The Church of Saint Anne

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EUCHARISTIC LITURGIES
Weekends: Saturday . . . . . 4:30 PM
Sunday . . . . . 8 AM & 11 AM

Weekdays:
Monday & Thursday . . . . . 8 AM

Holy Days & Civil Holidays:
Consult the Mass schedule in the bulletin.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Saturday at 3:30 p.m.

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Website: www.stannerostraver.org

**** *Parish Office Hours* ****

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday:
8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.
(Out for Lunch: Noon until 1:00 p.m.)
Thursday: 8:30 a.m. until 12:00 Noon
Saturday: Closed
Sunday: 8:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m.
Noon until 1:00 p.m.
(The Parish Office is closed on Easter Sunday.)
Evenings by Appointment

**** *Church Hours* ****

Saturday: 3:00 p.m. until 5:30 p.m.

Sunday: 7:30 a.m. until 12:00 Noon

Monday: 7:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday:
8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Thursday: 7:30 a.m. until Noon

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord ~ April 4, 2021

MISSION STATEMENT

We, the Church of St. Anne, are a Catholic faith-filled community in Rostraver Township built with the love and dedication of farmers, miners, and other hardworking people.

We have progressed from those few pioneering parishioners worshiping at the Quonset hut to a rapidly growing Parish family within the mid-Mon Valley.

We are committed to ongoing faith formation, nurtured through the celebration of The Word and Sacraments.

We will continue to follow Christ and to share His life and love, working to become a closer Parish and community.

LIVING GOD'S WORD

"Christ is risen!" was once a common greeting on Easter morning. The expected reply, "Risen indeed!" communicated the conviction of an eyewitness. Have you been an eyewitness to the Resurrection? Have you given your account so that others might believe?

MASS INTENTIONS

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
Saturday, April 3 ~ Easter Vigil
8:30 p.m. Easter Vigil-Parish Family

Easter Sunday, April 4
8:00 a.m. Living & Deceased of the Parish
11:00 a.m. Living & Deceased of the Parish

Monday, April 5
8:00 a.m. Michael R. Bucci, Sr., and Michael R. Bucci, Jr.
Cindy & Tom Gregg & Family
Please pray the Novena to
Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Private.

Tuesday, April 6
Mass is celebrated at Holy Family Church, West Newton ~ 8:00 a.m.

Wednesday, April 7
Mass is celebrated at Holy Family Church, West Newton ~ 8:00 a.m.

Thursday, April 8
8:00 a.m. Matilda Havadich
Homer & Barbara Zucconi
Please pray the Novena to
Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal in Private.

Friday, April 9 ~ No Mass

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (Divine Mercy)
Saturday, April 10
4:30 p.m. Bruno & Ann Ludwick
Daughter, Pat Kopanic & Family

Sunday, April 11
8:00 a.m. Deceased Members of the Hora & Gnip Families
Irene Hora & Family
11:00 a.m. Parish Family

"BE THE LIGHT" with the 2021 Diocesan Lenten Appeal

Thank you to those who have already taken the opportunity to "Be the Light" for our faith community by donating to the 2021 Diocesan Lenten Appeal. Our Diocesan target this year is $53,521.00 and so far we have received $41,547.00 as of this past Monday. This year we are hoping to raise $25,000.00 over this target or a total of $78,521.00 so that we can make improvements to our fire and security system, address and repair the rectory roof and the elevator lobby roof and make repairs to the railing and concrete steps that lead to the Conference Room. Please use the envelope recently sent to you, which may be mailed directly to the Diocese, deposited in the collection basket in the Sanctuary at the Mass you attend, or mailed/brought to the Parish Office during regular office hours. You may also pledge your gift by visiting **www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/BeTheLight** or **www.stannerostraver.org**.

View the video, "*Be The Light," by accessing the following link:* **https://youtu.be/usMFbFYe5vI**

THE CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY participants meet on Wednesdays at 3:00 p.m. in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel in the Church. All are welcome.

VIDEO MASS FOR UPCOMING SUNDAYS may be found on our Website, **www.stannerostraver.org**; select "Videos" under the Media tab. All new Sunday Masses are available after 4:00 p.m. on Saturdays.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS FOR 2020: Should you require a statement of your contributions for the year 2020 for income tax purposes, please call the Parish Office, and it will be mailed to you.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS those from our Parish who are homebound or experiencing health concerns. May God keep them in his care.

