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A Parish in the Diocese of Greensburg
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January 21, 2024 ~ The 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



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All children ages 5 through 11 are invited to participate in this beautiful ritual of proclaiming God's Word with Children appropriate to their understanding. They are sent in a group with their leader before the readings and return to their families after the Creed. No sign-up is needed.

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Parish Office Hours & Phones

Monday-Friday 8:00am till 3:30pm
Office: 724-872-3555 FAX: 724-872-3373
Faith Formation: 724-872-3486
www.stannerostraver.org

For a Catholic to be a sponsor for the Sacraments of Baptism or Confirmation, one must be a practicing Catholic regularly attending Sunday Mass and receiving the Sacraments, a registered member of the Parish receiving contribution envelopes to support the Parish for a minimum of four months. **Young adults of parishioners who have earlier been under their parent's registration and who are now on their own and remain in the Parish must register as an adult parishioner and receive envelopes.** All requests for a certificate should be made four weeks in advance of the designated date needed for sponsorship.

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

Wednesdays at 3:00pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel in the Church. All are welcome.

Eucharistic Liturgies

Weekends: Saturday at 4:30pm
Sunday at 8am & 11am
Weekdays: Monday & Friday at 8am
Every Friday: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 7am
Holy Days & Civil Holidays:
Consult the Mass schedule in the bulletin.
Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday at 3:30pm

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK AND HOLY COMMUNION: Anointing and Holy Communion are available upon request to those who are sick, elderly or homebound. Families are requested to call the Parish Office to arrange a visit.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Baptism Preparation Catechesis is required for parents and sponsors prior to the child's baptism. Please call the Office of Faith Formation to register and arrange a time for the ceremony.

MASSES ++++++++ Next Week ++++++++ MINISTERS

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, January 20

4:30pm Robert G. White ~ Family

Sunday, January 21

8:00am Paul Yancich ~ Lorraine & Larry Damich

11:00am Living & Deceased of the Parish

Monday, January 22

8:00am Michael Krett ~ Jeffrey & Mary Krett

Winifred Oleksak ~ Church of St. Anne

Tuesday, January 23

Mass at Holy Family, W. Newton

Wednesday, January 24

Mass at Holy Family, W. Newton

Thursday, January 25

NO MASS

Friday, January 26

7:00am Exposition & Adoration

8:00am Annie Sabia ~ Gene Delia

4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, January 27

4:30pm Dolores Tegnella ~ husband, Ralph

Sunday, January 28

8:00am Living & Deceased of the Parish

11:00am Eli Martin ~ grandparents John & Linda

Dugan

**Jan.
27-28**

**Altar
Server**

**Euch.
Minister**

Lector

**SAT.
4:30pm**

**Ray
Delzangle**

**Beth
Brletich**

**Lauretta
Stanley**

**SUN.
8:00am**

**Joseph
Norelli**

**John
Civitello**

**Gene
Delia**

**SUN.
11:00am**

**Anna Corella
Sofia Corella**

**Shirley
Lazar**

**Erica
Browder**

NEW PARISHIONERS

You are warmly welcomed to our Parish.

Please register online at

www.stannerostraver.org or call or visit the

Parish Office. (724-872-3555)

**St. Anne's Community
Assistance Fund**



If you or someone you know from our Parish needs financial assistance, contact the office to find out what is available.

If you are aware of a homebound parishioner that would like to receive the Eucharist, please let us know in the office and we will contact them.

Please remember in your prayers all persons who are ill, those who are homebound and all those who need our prayers.

Confirmation

February 18th

Confirmation Retreat

Students Only

9:30 AM – 12:30 (Begins with Mass)

St. John the Baptist, Perryopolis

ALTAR BREAD AND WINE, ALTAR FLOWERS or SANCTUARY CANDLES may be offered in memory of a loved one or for a special intention. Please call the Parish Office early in the week for an upcoming weekend.



The Sanctuary Candle is lit this week in memory of the **All Victims of Abortion** from Carolyn & Andy Cannizzaro

Parish 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 worshipping 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.

READINGS & OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK

Readings for the week of January 21, 2024

Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20
 Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30 Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Mk 3:31-35
 Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20
 Thursday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18
 Friday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10/Mk 4:26-34
 Saturday am: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41
 Saturday pm: Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 (8)/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28
 Next Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 (8)/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

Observances for the week of January 21, 2024

Sunday: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Monday: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
 Tuesday: St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin
 Wednesday: St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
 Thursday: The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle
 Friday: Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops
 Saturday: St. Angela Merici, Virgin
 Next Sunday: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Celebrate Catholic Schools Week

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DISCIPLES OF PRAYER—Do you need someone to pray for you, a loved one, friend or a special intention? Please call the Parish Office for this request.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY FOR 1 / 14 / 2024

SUNDAY OFFERTORY + \$4,340.00
 ON-LINE GIVING + \$6,902.00
 TOTAL COLLECTION + \$11,242.00

ADDITIONAL DONATIONS:

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 CHRISTMAS + \$155.00
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SAVE THE DATE

All women are invited to our Lenten Prayer Breakfast sponsored by the Confraternity of Christian Mothers.

Where: St. Anne Social Hall

When: Saturday, February 24, 2024

Time: 9am to 12 noon

Watch the bulletin for further information.

"MIKE'S BRAIN GAME"

Thursday, Jan. 25th is the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul. Let's test are knowledge about the "14th Apostle."

