



A Parish of the Diocese of Greensburg



Parish Office Hours: 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Anointing of the Sick

The sacrament is available during Confession hour and after each Mass per request.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Couples wishing to celebrate the Sacrament of Matrimony must contact a priest of the parish one year in advance of the wedding. Diocesan regulations require that couples begin to work with the parish at least one year prior to a wedding.

Sacrament of Baptism

Families of our parish who wish to have their child baptized should call the parish office to register for Baptism Prep. Please call well in advance of birth of your child.

Confessions – Anytime by appointment

Tuesdays: 5:15 pm – 6:15 pm;

July 25, 2021

The 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, July 24

- 8:00 am Communion Service
(No Confessions)
- 4:30 pm Our Parish Family

Sunday, July 25

- 8:00 am Frances McNeil (Nancy)
- 10:00 am George & Marie Salopek
(Children)
- 11:30 am George Curley (Children)

Monday, July 26

- 7:45 am Keith Povich (Family)

Tuesday, July 27

- 7:45 am Paul Blank (Family)
- 6:30 pm Frances McNeil
(Sharyn & Jerry)

Wednesday, July 28

- 7:45 am Anna Mae Filkosky
(Phyllis Lews & Family)

Thursday, July 29

- 7:45 am Harry Waite (Family)

Friday, July 30

- 7:45 am Birolo & Massaglia Families
(Family)

Saturday, July 31

- 8:00 am Coleman F & Margaret Keane
(Family)
- 4:30 pm Our Parish Family

Sunday, August 1

- 8:00 am Robert Sedlock (Dan & Joan)
- 10:00 am Betty McConnell
(Bollinger Family)
- 11:30 am Philip & Esther Stewart (Family)

Please see Updated Mass information and message from the Bishop





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Operation Safe Mode (OSM)

Sunday 8:00 am Mass
www.YouTube.com/operationsafemode

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SINS AGAINST THE HOLY SPIRIT

(Part 6 Of 7)

In the first article of the series about Blasphemes against the Holy Spirit we reflected on how Jesus warns that a house that is divided against itself it cannot stand. Standing guard of our treasures, as to put them under Lock and Key, is not the way to be strong enough to protect them. Rather one must participate in the gifts of the Holy Spirit to recognize that their value is worth more than the sleep of worldly lure. Being "tied up" begins with each and every little thread of sin that slowly binds us to the ground... to the earthly desire..... and takes away our freedom. This leads us to forget the value of the Spiritual gifts and denounce them (blaspheme) which leads to certain death. Last four weeks we discussed the first four blaspheme against the Holy Spirit: Despair, Pre-sumption, Impugning the known truth and Envy of another's spiritual gifts. This week we will discuss Obstinacy in sin.

Obstinacy in sin : to be "obstinate" means to resist the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit, to be stubborn, to persist in sin, to be unyielding.

WARNING: The Slope is getting Slippery!

The progression towards the last and final sin against the Holy Spirit (impenitence) is becoming harder and harder to avoid as one participates in the first five sins. But obstinacy is like adding liquid soap to a steep slide into hell. There is no stopping when one finally becomes obstinate in a particular sin that is accepted as a part of their life. There are a variety of ways to "excuse" and many acceptable names to give such a way of life.... But call it what you may and make excuses all you want... but it leads to only one end... and that end is eternal separation from God's love.



It All Starts with a Moment of Weakness...

I remember when I thought (age 9) that I could never imagine stealing something from the candy store. It seemed incomprehensible that I would take what was not mine and keep it for my own pleasure. My friends freely took penny candy from the counter top as if they were taking a mint from the tellers window. That led to rigging the old fashion Pepsi machine in a way that two bottles dispensed for the price of one. This act of personal "BOGO" shopping was followed by fraudulent pool passes and concession tickets. I knew what they were doing was wrong... I was blessed to have a good moral sense and a weekly 25 cents allowance from my grandma that kept me from falling into this temptation. My friends excused it in the similar fashion that most people excuse the act of Stealing: The store will never miss a piece of bubble gum... or I paid for the one so it's okay to have the second one free.... We paid for passes last year and hardly ever got to use them because of bad weather ... and... the most absurd one: The concession stand should give free food because you already paid for the pass... Kids stuff huh? Well Kids stuff and Kid sins turn into Adult Stuff and Adult sins. The reasoning does not change but the damage and seriousness of the sin becomes grave.



