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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2021 | 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WELCOME

PARISH OFFICE

Monday - Friday

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Closed for lunch from 12:00 - 1:00 PM

MASS

Monday - Friday

11:45 AM

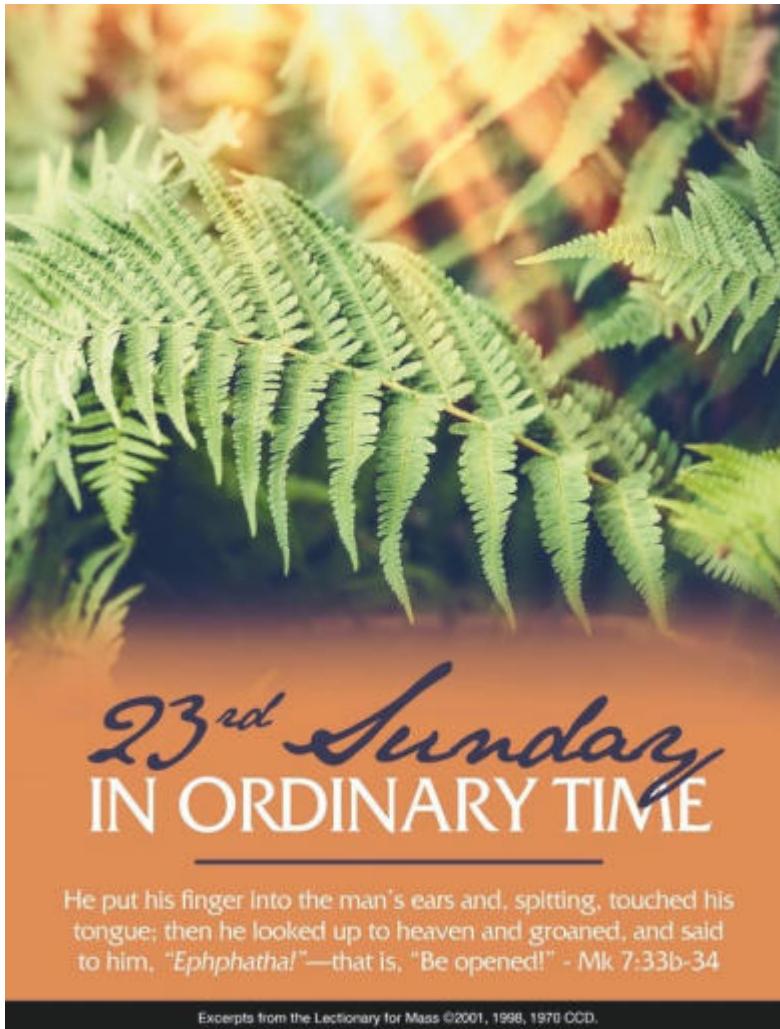
Saturday

Reconciliation: 11:00 AM

4:30 PM Vigil Mass

Sunday

8:30 AM & 11:00 AM



He put his finger into the man's ears and, splitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!"—that is, "Be opened!" - Mk 7:33b-34

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GREENSBURG CATHOLIC CEMETERY

Monday - Friday

8:00 AM - 1:00 PM (Office Hours)

(724) 836 - 4384

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(724) 834-7940

DAILY ROSARY

The public recitation of the Rosary is suspended until further notice.

Special Collection for Haiti Disaster

The USCCB has asked every diocese in the United States to take up a special collection to help the Church and the people of Haiti who were devastated by the earthquake that occurred there on August 14, 2021. This disaster has left thousands dead, wounded others, and caused catastrophic damage across one of the poorest countries in the world. The Diocese of Greensburg will respond to this urgent need with a special collection to support earthquake recovery on this weekend. Please pray for those who have lost so much, and thank you in advance for your generosity.



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READINGS FOR: Sunday, September 5, 2021

FIRST READING:

"Then will the eyes of the blind be opened, the ears of the deaf be cleared; then will the lame leap like a stag, then the tongue of the mute will sing." (Is 35:5-6)

PSALM:

Praise the Lord, my soul! (Ps 146)
Or Alleluia.

SECOND READING:

"Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him?" (Jas 2:5)

GOSPEL:

"He has done all things well. He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak." (Mk 7:37)



**Parish & Cemetery Offices will be closed
on Monday, September 6, 2021
in observance of Labor Day.
The offices will re-open on
Tuesday, September 7, 2021.**

The Labor Day Regional Mass will be held on Monday, September 6 at 9:00 a.m. at Saint Bruno Church. A light reception will follow in the Church Hall. All are invited.



