



Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church

A Place to Grow in the Love and Knowledge of Jesus Christ

January 30, 2022 · 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

DIRECTORY

Church Hours

Parish Office Hours

Monday-Friday
9 a.m. - noon & 1 - 4 p.m.
724-838-9480

For assistance with utilities and other financial needs:

St. Vincent de Paul Helpline
724-837-5154

For assistance with food:

St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry
724-836-0175

For other assistance:

Catholic Charities
724-837-1840

Pastoral Staff

Pastor: Fr. Daniel L. Blout

Parochial Vicar:

Fr. Ignatius Camello, OSB

Director of Liturgy: Marisa Cazden

Director of Discipleship & Evangelization &

Youth Ministry: Katrina Coleman

Coordinator of Children's Discipleship &

Evangelization: Kelly Dembiczak

Office Staff

Secretary: Joyce Petrunyak

Secretary: Donna Stewart

Administrative Assistant for Discipleship &

Evangelization & Social Media: Itzia Peluso

Custodian: Jeff Andrejcik

Saturday Vigil

4 p.m.

* Interpreted Mass for the Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing.

Sunday

8:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

6:00 p.m.

Live-Streamed

Parish website, Facebook or YouTube.
4 p.m. and/or 10:30 a.m.

Weekday

7:00 a.m. M-W-F

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Noon to 1 p.m. Saturday
in the Day Chapel

Private Prayer Schedule

The church is open
Monday through Thursday,
6 a.m. to 6 p.m.;
Friday, 6 a.m. to 2 p.m.

*Access limited to Gathering Space
and Devotional Area*

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WORSHIP & MEDITATION



FIRST READING

The word of the LORD came to me, saying:
Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
before you were born I dedicated you,
a prophet to the nations I appointed you. (Jer 1:4-5)



PSALM

I will sing of your salvation. (Ps 71)



SECOND READING

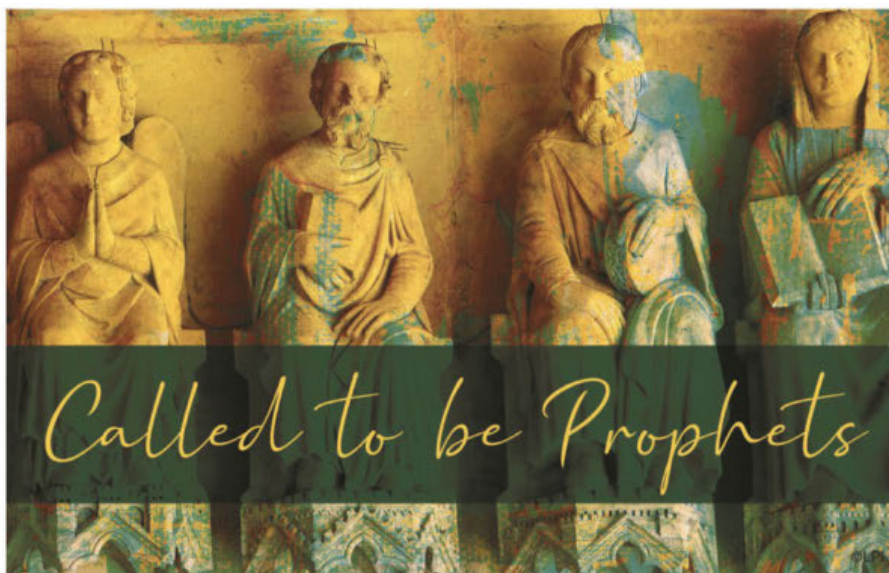
So faith, hope, love remain, these three;
but the greatest of these is love.
(1 Cor 13:13)



GOSPEL

And he said, "Amen, I say to you,
no prophet is accepted in his own
native place." (Lk 4:24)

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Called to be Prophets

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

St. Oscar Romero (1917-1980) was a "Salvadoran Roman Catholic archbishop who was a vocal critic of the violent activities of government armed forces, right-wing groups, and leftist guerrillas involved in El Salvador's civil conflict (Encyclopedia Britannica)." As a voice of the voiceless, he was an outspoken champion of the poor who were the ones most affected by the civil unrest and violence. His advocacy provoked several attempts on his life. Nonetheless, St. Oscar Romero was convinced that before all else his faith in the resurrected Christ and the values of the Gospel trumped any earthly concern or worry. He walked with complete confidence and trust. On March 24, 1980, St. Oscar Romero was assassinated while celebrating Mass. Such is often the fate of those who challenge the socio-political agendas of the day.