ATTENTION: High School Seniors of the Church of St. Anne and Holy Family Church who picked up the Scholarship Application for the Holy Name Society are reminded the deadline date for it to be returned to the Church of St. Anne Parish Office is April 21.

MAKE DEPOSITS
Friendship is like a bank account. You can't continue to draw on it without making deposits. —*Anonymous*

Altar Bread and Wine Birthday Remembrance
In Memory of
Robert Kopanic, Sr.
requested by Wife, Pat, Children & Grandchildren

SUNDAY & DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, April 4
42: Acts 10:34a,37-43;
Ps 118:1-2,16-17,22-23;
Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or
41: Mk 16:1-7 or, at an afternoon or evening Mass,
46: Lk 24:13-35

Monday, April 5
261: Acts 2:14,22-23;
Ps 16:1-2a,5,7-11; Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday, April 6
262: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5,18-20,22;
Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday, April 7
263: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4,6-9;
Lk 24:13-35

Thursday, April 8
264: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab,5-9;
Lk 24:35-48

Friday, April 9
265: Acts 4:1-12;
Ps 118:1-2,4,22-27a; Jn 21:1-14

Saturday, April 10
266: Acts 4:13-21;
Ps 118:1,14-15ab,16-21;
Mk 16:9-15

Sunday, April 11
44: Acts 4:32-35;
Ps 118:2-4,13-15,22-24;
1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31

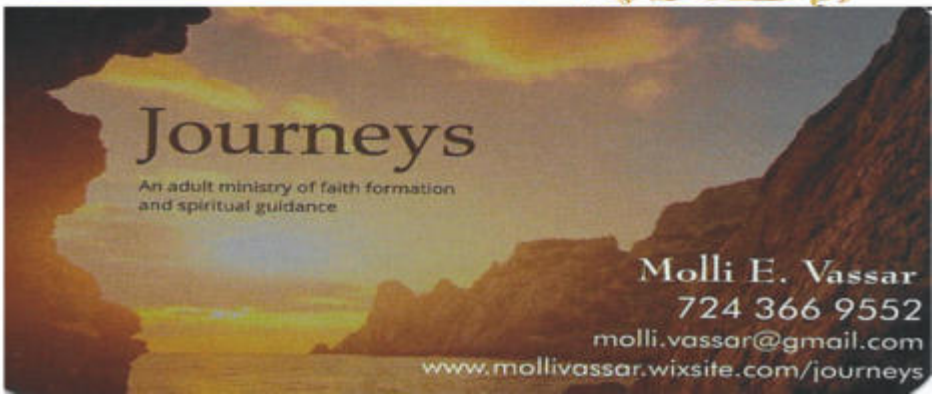
PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship ~ March 28, 2021

159 Regular Sunday Envelopes:	$ 4,930.00
Loose:	$ 139.00
Votive:	$ 165.30
Poor Box:	$ 56.05
15 Easter Flower Envelopes:	$ 275.00
added to that previously reported, $1,631.00, for a total of $1,906.00	
1 Ash Wednesday/Poor Envelope:	$ 10.00
added to that previously reported, $1,638.00	
Total:	$ 5,575.35

Online Giving, 3/23/21, through 3/29/21:	
38 Regular Sunday Adult Envelopes:	$ 1,030.00
1 Catholic Accent Envelope:	$ 12.75
Total:	$ 6,618.10

The Sanctuary Candle at the Tabernacle is
In Memory of
Deborah Beth Vargas
by Sister, Denise, Jim, Maria & Adam Stump



COMMUNITIES OF SALT & LIGHT AWARD DINNER

As you are aware there have been several transitions within both the Diocese and Catholic Charities. Moving forward, the 2022 Salt and Light Dinner will be held on April 21, 2022 at Stratigo's. The awardees have graciously understood the pandemic context in which we are all living and have put it in God's hands The awardees will receive their recognition next year as they are presented the Salt and Light Award by Bishop Kulick.

If you have purchased a ticket, sponsorship or donated a basket or mystery box, you need not do anything; your registration is secure for the 2022 event. However, if you require a refund, please reach out to Heather Rady,

hrady@dioceseofgreensburg.org.

Also, watch for updates on Catholic Charities website

ccharitiesgreensburg.org.

We look forward to a day in the future when we can celebrate together in person. Thank you for your continued support of Catholic Charities.

Heather Rady, MBA
Director of Community Relations and Special Events

We want to thank you very much for your caring words, prayers, cards, Masses and donations in memory of our brother, Bruce Bruno. You thoughtfulness and sincerity meant a lot to us during this difficult time. May God surround you with an abundance of blessings for your kindness.

