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SUNDAY, APRIL 24, 2022 | SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

WELCOME

PARISH OFFICE

Monday - Friday

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM (Office Hours)

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

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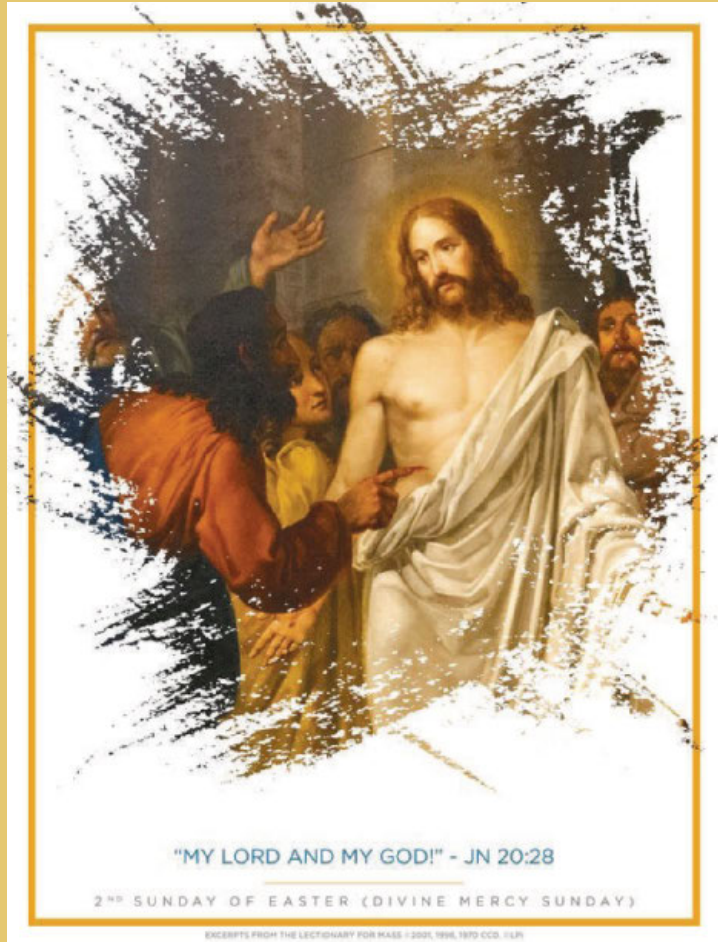
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DAILY ROSARY

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



Bishop to Celebrate Divine Mercy April 24 at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg

Bishop Larry J. Kulick welcomes all of the faithful, along with the clergy of the Diocese, to join him for a liturgical celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday, April 24 at 1:30 p.m. in St. Joseph Chapel at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg. Weather permitting, the Eucharistic procession will be outdoors. Divine Mercy celebrates the love that Christ has for all of us, despite our sins that separate us from Him. Always celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter, the liturgy commemorates the Divine Mercy of Christ, as revealed to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, a Polish nun.



READINGS FOR: Sunday, April 24, 2022

First Reading:

Yet more than ever, believers in the Lord, great numbers of men and women, were added to them. (Acts 5:14)

Psalm:

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting. (Ps 118)
Or Alleluia.

Second Reading:

"I am the first and the last, the one who lives. Once I was dead, but now I am alive forever and ever." (Rev 1:17-18)

Gospel:

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst. (Jn 20:19)

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Altar Servers Needed!

We will be holding two training sessions for New Altar Servers on May 7, 2022 and May 14, 2022 from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm. Children in Grade 2 who will be making their First Communion who want to serve should attend these training sessions. Altar Serving is open to anyone from Grades 2 and up. The server should plan on attending both sessions so they can have as much practice as possible. Parents should plan on attending for the first 15 minutes of either session so they can get important information. Please call or email Katie Zuzik in the parish office to sign yourself or your child up:

724-834-3710 ext. 11 or
kzuzik@dioceseofgreensburg.org.

RESURRECTION CELEBRATION

Plans are underway for a
Resurrection Celebration
Saturday, April 30, 5:30 pm
in the Church Social Hall!

Join us for a light dinner & fellowship!

We must have your

RSVP by Tuesday, April 26!

Call or text Lyn Kedzierski, (H) 724-836-2568
(C) 724-420-8911 with your response.

If you are able, bring a dessert in a disposable container to share. We will need help with set-up, serving, drink table, dessert table, busing tables, clean-up, and 50/50 raffle.

Sign up sheets will be in the lobby or call Lyn if you can help.

We hope you will come!