So one day I accepted that extra bottle of Pepsi from my friend who took two. I reasoned that I was accepting the one he paid for... and he was drinking the one he stole. No sin on my part... no guilt. It became easier as the days wore on... and having that extra dime to spend on something else came in handy. It took my mom; in a story I will tell you some other day, to make me realize how wrong it was to accept stolen property. But it became easy to fall into a sin and the excuses that allow one to perpetuate them until the slope is too slippery and the ride ends badly.

Top Seven Excuses of Remaining Persistent and Obstinate in Serious Sin

Plausible deniability and justification by choice leads away from a Truth and to an acceptance of Sin.

Here are the top seven reasons given when confronted with the Truth and error of the sinner:

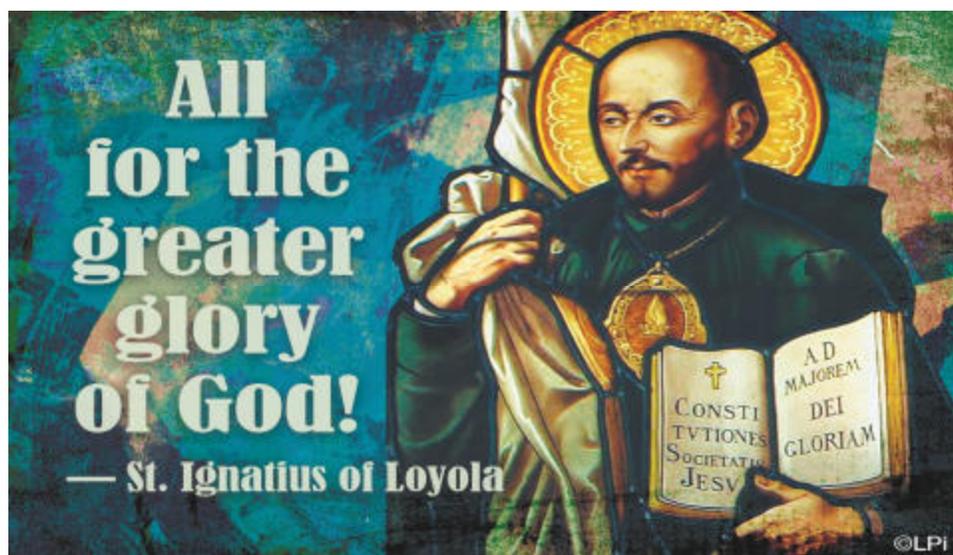
- I just like it too much to give it up
- It's just a habit... not life threatening
- Everyone has a Vice
- It will hurt too many people if I give it up
- I am in too deep now that there is no turning back.
- I am a good person so how can this choice make or break me?
- That is the opinion of the Church that is behind the times.

No way to deny the excuses are lame but sin is powerful and it's allurements deadly.

Ways to Beat the Grasp of Obstinance in Sin:

- **Hate it:** Eventually, one recognizes that a particular sin gives a momentary pleasure and a longer lasting sadness. Hate that effect more than the fleeting pleasure.
- **Starve it:** Do not play into the occasion of Sin. Don't climb the ladder of the slide that leads down that slippery slope
- **Corner it:** This takes real strength.... Don't soften the acceptance of a sin with trying to tip the scales with your good deeds or human kindness... make it your enemy... don't allow it to freely excuse itself.
- **Overwhelm it:** Prayer, sacramental confession and frequent Holy Communion!!! Overwhelm it with the love and Grace of God's Peace. This allows the Holy Spirit to take its proper place.

Next week: **Final impenitence** "Impenitence" means to be uncontrite, unrepentant, hardened, unconverted, to be without regret, shame or remorse.



Sanctuary Candle:

In Memory of John and Mary Surmacz by Family

Easter Flame Candle:

In Memory of Candace Martin

Divine Mercy Candle:

In Memory of Victor Prestegiacomo

St. Peregrine Candle:

In Memory of James Lavelle

Altar Candles for the Month of July:

In Memory of Alberta Preston by Bob & Mary Rodgers



Parish News



Christian Mother's/Women's Guild

Board Meeting
 Tuesday, July 27, 2021 7:00 p.m.
 Our Lady's Plaza
 Join us for Mass at 6:30 p.m.