We may look at the example of witness of St. Oscar Romero as something extraordinary. In one sense it is. Through the power of God, an ordinary human being did extraordinary things. But, in and of himself, St. Oscar Romero was simply a humble, loving servant of God. Oscar knew not only the power of love but the risk that comes when loving unconditionally. The beauty of God's message was able to shine in and through him because he was able to step out of the way and be a vessel. One can assume that for St. Oscar Romero, one's earthly life has no merit when faith, integrity, conviction, zeal and love are jettisoned. Fear and apprehension had no grip on this man who not only saw but spoke the truth.

Do we speak the truth? It makes us feel good to speak of God as love. But have we ever considered the ramifications of this radical message? There are assaults on human life occurring daily. More and more the value and worth of a human being is being reduced and minimized. We are becoming widgets in the production of life. In our whole simple humble ways, we too are called to be prophets. Knowing who you are and what is within your means to do, how can you make God's love real, stand up for what is right, and give witness to the sacredness of all that is around you?

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 29

4:00 p.m. Richard Sackett
by Mrs. Stella Sackett

SUNDAY, JANUARY 30

8:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m. Edward Petras
by Florence Petras

6:00 p.m.

MONDAY, JANUARY 31

7:00 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2 THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

7:00 a.m.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4

7:00 a.m. Mario Paulone
by family

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5

4:00 p.m. Charles, Chip & Todd Decker
by Cecilia & Janice

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6

8:00 a.m. Parishioners of Our Lady of Grace &
Saint Benedict churches

10:30 a.m. Dean Sickenberger, Sr.
by Santangelo family

6:00 p.m. Nicky Antonelli & Tony Plesha
by sister, wife, Suzanne Plesha

VISITS TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND

Monthly visits to the sick & homebound by a lay minister of communion have resumed.

Homebound ministers may contact Fr. Ignatius at the parish office with any questions.

Fr. Ignatius and Fr. Dan will provide Anointing of the Sick or the Sacrament of Reconciliation, if requested. If you or your loved one are in need of this spiritual care, please contact the parish office.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK



Jim Ahearn
Gary Bailey
Marc Bryan
Lois Colligan
Estelle Dannhardt
Mitchell Demoise
Jerry Feret
Pat Feret

Leon Miles
George F. Moreland II
George Pauli
Joan Ross
Donny Sabol
Linda Santone
Phil Sinclair

PRAYER REQUESTS

Family members may add loved ones to the prayer list by contacting the parish office. Names will be removed after one month, unless you notify the office.

PRAYERS FOR OUR ACTIVE MILITARY

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| Jake LeJeune - Marines | Sean Bialecki - AF |
| John Petrucci - AF | Tara McGuire - Nat. Guard |
| Baylee Gardner - AF | Zachary Daigle - Army |
| CPO Cole Terrell - USN | Nathan Daigle - Nat. Guard |
| Peyton Smith - Nat. Guard | Ryan Daigle - Army |
| Lt. Col. Thomas Naughton - AF | WO Andrew Couchenour - Nat. Guard |
| Capt. Thomas Shine - AF | Staff Sgt. Nicholas Baker - AF |
| CPO Eric Cain - USN | |

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM

Peter Cost

Karen A. Davis

Shawn Teamann
(son-in-law of Pat Twigger)

May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, continue their journey to new life in the presence of God in the heavenly kingdom.

SANCTUARY LAMP

The Sanctuary Lamp acknowledging the Real Presence of Christ in the tabernacle is burning this week in loving memory of

Ross & Betty Mauro, Rosalie Kaszycki
by Don & Linda Daley.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Parish Support — January 23, 2022

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| Offertory (from mail & collection basket): | \$ 7,867.00 |
| Online Giving: | <u>5,603.00</u> |
| | \$ 13,470.00 |

Thank you for your continued faithful support of our parish!