Jerry Bruno, Ken & Maria Kite, Judy and Gary Main

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Easter Sunday

A story is told of a priest who had a good rapport with the First Communion class in his parish. The children enjoyed his stories and he tried hard to help them understand the wonder of all that Jesus had done by coming into our world and promising that He would be with us always. In the final session before Holy Week and Easter, the priest popped in to see that the kids were on course in their preparations for the great events soon to be celebrated by Mother Church. He was particularly concerned that they would understand the importance of the Mass on Holy Thursday – a commemoration of Jesus giving us the gift of Himself in Holy Communion, along with the gift of the ordained priesthood. He also wanted to introduce them to the idea that by sacrificing His life the following day, Jesus would show us the ultimate love – that Jesus literally loved us to death.

One of the students was following the priest's presentation very closely and eventually put his hand up to ask a question. "Father," he said, "I don't understand why we call Good Friday 'good' when it was obviously so bad." The priest was taken aback for a moment but was glad to see that the student was thinking seriously about all that they had been discussing. He said: "You are absolutely correct. It was a quite dreadful Friday and the only reason that we can call it 'good' was because of Easter Sunday. If Jesus had not risen from the dead then none of this makes any sense. In fact, St. Paul once said that if Jesus is not risen, we are still in our sins and our faith is futile."

Today is the great Christian Feast. We may be tempted to think that Christmas is the feast of feasts because it captures our imagination, and that it is so much easier to relate to than Good Friday and Easter, let alone try to understand how the mystery of a God Who, having died a horrendous death, should be raised again to life. We should not be dismayed if, like the student in my opening story, sometimes we struggle to piece together the jigsaw puzzle. The apostles were the same – struggling to understand what was happening. St. John describes what was happening early on that first Easter Sunday. Mary Magdalene reports that the tomb is empty. John is sharp to let us know that he was in on the act and ran with Peter to check for himself. Keep in mind – John was writing his Gospel with the benefit of having been able to piece the story together after a lifetime of reflecting on it. He notes that this was the moment that he began to see the connections and the fulfilment of what had been prophesied in the scriptures. He tells us: "Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that He must rise from the dead." And John is not afraid to go on and tell us what happened in the evening of that first Easter Sunday when Jesus came to the apostles who were hiding behind locked doors. We'll pick up on this next Sunday.

And in Acts of the Apostles, which we will hear throughout the entire Easter Season, over and over again the disciples return to the key elements of the Faith: ***Jesus is the awaited Messiah; He was crucified for us; He was raised from the dead; He is now appointed to judge everyone.***

Today, as we gather with family and / or friends around the table (since we probably did not get to do it last year because of the COVID lockdown), and enjoy the Easter meal and treats, we pause to think of what this Day means for us. It is enough, for

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now, for you and me to realize that we are being asked to accept our call to be faithful witnesses of the Resurrection. Now, as heralds / as messengers of this good news – news which even makes the Friday of Holy Week look "good" – we proclaim not only that Jesus was brought back to life, but that we, also, have been brought back to life with Him. There is a temptation to think that we must wait until our Earthly life comes to an end before we will experience this new life. But it is clear from the writings of St. Paul that this is not so. We have already been brought back to life and freed from the sin that held us bound. Paul is keen that we set our sights on Heavenly things and realize that Jesus is our life now.

A Very Happy and Blessed Easter to you and to yours! God Bless You!

Many thanks go out to those who came together in so many different ways for this weekend: those who decorated, the various ministers who served and helped at the various liturgies, Josie and the entire Music Department, the Office Staffs in helping prepare the Worship Aids. Many hours have gone into preparing for this weekend. To all of you – Many Thanks & God Bless!

And to those traveling – know that you will be in our prayers so that God provide you with safety in your travels.

Let us pray for the Conversion of the World and for peace.