Faith Formation Updates- Registration is open for the 2021/2022 Faith Formation Year! Every student grades 1-5 should have received a letter with further information. If you have not received one please contact Susan Cheplic skcheplic@dioceseofgreensburg.org.

Save the Date: On Sunday, August 15 the parishes of Immaculate Conception and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton will have a Eucharistic Procession. Groups from both parishes are working on the procession. Watch the bulletin and Flock Notes for more information.

Meet Us At The EDGE! Middle School Faith Formation will begin on September 14, 2021. We are currently looking for catechists and parent volunteers to share their passion for faith in our program. If you are interested, please contact Lisa Stough at LStough@dioceseofgreensburg.org for further information. Thank you!

Knights of Columbus St Jude Council 9019 - will have their monthly meeting on Monday July 26, 2021, at St Agnes, and Resurrection Hall. The meeting starts at 7:15 with the Rosary. St Jude Council covers the parishes of IC, St Agnes, St Elizabeth Ann Seton and St Edwards. If you are interested in joining the Knights, or would like to transfer to our Council, please contact Al Borgony at 724-864-3487 or email a.borgony@comcast.net, or you can check out our website at koc.org and join online.



The Stewartville Lions are holding a Chicken BBQ on Sunday, July 25th, 11:00 am until sold out. Located at Holiday Travel across from Norwin Towne Square on Route 30. Cost is \$8.00. Meals includes 1/2 BBQ chicken, roll, apple sauce, dessert, and beverage. For more information call 412.751.4308.



Crafters, Vendors needed for St. Elizabeth Ann Seton show - Tables are available for the fall craft/vendor show to be held at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish on Saturday, Oct. 2 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The fee is \$30 for 8-foot table/space, and \$35 with electricity. Registration forms are available on the parish website www.seasnh.org or by calling Julie at the parish office at 724-864-6364.

Parish volunteers planning to participate in parish ministries and events may need to update their volunteer clearances and training. Please contact Sharyn Gesmond at sgesmond@dioceseofgreensburg.org or 724-863-9550 to check the status of your volunteer requirements

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Kings	4:42-44
Ephesians	4:1-6
John	6:1-15

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus	16:2-4; 12-15
Ephesians	4:17, 20-24
John	6:24-35

Prayers and Sympathy

Please pray for the families of Ronald E. Peduzzi and Mary Jo Ott who died recently. May they rest in peace.

Stewardship Corner:

Our Time, Talent and Treasures are the gifts that we share:
 Sunday Offertory
 The Week of July 11, 2021.....\$16,756.99

Eucharistic Adoration is held every Tuesday starting after 7:45 am Mass and continuing all day until 6:15 pm; confessions (5:15-6:15 pm), and Mass (6:30 pm). There are special prayer booklets available containing Prayers for Vocations during adoration. If you need to leave and there is no one else in the church during Adoration, please call the church office at 724-863-9550 and someone will come over. Thank you

Join us for the Divine Mercy Chaplet Monday through Friday at 3:00 pm.





Queen of Angel's Corner

Queen of Angels Catholic School

Queen of Angels Catholic School is currently looking to add qualified individuals to our substitute teacher list for the 2021-2022 school year. Candidates must possess a bachelor's degree and obtain all necessary clearances. For best consideration, candidates should also possess teaching experience. If you would like to be added to our list, please send your resume to:

Queen of Angels Catholic School
c/o Ms. Jennifer Filak, Principal
One Main Street
North Huntingdon, PA 15642

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY
Saturday Morning Mass Schedule and Updates

Please note that effective immediately, the morning Mass / Confession will alternate between St. Elizabeth Ann Seton & Immaculate Conception Church.

Saturday Mass Schedule	Immaculate Conception	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
July 24th	Communion Prayer Service 8:00 AM	Mass 8:30 AM Confession 9:00 AM
July 31st	Mass 8:00 AM Confession 9:00 AM	Communion Prayer Service 8:30 AM
Aug. 7th	Communion Prayer Service 8:00 AM	Mass 8:30 AM (1st Saturday/Healing Mass and Anointing) Confession 9:00 AM
Aug. 14th	Mass 8:00 AM Confession 9:00 AM	Communion Prayer Service 8:30 AM
Aug. 21st	Communion Prayer Service 8:00 AM	Mass 8:30 AM Confession 9:00 AM

*Confession at area Churches:
St. Agnes: Saturday at 1:00 pm; St. Barbara Saturday at Noon

In the event of a funeral, this schedule is subject to change



Our mission is provide a safe place for people affected by suicide to share their feelings without fear of being judged and assist them with

their healing journey. At Come Talk, we aspire to save lives by eliminating the stigma surrounding suicide and helping those in need. Please make that call and Come Talk.