- 1) Before changing his name Paul was called _____.
- 2) He was born in _____.
- 3) His profession was _____.
- 4) Paul was a citizen of _____.
- 5) Before his conversion, Paul hated _____ and he did not believe Jesus was the _____.
- 6) Paul was present at the stoning of _____, the first martyr.
- 7) Paul was traveling to _____ when Jesus appeared to him.
- 8) Paul met the Apostles through a follower named _____.
- 9) Paul made _____ journeys between 34AD and 61AD.
- 10) Paul convinced the Apostles that both Jews and _____ should become Christians.
- 11) Between 61AD-62AD, Paul was imprisoned in _____.
- 12) The Roman Emperor _____ had Paul executed.
- 13) The form of execution was _____.
- 14) Paul was martyred the same day as the Apostle _____ who was crucified.
- 15) The formal letters St. Paul wrote are called _____.

(1) Saul (2) Tarsus (3) tentmaker (4) Rome (5) Christians, messiah (6) Stephen (7) Damascus (8) Barnabas (9) 4 (10) Gentiles (11) Rome (12) Nero (13) beheading (14) Peter (15) epistles

3rd Sunday Ordinary Time

Each one of us has experienced inviting or being invited - for example, to a wedding or birthday party. Some of us have also experienced inviting or being invited to join a group or activity. Our approach to inviting someone or responding to an invitation may vary. In today's Gospel, Jesus talks about inviting or calling His first FOUR DISCIPLES. He said to the first two brothers, Simon and Andrew, "Come, follow me, and I will teach you how to fish for people." We understand that our Lord Jesus wants help from others in spreading His message: "The time has come, the Kingdom of God is near! So, turn away from your sins and believe in the Good News."

The question is: Why did Jesus' invite and ask for help in proclaiming the Kingdom of God? We can understand this if we look closely at the whole Gospel of St. Mark. In today's Gospel, it is mentioned that when John the Baptist was arrested, Jesus began to proclaim the Good News of God. And then He called the first disciples or apostles. What is the connection between John's arrest and the calling of the apostles? We know that John's life revealed what would also happen to Jesus. John was arrested and killed, and the same fate awaited Jesus (although it happened differently and on another occasion). John is like a preview or foreshadowing of what will happen to Jesus. Jesus knew this, and it was about to happen (when John was arrested). That's why He called people (the disciples) to continue His work or mission when He is no longer physically present. He called them to (1) continue His mission when He is gone and (2) keep His message about the Kingdom of God alive.

There are two elements we can learn from the Lord's call.

The first element: The call to follow the Lord is a call to transformation. The message "The Kingdom of God is near, so repent and believe in the Good News" is primarily for those who are being called, like the four disciples. Jesus calls His disciples to have a deep change of heart and mind before they can work with Him. The image of casting and mending nets symbolizes the disciples' concern about their source of income. Leaving their nets or even leaving their father doesn't mean rejecting their means of livelihood, but rather being willing to prioritize and commit themselves to the mission of spreading the Kingdom of God. The second element: we are asked to be missionaries to others. Jesus invites us to join Him in proclaiming the Kingdom of God because He wants us to share His mission and message with as many people as possible. He wants others to experience the love, mercy, and salvation that God offers. By inviting others to be part of His mission, Jesus shows that He values teamwork and wants to involve His followers in the important work of spreading the Good News. Jesus invites and asks for help in proclaiming the Kingdom of God because He wants to transform the hearts and minds of His followers and involve them in sharing His message with others. This shows His love, inclusivity, and desire for all people to know and experience God's love. Let us regularly assess our response to God's calling of following Him, by faithfully checking our inner transformation and our sense of mission. If we do have these, let us ask God's grace to become consistent and constant. Amen.

Every Friday before the 8:00am Mass, please join us for the Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Exposition is from 7:00am until 8:00am.





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SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2024
1:30 - 3:00 at St. Anne in the Church

Come to the 11 AM Mass - light lunch served at 12:30 PM

For lunch planning purposes, RSVP to Rachel Lewis by January 21st.
724-872-3486 or rlewis@dioceseofgreensburg.org

THANK YOU: Parishioners of St. Anne, thank you for your thoughtfulness and generosity during this Christmas Season! I appreciate you as you shared yourselves via cards, sentiments and tangible gifts! Leading a congregation in public worship and prayer is a two-way street. As you know throughout a given week, I lead the celebration of the Eucharist with diverse bodies of people distinct in histories but one in spirit via the Eucharist. Reflecting on your presence and the presence of the other weekly congregations pushes me to experience the common ground we have in Christ in the Eucharist and to find in the Scriptures what we in the faith hold together as central to our lives whether in the pews here in Westmoreland County, in the pews of the convent in the Bellevue community of Pittsburgh (with the religious women who lost the ownership of their long time home and are now tenants in that facility) or in the chairs of the chapel at the Allegheny County Jail. I realize that you did not get a vote on me being present in your parish but thank you for your acceptance, frankness and openness to being "Church" together! Again, thank you for your generosity and blessing in this year of 2024!

Father Rich

SCHEDULE FOR JAN. 22 ~ JAN. 28

Tue., Jan. 23: RCIA	6:30pm
Sun., Jan. 28: Faith Formation (St. Anne)	9:30am
Torah Luncheon (social hall).....	12:30pm
Torah Presentation (Church)	1:30pm



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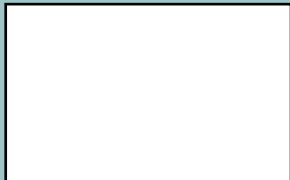
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