WEEKLY LITURGICAL MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 23, 2022

4:30 PM Nancy Martz (Donna Dutchko)

Sunday, April 24, 2022 - Second Sunday of Easter

Divine Mercy Sunday

8:30 AM Mary Dolores Johnston (Johnston Family)

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

Monday, April 25, 2022 - Saint Mark, Evangelist

11:45 AM Carol Marasco (Piasecky Family)

Tuesday, April 26, 2022 - Easter Weekday

11:45 AM Mary A. Lusnak (Catherine Manoledes - Sister)

Wednesday, April 27, 2022 - Easter Weekday

11:45 AM Barbara Petzel (Brother & Sister)

Thursday, April 28, 2022 - Easter Weekday

11:45 AM L. Richard Zappone (Family)

Friday, April 29, 2022 - Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

11:45 AM David Fidazzo, Sr. (Family)

Saturday, April 30, 2022 - Easter Weekday

11:00 AM Sacrament of Reconciliation

4:30 PM Anthony & Cass Lazor (John & Debbie Wilson - Daughter)

Sunday, May 1, 2022 - Third Sunday of Easter

8:30 AM For the Living and Deceased Members of Blessed Sacrament Cathedral

11:30 AM Gary Abbs (Barish Family)



SANCTUARY CANDLE



In acknowledging the Real Presence of Christ, the Tabernacle Candle will burn from April 23 through April 29 in Loving Memory of

Michael Pezze

Requested by
David & Barbara - Parents

Faith Formation News

The last in person session will be on Sunday, May 15 at the FFC. There will be an ice cream social after the 11:00 am mass on that Sunday in the Social Hall.

The last Family Faith Formation Sunday will be May 22 via zoom. This will be the last FF session of the year before summer break.

Confirmation Meeting

The Confirmation Meeting is this Sunday, **April 24** during the regular Confirmation Prep Session at 7:00 pm via zoom. Parents and candidates of the families both in public and catholic school are expected to participate in this very important meeting. More details will follow. All the candidates are expected to participate in our Confirmation Retreat before they celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation. Our retreat has been scheduled for **Sunday, May 15 from 1:00 -5:00 pm**, followed by a pizza dinner for the candidates and their families along with all those in Youth Ministry and their families. More information will be given about this at the meeting on April 24.

First Communion Information: The Family Retreat for First Eucharist is scheduled for April 30 in person at the Social Hall from 9:00-11:30. The practice originally scheduled for First Eucharist on Saturday, May 21 is canceled because of the priestly ordination. We will practice with **all** the children on **Sunday, May 15** during Faith Formation time, from 9:30-10:45 am. This practice will take place in church. First Eucharist is scheduled for May 22 at 2:00 pm. More details will follow.

New Adult Faith Formation

The Early Christians: New Series for May 5, 12 and 19.

How did the religion of Love survive paganism and barbarianism? The Empire persecuted the Christians and was eventually converted. The Barbarians sacked Rome, but were converted too. How did the first Christians live? Who were their most terrible enemies: idols, lions, Jews, or heretics? How did they defend their faith? How did they propagate it?

Join us for this new series beginning on Thursday, May 5 at the Faith Formation Center from 7:00-9:00 pm. This is an in-depth new film series that explores our amazing story of the witnesses of the early Christians and the spread of Christianity. Contact Sister Jeanne Marie at 724-834-3710 x 35 for more information.

Film Study:

Resurrection based on a short story by Max Lucado



Claudius, a Roman guard, finds himself in the middle of a cover-up regarding the tumultuous events following Christ's execution. As he investigates further, he discovers that the religious leaders, the Roman government officials, and even his closest friends are attempting to hide something important from him. His relentless pursuit of answers to his growing questions, threatens his reputation - and even his life. Resurrection is the story of one man's quest for truth and the discovery that leads to his renewal. Come join us for the viewing of this film on Thursday, April 28, 7:00 PM at the Faith Formation Center. Contact Sister Jeanne Marie at 724-834-3710 x 35 for more information.

Attention New Volunteers!

If you are interested in being a new volunteer for any Blessed Sacrament Cathedral Ministry and are 18 or over, you need to complete a VIRTUS Session. We are holding an in person session on Monday, May 2 at 6:30 pm. You will need to register for the session by calling the parish office: 724-834-3710. You can choose ext. 23 for Linda, 16 for Cindy, 11 for Katie. **This is for new volunteers only**, as current volunteers only need to complete the 15-minute re-certification on-line.

Choirs are Back!

Our choirs are back, and we want you to join us! We have several opportunities for music ministry participation. For more information about any of these ensembles, please contact Chris Pardini, Director of Liturgy and Music, at 724.834.3710 Ext. 21 or cpardini@dioceseofgreensburg.org.

Cathedral Choir

The Cathedral Choir is the primary vocal ensemble of the Cathedral parish. The choir sings at the 11:00 AM Sunday Mass and performs a varied repertoire.

Rehearsals are held every Sunday morning 9:50a – 10:30a. There is no midweek commitment, only Sunday mornings. While your kids are in Faith Formation, stop by the Cathedral church and join us!

Funeral Choir

The Funeral Choir provides musical leadership for funeral liturgies at the Cathedral. No audition is required; however, **availability during weekday mornings is required.**

Cathedral Cantors

Cantors provide musical leadership at liturgies (Sundays and Holy Days). Contact Chris Pardini to learn more and to schedule an audition.

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!

Sunday, April 10, 2022

Sunday \$12,921.00
Votive Candles \$257.00

Families receiving envelopes 1,357
 Envelopes used this week 161
 Online Giving Active Parishioners 219

Sunday, April 17, 2022

Easter Sunday \$19,948.00
Votive Candles \$125.00
Easter Flowers \$1,373.00
Holy Thursday \$1,275.00
Good Friday \$1,262.00

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 Envelopes used this week 203
 Online Giving Active Parishioners 219

Thank you for your generosity and support of Blessed Sacrament Cathedral Parish!