The annual charitable contribution statements for donations made in 2021 were recently mailed to registered parish families. If you do not receive your contribution statement by next week and would like one for your tax filing, please call the parish office.

We are grateful for your continued generosity!

St Vincent de Paul Food Pantry Report December 2021 and January 2022

The December food distribution was held on Saturday, Dec. 4, and we served 184 families. We helped feed 371 people. There were 91 volunteers. The Our Lady of Grace conference provided milk and turkeys, and St Paul's donated eggs. Since this was the Christmas distribution, the parishioners of Our Lady of Grace donated Shop 'n Save gift cards for our recipients, and the parishioners of Blessed Sacrament Cathedral donated Walmart gift cards. The families were extremely thankful for all of this.

The January distribution was held on Saturday, Jan. 8, and we served 141 families, feeding 283 people. We do not know why the recipient numbers were lower this month, but suspect it may have been due to either the change to the second Saturday because of the holiday, or the bitter cold that day. We had 76 volunteers, to whom we are very grateful for braving the cold weather to help our neighbors in need.

Our next distribution will be on Saturday, Feb. 5.
Thank you for all you do to support our mission!

Part-Time Maintenance Position

Our Lady of Grace Church is looking to fill a part-time (18 hours/week) maintenance position. The position involves thorough and comprehensive cleaning services (i.e., trash removal, mopping, vacuuming, restroom cleaning) in the church, Albanese and Shepherd halls, and maintaining surrounding outside areas. Interested individuals are asked to please submit a letter of interest and resume to the parish office before Jan. 31.

Blessing of the Throats

St. Benedict Church will be holding a blessing of the throats after the
8:30 a.m. Mass on Thursday, Feb. 3.

Special Collection

Next weekend, Feb. 5-6, the collection for the **Church in Central and Eastern Europe** will be taken up at all Masses. This collection supports the Church in over 20 countries, many of which are still struggling to recover in the aftermath of Soviet rule.

For information: www.usccb.org/ceec.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES



Afghanistan is on the brink of a humanitarian catastrophe. This winter, 23 million people face food insecurity and possible famine. As prices skyrocket, families cannot access cash to pay for food, medicine or other basic necessities. The U.S. government must address the economic drivers of this crisis to prevent further suffering and save lives. Please visit www.crs.org to raise your voice now to help our Afghan sisters and brothers!

January 30 - February 5



MASS BOOK OPEN

Our parish office has opened the Mass Book for 2022. Mass Request forms are available in the Gathering Area of the church and also on the parish's web page. Intentions must be submitted in writing using the Request Form and must include the Mass stipend of \$10 per Mass. PLEASE READ THE GUIDELINES printed on the back of the form. No Mass requests will be accepted over the phone.

**** MASS INTENTION GUIDELINES HAVE BEEN REVISED.** Each registered parish household can now schedule a third Mass intention for 2022 based on availability. All other guidelines remain the same.

Flea Market

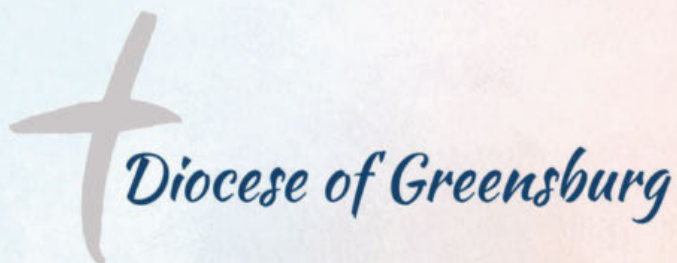
The annual Our Lady of Grace Flea Market sponsored by the Rosary Altar Society will be held

Saturday, April 30, from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For table reservations, call Debby at 724-836-1019.

Please leave a message with your name and telephone number and your call will be returned.

Cost is \$20 per table.



A Synod on Synodality: Your Input is Needed!

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, is asking that we assemble in a “synod” by sharing our thoughts on the pastoral connectivity of our Church.