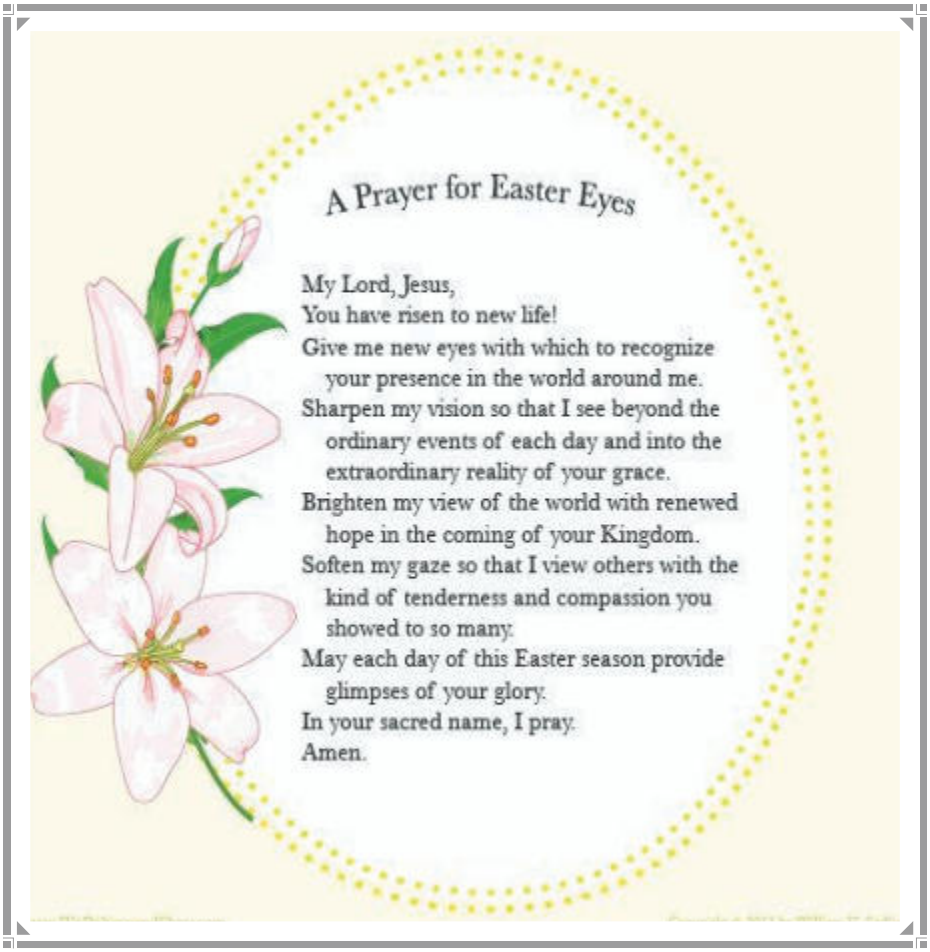
Our Sincere Thanks—The Church of St. Anne is the recipient of a bequest from the estate of Parishioner, Daniel McCartan. Thank you to his family for this generous bequest to our Church.

Sacred Heart ~ Paschal Candle
In Memory of
Michael R. and Helen Bucci, Sr.
by Cindy and Tom Gregg & Family

Thank you, Cindy and Tom, for purchasing the Paschal Candle in memory of your parents.

EASTER: OUR OWN STORY

The Gospel story today is, in a nutshell, the story of our very own lives. It is a story of restored hope. Like those disciples, we must always, when in despair, see and believe that Jesus Christ rose from the dead. When we place our belief in the power of God to raise Jesus from the dead, we also place our belief in the power of God to deliver us from the death of despair, malaise and hopelessness. This is at the heart of why we come to church this day. We look to the empty tomb to find hope that was lost. It is for this that we raise heart and voice in an endless "Alleluia!"



Come to the Feast of Divine Mercy at St. John the Baptist Church, Perryopolis, Sunday, April 11

Following the 11:00 a.m. Mass at St. John the Baptist Church, there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Adoration until 3:00 p.m. The Divine Mercy Chaplet, litany and prayers will begin at 3:00 p.m. All are invited.

FAITH FORMATION

The latest puzzle can be found under the "Formation" tab on the home page of the website, **www.stannerostraver.org**.

BIBLE STUDY

Adult Study will continue on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Social Hall. The **Chosen** series will be completed, then continue with a Bishop Barron series on **Conversion**.

CONFIRMATION ~ WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14 ~ 7:00 P.M.
THE CELEBRANT FOR CONFIRMATION WILL BE FATHER DAVE.
A BRIEF REHEARSAL WILL BE ON TUESDAY, APRIL 13 ~ 6:30 P.M.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION FOR SECOND GRADE STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES WILL BE CELEBRATED AT THE WEEKEND MASSES ON APRIL 24 AND 25.

Calls or Emails for more information on the above-mentioned sessions/events— Lauretta Stanley, 724-787-1989, or **lstanley@dioceseofgreensburg.org**

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