Diocesan News

Bishop Kulick desires to recognize all couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary during the calendar year 2021. The Jubilarians, their children, relatives or friends *should contact their local parish office to register couples for this recognition.* Ideally, the Jubilarians will be invited to join the bishop for a special Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass to be celebrated in Blessed Sacrament Cathedral on Sunday, September 19, 2021. Even though circumstances may not permit participation in this Mass, all couples who are registered will receive a scroll signed by the bishop commemorating their anniversary.

Country Music Night outside on Church Grounds - Saint James Church, New Alexandria, 306 Saint James Lane, New Alexandria. Saturday, August 7, 2021 - 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.



\$15.00 Adult - \$5.00 Child under 12
Dinner & DJ - Wear your cowboy hats and boots!
Checks payable to Saint James Rosary Altar Society
Contact Parish Office 724-668-2829 to register or visit our website: www.stjamesnewalexandria.org - by August 3, 2021

Dementia Support Group --- This group is for anyone dealing with a loved one who has dementia. It is an informal, faith-based gathering of caregivers who pray together, share mutual challenges, and learn new ways to cope and know that you are not alone! Dementia Friendly Faith Community Support Group meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm in the Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish Center. **The next meeting date is Tuesday, August 3rd.** For more information, contact Gail Henderson at 412-848-2076 or email her at gailhend@comcast.net or contact the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish office at 724-864-6364.

Back to School Lunch Totes—Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton is collecting **Back to School Lunch Totes** for the Food bank families to be given out August 14th. This tote can include not only non-perishable lunch items such as crackers, fruit cups, small water bottles, microwavable entrees, fruit snacks, granola bars, etc, but some school supplies. Please include a gift card for either Target or Walmart. A total of 80 totes are needed and currently we only have 39 promised bags. Contact the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish office at 724-864-6364 if you are able to donate a bag or if you have any questions. A sign up sheet is also available on the counter in the back of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church. The bags will need to be dropped off the week of August 9-August 13th to Mack Hall. Thank you for your generosity.

Pasta Dinner and Basket Raffle Sunday, August 8, 11:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Footedale worship site of Saint Francis of Assisi Parish, 528 Footedale Road, New Salem, PA. The menu: Pasta (spaghetti, penne or linguine), choice of sauce (traditional red with meatballs, Alfredo with chicken or Aioli); a tossed salad, Italian bread & butter and beverage. Eat in or take out - adults \$8; children age 12 & under \$4. To order, call 724-245-2932. Join us for dinner and take a chance to win a beautiful themed basket.



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Irwin, Pennsylvania

Office of Liturgical Music Ministry

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 25, 2021 - Order of the Mass

ORGAN PRELUDE

Prelude and Fugue in F (BWV 556)

Johann Sebastian Bach

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

1. I sing the might - y pow'r of God That
2. I sing the good - ness of the Lord That
3. There's not a plant or flow'r be - low But

made the moun-tains rise, That spread the flow - ing
filled the earth with food, God formed the crea - tures
makes your glo - ries known; And clouds a - rise and

seas a - broad, And built the loft - y skies. I
with a word And then pro-nounced them good. Lord,
tem - pests blow By or - der from your throne. Your

sing the wis - dom that or - dained The
how your won - ders are dis - played Wher -
crea - tures, count - less though they be, Are

sun to rule by day; The moon shines full at
e'er I turn my eye, If I sur - vey the
sub - ject to your care. There's not a place where

God's com - mand, And all the seas o - bey.
ground I tread, Or gaze up - on the sky!
we can flee, But you are pre - sent there.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless, you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

2 Kings 4:42-44

A man came from Baal-shalishah bringing to Elisha, the man of God, twenty barley loaves made from the first fruits, and fresh grain in the ear. Elisha said, "Give it to the people to eat." But his servant objected, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" Elisha insisted, "Give it to the people to eat." "For thus says the LORD, 'They shall eat and there shall be some left over.'" And when they had eaten, there was some left over, as the LORD had said.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 145
Michel Guimont



