RACE FANS!

St. Francis Fish Fry at St. Mary

Plans are underway for the Annual Fish Fry to begin on Friday, February 25th. It will once again be a drive thru only. Details including



menu, price, and start time are still being finalized. More details to follow soon. We are in need of all available volunteers! If you can help in anyway, please call the office. Help us make the fish fry fabulous!

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CREEP DOWN INTO THE HEART OF JESUS. HE ALONE CAN COMFORT YOU IN YOUR SUPREME HOUR OF SORROW.

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St. Marianne Cope

CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION

Children's Faith Formation Corner





January 23- CFF St. Joseph- 9:15-10:45 AM CFF St. John- 9:45-11 AM Confirmation Class- 9:15 AM St. Joseph Hall CGS II & III St Joseph 6-8PM Edge- St. Joseph 6-8PM January 30- CFF St. Joseph- 9:15-10:45 AM CFF St. John- 9:45-11 AM

Fundraiser Cards are still available through January 31st! Support St. Mary's Preschool, pick up a reusable discount card and save money at local busi-



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Jesus, Mary and Joseph pray for our families.

This week we lift up in prayer the following family,

The Knoch/ Pochedly Family: Zach, Amber, Wyatt, Jaxon, Hunter, Scarlett, Amos and Leopoldt

Through the grace of our Lord, may they enjoy prosperity, possess the priceless gift of peace, and as the Church alive in the home, bear witness in this world to the Lord's glory.

IN THE COMMUNITY

St. Patrick Parish is looking for a knowledgeable, self-motivated individual for an Administrative Assistant position, working 15 hours a week. This position will provide administrative support to the pastor, Faith Formation director, and others in the day to day operations of the parish office. Applicant must be a high school graduate or higher who can work independently and must be very organized. A working knowledge of Microsoft Publisher, Word, and Excel is required. Clearances and mandated reporter training are required upon hiring. To apply, email resume to stpat<u>rick@dioceseofgreensburg.org</u> or mail to St. Patrick Church, 915 State Route 68, East Brady, PA 16028 by February 4, 2022.

St. Patrick Parish is looking for one or more individuals to shovel sidewalks in preparation for daily Mass and/or weekend Masses at St. Patrick Church, Bradys Bend. All equipment and salt provided by the parish. If interested, please contact the parish office at 724-526-5079.

Deer Classic Sportsman's Raffle Sponsored by St. Wendelin School Saturday, April 23, 2022, 12 – 6 pm at Happy Hunters Sportsman's Club- 676 Chicora Fenelton Road, Fenelton PA, 16034. Donation: \$25 per Raffle Ticket, which is needed for admission to the Event-Photo ID Required (Ages 11 and under \$5 at the door). Raffle Ticket includes: Food and Beverage, chance at 15 Guns, \$2000 in cash prizes and a MYSTERY GRAND PRIZE at the end of the event! Bring Any Size Rack & See What It Scores - Local Trophies on Display. All Day and Hourly 50/50 -Raffle Baskets – Additional Raffles during Event. To purchase raffle tickets call: 928-322-6903.

St. Wendelin School Alumni Committee will be hosting a Basket Raffle on January 29 & 30th after Masses at St. Wendelin, and prior to the 4 pm Alumni Mass on February 5th. Tickets for the basket raffle are a donation of \$10 per sheet. All proceeds help support the school through The Mueller Alumni Fund.

The Butler office of Catholic Charities is in need of donations of diapers, wipes, hygiene items, soap and cleaning supplies, towels, and toilet paper for clients supporting their babies and/or in transitional housing. Donations can be made at the Catholic Charities Butler Office, 120 W. New Castle Street, Butler, 16001. For more info visit: www.ccpgh.org.

Pope Francis has invited every Catholic to advise him on how to discern the Church's path forward. This process, called a "synod", means "journeying together."

From now until spring 2022, Catholics from across this diocese – and across the world – can share what the Holy Spirit has laid on their hearts. This journey of listening will conclude in October 2023 in Rome. There, Pope Francis will listen to bishops who have been listening to their people worldwide about the best ways for the People of God to help him discern the Church's path forward. *Text "Synod2021" to 84576 to receive regular updates on the Synod.*

LIFE Butler County Serves Low Income Elders in Their Homes Are you struggling or overwhelmed, trying to work and take care of a parent, spouse or other family member in addition to everything else you have to do? If so, LIFE Butler County may be able to help you! The LIFE Butler County program, a partnership of Lutheran SeniorLife and the Butler Health System, is a comprehensive health care and supportive services program designed to enhance the ability of frail, low income, older adults to live safely in their homes and communities with dignity, respect, and independence. Lutheran SeniorLife operates LIFE programs in Armstrong, Beaver, Butler and Lawrence counties. For information on LIFE Programs, call Janice Rodgers at 724-431-3903, send an email to janice.rodgers@lutheranseniorlife.org, or visit www.lutheranseniorlife.org/LIFE.

Widowed, Divorced, Separated? The loss of a spouse through death, divorce, or separation is a traumatic experience. The Beginning Experience© Pittsburgh Lay Apostolate will host a 1-day Saturday seminar, Coping with Life Alone-In the Beginning Program, intended to help widowed, divorced, or separated men and women work through their grief and begin to move forward with hope on their life journey.

Join us Saturday, 29 January 2022 from 8:45am – 4:00pm. Fee is \$25.00 (lunch included). Location: Our Lady of Mount Carmel Community Center (St. Athanasius) located at 7 Chalfonte Ave., West View, PA 15229. Register by January 25th

at <u>www.BeginningExperiencePittsburgh.com</u> or call to Rob at 412-584-5575 or Kim at 412-352-2653 to learn more.

> St. Wendelín Desígner Purse Bash Luncheon

Sunday, February 20, 2022

@ Shindigs, LLC

705 Herman Road Butler, PA 16002

Doors open at 12:30pm Event starts at 1:00pm BYOB

> Purses Raffled Throughout The Day!! Basket Raffle, 50/50, Side Raffles Winner Need Not Be Present.

Donation: \$25.00

Please contact Nicole Karenbauer for tickets 724-290-8611

**We will be adhering to the guidelines that are current during the event regarding mask mandates per the Diocese of Pittsburgh. If event can not be in person, it will be held online.





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