BAPTISMAL CONGRATULATIONS

A child is a precious gift from God and baptism is God's gift wrapping.

We recently welcomed

Oscar Theodore Eckles

into the parish community through the saving waters of Baptism.

We rejoice for him, his parents, and all who celebrate their newborn lives in the family of God.

"I have held thee in the palm of my hand"
~Isaiah 51:16



WEEKLY LITURGICAL MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 4, 2021

4:30 PM For the Living and Deceased Members of Blessed Sacrament Cathedral

Sunday, September 5, 2021 - Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM Charlene Kapusta (Martin Kapusta - Husband)
Bishop Larry Kulick, presiding
Legion of Mary Mass

11:00 AM Frances & Harry Soles (Soles Family)

Monday, September 6, 2021 - Weekday

9:00 AM **Labor Day Regional Mass at St. Bruno**

Tuesday, September 7, 2021 - Weekday

11:45 AM Helen McCaffrey (Tom & Kendra Macko)

Wednesday, September 8, 2021 - The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

11:45 AM Frank Roskosh (Tom Roskosh-Son)

Thursday, September 9, 2021 - Saint Peter Claver, Priest

11:45 AM Albina Guerrieri (Margaret Ritz)

Friday, September 10, 2021 - Weekday

11:45 AM Albina Guerrieri (Sister Mary Edmund)

Saturday, September 11, 2021 - Weekday

11:00 AM Sacrament of Reconciliation

4:30 PM James Mondock (Mary Mondock-Wife)

Sunday, September 12, 2021 - Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM George & Eileen McHenry (Tim & Donna McHenry)

11:00 AM For the Living and Deceased Members of Blessed Sacrament Cathedral



SANCTUARY CANDLE



In acknowledging the Real Presence of Christ, the Tabernacle Candle will burn from September 4 through September 10 in Loving Memory of **Charlene Kapusta**

Requested by
Martin - Husband

PARISH SUPPORT

In order to meet our budgetary needs, Blessed Sacrament Cathedral requires an average of **\$18,000** per week in the regular offertory collection. Thank you for your generosity and support of Blessed Sacrament Cathedral Parish!

August 22, 2021

Sunday	\$9,876.00
Votive Candles	\$181.00
Families receiving envelopes	1,385
Envelopes used this week	120
Online Giving Active Parishioners	183

August 29, 2021

Sunday	\$11,810.00
Votive Candles	\$106.00
Cathedral Care	\$2,034.00
Families receiving envelopes	1,385
Envelopes used this week	129
Online Giving Active Parishioners	183

Online Giving is an easy way to make
your weekly contributions.

<https://osvhub.com/blessed-sacrament-cathedral/funds>

SECOND COLLECTIONS

September 12 Parish Social Ministry
September 26 Seminarian and Clergy Formation
Collection

Gospel Meditation - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

From the time we are born into this world until we die, our human radar picks up signals about how to respond to life. What we picked up on when we were very young carries an even greater power. The messages we receive and process tell us what we are “supposed” to do with our feelings, how to understand and cope with disappointment, anxiety, failure, death, illness, and what to expect out of life. As life unfolds for us, these radar messages kick in and resonate in us at very deep levels. Sometimes what we have learned is helpful and sometimes it is not. The stories we have been told, especially when we are young, about how life is best lived and how to negotiate its pain carry a heavy weight.

Life can be challenging and frightening. Sometimes, it really hurts to be a human being. It also can be quite unpredictable and, at times, unfair. We face our vulnerability and brokenness of all kinds: physical, emotional, and spiritual. It doesn’t take much for life to quickly fall apart. What we knew to be familiar and true is gone and something we relied upon, physically, emotionally, or spiritually, can be taken away. It is hard to confront our limitations and sit with our incompleteness. Often, life hurts us so much that we find ourselves sitting in a pool of sadness, not sure what we are supposed to do. It is particularly hard when the signals we have inherited tell us that we need to be successful in what we do, and we have to avoid life’s unfairness. We can feel like a failure, wondering what precisely we did to deserve this fate, or ruminate about what we did not do correctly. But it’s really not about us. We are part of a bigger picture and a much more fascinating story!