The hand of the Lord feeds us; he an - swers all our needs.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 4:1-6

Brothers and sisters: I, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to live in a manner worthy of the call you have received, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another through love, striving to preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace: one body and one Spirit, as you were also called to the one hope of your call; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Jesus went across the Sea of Galilee. A large crowd followed him, because they saw the signs he was performing on the sick. Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples. The Jewish feast of Passover was near. When Jesus raised his eyes and saw that a large crowd was coming to him, he said to Philip, "Where can we buy enough food for them to eat?" He said this to test him, because he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Two hundred days' wages worth of food would not be enough for each of them to have a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?" Jesus said, "Have the people recline." Now there was a great deal of grass in that place. So the men reclined, about five thousand in number. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and also as much of the fish as they wanted. When they had had their fill, he said to his disciples, "Gather the fragments left over, so that nothing will be wasted." So they collected them, and filled twelve wicker baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves that had been more than they could eat. When the people saw the sign he had done, they said, "This is truly the Prophet, the one who is to come into the world." Since Jesus knew that they were going to come and carry him off to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain alone.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

HOMILY

CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth,
 of all things visible and invisible.
 I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
 the Only Begotten Son of God,
 born of the Father before all ages.
 God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
 begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
 through him all things were made.
 For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
 and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.
 For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
 he suffered death and was buried,
 and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.
 He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead
 and his kingdom will have no end.
 I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,
 the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
 who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
 who has spoken through the prophets.
 I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
 I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
 and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and life of the world to come. Amen.

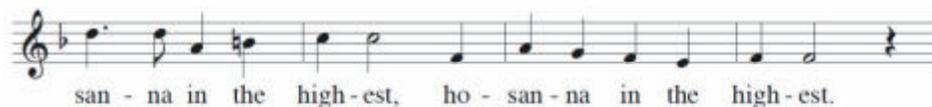
PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

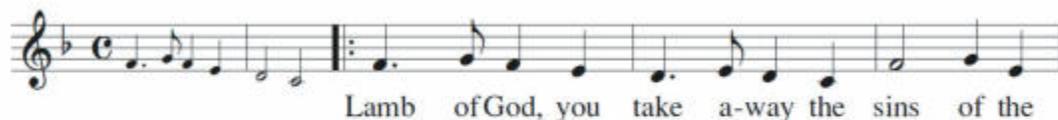
EUCHARISTIC ACCLAMATIONS

A Community Mass

Richard Proulx



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COMMUNION HYMN

Life-giving Bread, Saving Cup

Life - giv-ing Bread, sav - ing Cup, we of - fer in thanks -
 giv-ing, O God. Life - giv-ing Bread,
 sav - ing Cup, we of - fer as a sign of our love.

Text: Adapted from the *Dalriada*, 2nd C.; James J. Chepponis, 3/1956
 Tune: LIFE-GIVING BREAD, 9 8 10 10 with refrain, James J. Chepponis, 3/1956
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RECESSIONAL HYMN

Father, We Thank Thee, Who Hast Planted

1. Fa - ther, we thank thee, who hast plant - ed
 2. Watch o'er thy Church, O Lord, in mer - cy,
 Thy ho - ly Name with - in our hearts.
 Save it from e - vil, guard it still,
 Knowl - edge and faith and life im - mor - tal
 Per - fect it in thy love, u - nite it,
 Je - sus, thy Son, to us im - parts.
 Cleansed and con - formed un - to thy will.
 Thou, Lord, didst make all for thy plea - sure,
 As grain, once scat - ter'd on the hill - sides,
 Didst give us food for all our days,
 Was in this bro - ken bread made one,
 Giv - ing in Christ the Bread e - ter - nal;
 So from all lands thy Church be gath - er'd
 Thine is the power, be thine the praise.
 In - to thy king - dom by thy Son.

Text: From the *Dalriada*, c. 110; tr. by F. Blood Tucker, 1895-1894, ed., © 1940, The Church Pension Fund
 Tune: RENDEZ A DIEU, 9 8 9 8 D; Genevieve Pichot, 1551; arr. by Louis Binagotin, c. 1510-1561

POSTLUDE

Recessional in Eb
 David Johnson

How to Pray The Chaplet of Divine Mercy

1. Make the Sign of the Cross

2. (Optional*) Pray,

You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelope the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us.