Online Giving is an easy way to make your weekly contributions by going to <https://osvhub.com/blessed-sacrament-cathedral/funds>. If Online Giving is not an option for you, please consider writing a check for added security as opposed to putting cash in your weekly envelope.

Second Collections

MAY

May 8 Parish Social Ministry
 May 15 Communication's Media
 May 26 The Ascension of the Lord

Reserve Parking Space Reminder

Given that we are receiving regular assistance from visiting clergy, we need to leave the Visiting Clergy parking sign up in the small Church parking lot so that the parking space is available whenever it is needed.

~ We would appreciate it if you **do not** park in any space that has a reserve sign present. ~

Our parishioners keep our ministries vibrant! If you are considering donating to the parish, you can drop it in the basket on Sunday, bring it to the parish office, mail it in or make your donation online at www.donate.DiocesefofGreensburg.org Thank you for your support!



2022 Diocesan Lenten Appeal

	*Diocesan Goal	Pledged	% Achieved
Dollar Amount	\$106,450	\$165,479	155%
No. of Gifts	1492	398	27%

*Please note that totals are received from the Diocese and published Monday or Tuesday. These totals are as of 4/19/2022

USCCB vetted organizations that will accept aid for people of Ukraine

Bishop Larry J. Kulick asks the faithful of the Diocese of Greensburg to assist the Ukrainian Nation and its people by praying for them as this tragic conflict unfolds. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has released a variety of reputable Catholic agencies that are collecting donations to aid with the humanitarian crisis as people flee to escape Russian bombing and shelling. Those agencies and information on how to contribute are listed our the Diocese website. Please visit

DioceseOfGreensburg.org/HelpForUkraine

to learn more about Catholic Relief Services, Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy, Catholic Near East Welfare Association, Aid to Church in Need, Knights of Columbus Ukraine Solidarity Fund, Jesuit Refugee Service, International Catholic Migration Commission, among others.

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 and speak with any of the ladies in the office, our office hours are 10 AM - 3 PM.

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.

WEEKLY INFORMATION AT A GLANCE

Sunday, April 24, 2022

9:45-10:45 AM Faith Formation [FC]

7:30-8:30 PM Youth Ministry [FC]

Tuesday, April 26, 2022

7:00-9:00 PM RCIA [FC]

Wednesday, April 27, 2022

7:00-8:30 PM Bible Study [Zoom]

Thursday, April 28, 2022

6:30-8:00 PM Women's Faith Sharing [FC]

Saturday, April 30, 2022

6:45 AM BSC Catholic Men's Fellowship [Social Hall]

9:00-11:30 AM Family 1st Eucharist Retreat [Social Hall]

5:30-7:30 PM Resurrection Celebration [Social Hall]

Aquinas Academy Openings

Aquinas Academy has openings in Preschool through Grade 6 for the 2022-2023 school year. Our school offers a faith-based curriculum and small class sizes. Financial assistance is available for students entering Kindergarten to grade 6. To schedule a private tour, please call the school office at 724-834-7940 ext. 401 or email Ms. Watkins at kwatkins@aquinasacademy.org.

STAYING CONNECTED TO THE CATHEDRAL PARISH

You may not know that we have a **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 be available on our parish website: www.blessedsacramentcathedral.org as well as in our parish bulletin available at weekend Masses and on our website electronically.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Magnificat Breakfast

The Greensburg Chapter of Magnificat-A Ministry to Catholic Women is holding a breakfast at Rizzo's Banquet Hall, 126 Rizzo Road, Crabtree, on Saturday, April 30, 2022 from 9:00am – 12:00pm. Guest speaker will be Pat Higginbotham, a member of Magnificat's Central Service Team and former coordinator of Morgantown Magnificat. Cost is \$23.00, \$18 for students. To register, please call Brenda by April 25 at 724-836-2094 or visit www.magnificatgreensburg.com to download a registration form. Please note that there is no online registration.

Virtual Certificate in Pastoral Ministry program planned for summer

The Certificate in Pastoral Ministry program will be offered again in summer 2022 and is now going virtual! If you think you are called to be a catechist, teacher, youth minister, evangelist, pastoral associate or permanent deacon, or some other similar area of ministry, this two-year program will give you the tools you need. The program is offered in conjunction with Seton Hill University and financial aid is available. Find out more at www.DioceseofGreensburg.org/pastoralministry.

Matters of Sexual Misconduct Information

If you have any suspicion about the sexual abuse (or any other type of abuse) of a minor child by anyone — please contact PA ChildLine immediately at 1-800-932-0313. If the alleged abuser is functioning in a parish, school or diocesan position as clergy, religious, paid staff or volunteer you are also requested to contact the Bishop's Delegate for Matters of Sexual Misconduct after you have called the ChildLine number and made the report. The Bishop's Delegate may be reached at 724-837-0901, ext. 1221.

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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.



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