All parishioners are invited to participate in town hall meetings, including our young people! Youth ministry leaders will be present to facilitate small group sessions.

Town Hall Meetings

Wednesday, February 2 from 2 to 4 p.m.

St. James Parish
306 St. James Lane
New Alexandria, PA 15670

Thursday, February 3 from 6 to 8 p.m.

St. Bernard of Clairvaux Parish
200 Clairvaux Drive
Indiana, PA 15701

Tuesday, February 8 from 6 to 8 p.m.

St. Rita Parish
116 South Second Street
Connellsville, PA 15425

Thursday, February 10 from 4 to 6 p.m.

St. Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish
101 West High Street
Kittanning, PA 16201

Wednesday, February 16 from 6 to 8 p.m.

Our Lady of Grace Parish
1011 Mt. Pleasant Road
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Thursday, February 17 from 6 to 8 p.m.

St. Margaret Mary Parish
3055 Leechburg Road
Lower Burrell, PA 15068

Tuesday, February 22 from 6 to 8 p.m.

St. Joseph Parish
180 Old Walnut Hill Road
Uniontown, PA 15401

Zoom Town Halls

Wednesday, February 9 from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Zoom Town Hall for Young Adults ages 18-30
Register for Zoom Link at
www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/townhall

Sunday, February 20 from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Zoom Town Hall for Youth Under 18
Register for Zoom Link at
www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/townhall

Monday, February 28 from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Zoom Town Hall for all parishioners
Register for Zoom Link at
www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/townhall

DISCIPLESHIP & EVANGELIZATION

SACRED STEPS TO SACRAMENTS

Preparation for Baptism

First-time parents and typically those who last had a child baptized five or more years ago are expected to participate in a Baptism preparation session. Due to covid-19, the prep session will be offered online. After contacting the office to request Baptism, you will be provided with the information to complete the online preparation. Both parents are expected to participate in the prep session.

First Reconciliation & Communion

Our next Sacrament Prep sessions will be held on *Monday, Jan. 31, and Tuesday, Feb. 1, from 6:30-8 p.m.* in Albanese Hall. Please choose the night that best fits your schedule. A parent must attend with their child. Contact Kelly Dembiczak at the parish office, Ext. 17, with questions or concerns.

Confirmation

If you have a teen currently in 8th grade or above who has not yet received this Sacrament or is not currently in preparation for this Sacrament, please contact Katrina at the parish office, Ext. 16, to be included in the current preparation group.

Sacraments of Marriage

Prior to setting a wedding date, please contact the parish office at least 6 months in advance so that all of the formation and paperwork can be completed.

RCIA

If you have ever thought about becoming Catholic or returning to the faith, please call Katrina, our Director of Discipleship & Evangelization, or our pastor to have your questions answered and be welcomed home.

February Children's Ministry

February 6 & 20

Grades 2nd-5th: 9-10:15 a.m., Shepherds Hall

Grades PK-1st: 10:15-11:30 a.m., Albanese Hall



Small Faith Groups for Adults

We are working to form small groups to help our adult parishioners grow in their faith.

If you are interested in joining a small group or learning more, visit our website to complete our interest form.

www.ourladyofgracechurch.org



Our Lady of Grace & St. Benedict Middle School and High School Youth Ministry

2022 UPDATED SCHEDULE

Sundays at Our Lady of Grace Upper Hall

Grades 6-8 : 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Grades 9-12: 7 to 9 p.m.

January

9th Youth Nite
16th Youth Nite
23rd Youth Nite
30th Youth Nite

February

6th Youth Nite
13th Youth Nite
20th NO YOUTH NITE - HS RETREAT
27th Youth Nite

March

6th Youth Nite
9th Candlelight Stations Practice (Wednesday)
10th CANDLELIGHT STATIONS @ OLG 7 p.m.
13th Youth Nite
20th Youth Nite
27th Youth Nite

April:

3rd NO YOUTH NITE (King & Country Concert)
High School Teens Only
10th NO YOUTH NITE (Palm Sunday)
17th NO YOUTH NITE (Easter)
**24th END OF YEAR FAMILY PICNIC
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