O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fountain of Mercy for us, I trust in You!

3. "Our Father,"

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. Amen.

"Hail Mary,"

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

"The Apostles' Creed."

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead....

...I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

4. On the Our Father beads pray,

Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

5. On the Hail Mary Beads pray,

For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

6. Pray three times,

4. Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

(Optional*)

Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself.

Close with the Sign of the Cross.

Jesus' promise to St. Faustina:

"Say unceasingly this chaplet that I have taught you. Anyone who says it will receive great Mercy at the hour of death. Priests will recommend it to sinners as the last hope. Even the most hardened sinner, if he recites this Chaplet even once, will receive grace from My Infinite Mercy. I want the whole world to know My Infinite Mercy. I want to give unimaginable graces to those who trust in My Mercy...."

"...When they say this Chaplet in the presence of the dying, I will stand between My Father and the dying person not as the just judge but as the Merciful Savior."

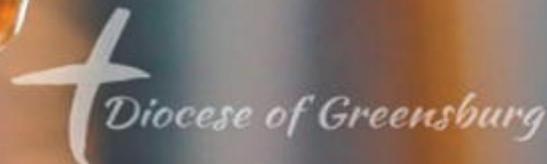
*Optional Prayers are taken from *The Diary of St. Faustina*. Used with permission of the Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception of the B.V.M.



Mass Obligation Returns

“ It is a blessing to be able to reunite with our faithful, to rejoice in the message of the Gospel and share in God’s grace through the Eucharist together. ”

Bishop Larry J. Kulick



The following statement was issued in unison with Bishops across the Pennsylvania province:

We have all known and felt the impact of COVID-19 in so many ways as individuals and families, among friends and at work. It has been a time of hardship and struggle, of separation and isolation. It has also had an impact on our lives of faith. Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, has been with us throughout this very difficult period and is most especially near to us when we encounter him in the Eucharist. The Eucharist offers us his healing and peace, his mercy and reconciliation. It is time for everyone to return to the Eucharist with renewed faith and joy.

As life returns to normalcy in so many ways, each Catholic Bishop in Pennsylvania will reinstate the obligation to attend Mass in person on Sundays and Holy Days beginning on Sunday, Aug. 15, 2021, the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Bishops had dispensed you from this obligation in March of 2020 as the developing coronavirus pandemic required people not to assemble in group settings. Now, with the impact of the pandemic considerably reduced, it is again possible for the faithful to assemble for the Eucharist and the time for us to lift the dispensation from the obligation.

The obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days comes from our Baptism as Christians. Baptism compels Christians to unite themselves with Christ at the altar in his saving Sacrifice of the Cross. “Participation in the communal celebration of the Sunday Eucharist is a testimony of belonging and of being faithful to Christ and to his Church (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 2182). This is the foundation for the law of the Church that binds Catholics to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days (*Code of Canon Law*, canon 1247) and the Christian way fully to observe the Third Commandment, to keep holy the Lord’s Day (Deuteronomy 5: 12; Exodus 31: 15; *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, nos. 2180-2181).

This obligation, as is always the case, does not apply to those who are seriously ill, have a serious health risk, as well as those who have serious anxiety of being a part of large groups at this time. Likewise, the obligation does not apply to those who care for those who cannot attend Mass in person (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 2181). Those who are legitimately excused from Mass on Sundays and Holy Days are encouraged to spend time in prayer, meditating on the Death and Resurrection of the Lord, reading the Sacred Scriptures, and uniting themselves to Christ in his worship of the Father of us all. Those who are legitimately excused are also encouraged to view a broadcast of the Mass which is intended for those who cannot participate in person.

As your Bishops, we welcome this moment of the reinstatement of the obligation for all Catholics in Pennsylvania. This is a moment to thank God anew for the great gift of the Mass and the Real Presence of Jesus to us in his Holy Body and Blood as well as the joy of gathering together as people of faith.

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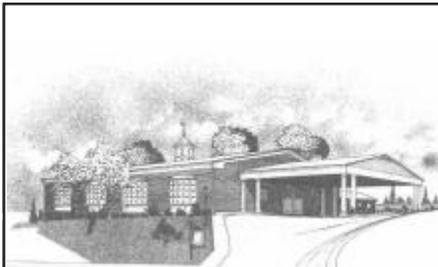
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