If we cease doing battle with life’s incompleteness and see ourselves, as God does, on a journey toward wholeness and completeness we can better accept our disappointments and stand firm. The prophets told us, and Jesus reassured us: Be strong! Fear not! Sometimes we have to update our stories and replace them with newer, more accurate ones. When we make God’s story our own and tune our radar into His voice, what we hear is all about restoration, healing, and rejuvenation! This is true even when we think we have hit rock bottom and can go no further. There is always hope. Remember the words of Julian of Norwich: God made us, God loves us, and God keeps us. Now, listen to God when He says, “be opened!” Be healed and allow your stories to change.

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Required Clearances for Volunteers Are Due!

Please read — We are in the process of going through all of the clearance files of volunteers to see who is out of compliance with the Diocese. All volunteers must complete the four clearances listed below before a person can volunteer at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral.

When you are ready to update your clearances from 2015 or 2016 (5 years), the clearance links can all be found on the Diocesan website www.dioceseofgreensburg.org under the heading YOUTH PROTECTION: PA CHILD SERVICES. The clearances that are Diocese mandated for renewal are:

1. The PA Criminal History Report
2. PA Child Abuse History Certification
3. A *notarized* Volunteer Affidavit if PA residency of 10 or more years **or** FBI Fingerprints for PA Residency of less than 10 years. Please make sure that your affidavit is *notarized*.
4. Virtus – Recertification Training (*For those who completed Virtus 2015 or 2016*)

Women's Faith Sharing group will meet in the Formation Center Thursday evening from 6:30 to 8 PM. For information please contact Caroline Andros at 724-420-7469.

Blessed Sacrament Cathedral Catholic Men's Fellowship meets in person in the Church Hall at 6:45 AM on Saturday mornings. There are also 2 additional meeting opportunities during the week via Zoom. We would be happy to welcome men at any of the 3 sessions offered each week.

Please contact:
Andy (412-759-1715 or andyb9530@comcast.net)
or Michael (724-691-2191 or zempyeer@gmail.com)
for more information.

**There will be no CMF meeting
Saturday 9/25/21.**

All men are encouraged to attend
THE WELL - Diocesan Men's Conference.

Check out the LightHouse Kiosk in the vestibule of the Church for excellent spiritual reading materials!



Faith Formation Update

It's time to register your child or children for Faith Formation if you haven't already done so for the upcoming school year! Please check our website for a form or contact Sister Jeanne Marie 723-834-3710 ext. 35 for more details.

The sessions will begin on September 12 via zoom for the first month.

More information will be sent to each family through the weekly email. Books and materials can be picked up at the office Tuesday through Friday September 7-10 from 10:00am-3:00 pm.

RCIA

Are you or do you know someone who is interested in becoming a Catholic? Come ~ ask questions and learn about the Catholic Church! Inquiry sessions will be held Tuesday evenings from 7:00-9:00 pm (via zoom for now) beginning September 7, 2021.



Please contact Sister Jeanne Marie at 724-834-3710 x 35 for more information.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Catholic Arts Biennial Sept. 6-Oct. 29 at Saint Vincent College

The eighth Catholic Arts Biennial will be on display Sept. 6-Oct. 29 in the Verostko Center for the Arts at Saint Vincent College, Latrobe. An opening reception is planned for Sunday, Sept. 12, beginning with a lecture on contemporary Christian art from juror David Brinker at 1 p.m. in the Fred M. Rogers Center on campus. Mr. Brinker is the director of the Museum of Contemporary Religious Art at Saint Louis University. To register for the reception, visit <https://hipaa.jotform.com/212266403825149>. Appointments are required to view the exhibition; for information, email verostkocenter@stvincent.edu. Masks are required indoors.

'Lazarus' movie at St. Bruno Parish, South Greensburg, Sept. 11

St. Bruno Parish, South Greensburg, will present "Lazarus The Movie," a Scripture-based musical produced by Alabaster Productions, Saturday, Sept. 11, at 7 p.m. Refreshments will be available at 6:15. Masks and social distancing will be required. Tickets are \$10, \$5 for children under 12. For reservations, call 724-516-5189.

Movie Nights

St. James Parish, New Alexandria, will host outdoor movie nights featuring episodes of "The Chosen" on Saturdays, Sept. 18 and 25 and Oct. 2 and 9 from 6-9 p.m. Take lawn chairs. Food and popcorn will be available. Movies will be shown inside if necessary. A follow-up formation program for adults will be offered each following Tuesday at 6 p.m. in the social hall. For information, call the parish office at 724-668-2829 for more information.

Millions in Catholic school tuition assistance available

SPREAD THE NEWS! The 12 Diocese of Greensburg Catholic schools now have millions of dollars in tuition assistance available! Become a TOP Student today. Visit <http://www.CatholicSchoolsGuide.org> or call 724-552-2565.

Catholic Charities planning two fundraisers

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg will host a farm to table dinner with Bishop Larry J. Kulick Thursday, Sept. 16, from 6-9 p.m. at Sanaview Farms, Champion (cost is \$95 per person), and a DIY chunky blanket and knit project workshop Thursday, Oct. 7 at the Wooden Loft, Greensburg. For information or to register for either event, visit www.ccharitiesgreensburg.org and click on "Fundraisers."

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

Sponsorship Forms



Forms for parish members to serve as sponsors for Baptism or Confirmation can be completed in the Parish Office or with a priest at a weekend Mass. To act as a sponsor, you must be at least 16 years old, a practicing Catholic who has received Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist. If married, it must be within the guidelines of the Catholic Church. Call the Parish Office to make an appointment.

Baptisms



By appointment only. Contact Katie Zuzik in the Parish Office at least three months in advance of the Baptism. A class for parents is required to reflect on the meaning of the sacrament, review the Ceremony and to highlight the importance of family commitment to practicing the Catholic Faith. The requirements for Godparents are the same as for sponsors and can be found above and on the Parish website. Please contact Katie with any questions.

Weddings



Contact Sister Jeanne Marie Vonder Haar, A.S.C.J. in the Parish Office at least six months in advance. Do not set a date until contacting the Parish Office. Pre-marriage preparation classes are required.

50th Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass

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 at 3:00 PM. Even though personal circumstances may not permit individuals to participate in the Mass, all registered couples will receive a scroll signed by the bishop commemorating their anniversary.

Support the 2021 Missions of Faith Appeal



Missions in Action: Help support the tidal wave of need.

Prayerfully consider visiting www.DioceseofGreensburg.org/Missions to support the 2021

Missions of Faith Appeal of the Diocese of Greensburg.

Knight of Columbus Corner

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STAYING CONNECTED TO THE CATHEDRAL PARISH

You may not know that we have a **NEW PARISH APP!** This is the easiest way to get updates and the most recent information on things happening in the parish and especially for our Faith Formation and Liturgical events. **Our previous parish app is no longer functioning.** You will need to download this new App. Our new App is called "**WeConnect!**" from LPI.

To download our new app: Visit our parish website www.blessedsacramentcathedral.org. Search the main page for the "Parish App" tab. Simply click on the links for either Google Play or Apple from your smartphone or tablet to be taken directly to the app in the store.

If you are on **FACEBOOK**, please be aware that Blessed Sacrament Cathedral also has a Facebook page. Mass is also streamed on our YouTube channel.

All of the above information is also available on our parish website: www.blessedsacramentcathedral.org as well as in our parish bulletin available at weekend Masses and on our website electronically.

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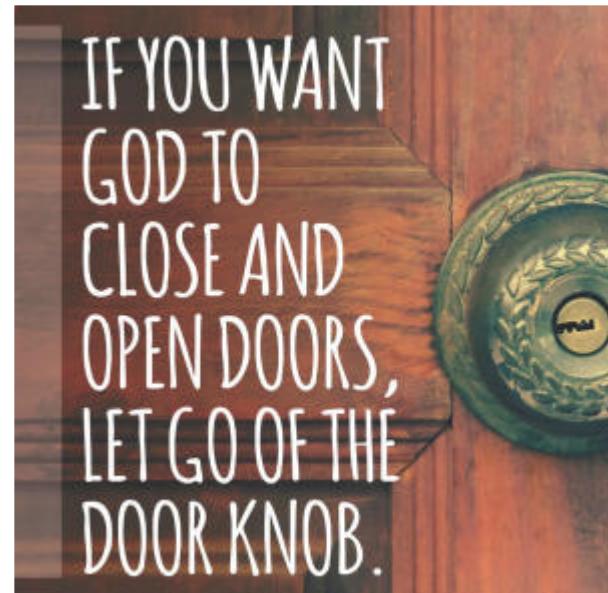
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724-834-3710 x 44

SVdP Food Pantry:

724-836-0175

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Joanne Hudock 724-834-1718

Become a Member of Blessed Sacrament Cathedral

Welcome! It is a great joy to welcome new members to our parish community. Please register as soon as possible in order to participate in our various programs, ministries and activities. Drop this form in the collection basket and we will send you a detailed registration form. If you are already a member and have changed any of your personal information please call the Parish Office or return the changes on the form below.



Name: _____

Address: _____

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