



# Our Lady of the Assumption

A Parish of the Diocese of Greensburg  
A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust



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## PARISH OFFICE

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## OFFICE HOURS

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri  
9:00 am—1:30 pm  
Afternoon—by appointment only  
Closed Wednesday

## SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday 4:00 pm - Lucernemines  
Sunday 8:00 am - Coral

Schedule for daily Masses, Holy Days, & other services can be found inside.

## SECOND COLLECTION – CHRISTMAS MASSES

The annual Children and Family Services Appeal collection to support the work of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg will be taken at all Christmas Masses . Christmas reminds us of the gift of God’s own Son, Jesus Christ, given to each of us without question of our merit or eligibility. Please support this appeal and make your contribution to help change the future of an individual, family or child.

## SACRAMENTS

### Baptism:

All arrangements, including confirmation of the date, must be made with the parish office.

Sponsors must provide proof of eligibility by a letter from their respective pastors, must have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Communion and Confirmation. Sponsors, if married, must either be married in the Church or with the Church's permission. Parents must attend Baptismal Preparation, which is regularly scheduled throughout the year.

### Marriage:

Arrangements must be made directly with the pastor at least 6 months before the date of the wedding. Marriage preparation is required and couples are asked to speak to the priest first before setting a date. Couples, rather than parents, should contact the priest. If either party was previously married, an annulment must be granted prior to the selection of a future wedding date.

## Christmas Mass Schedule

Monday, December 24—  
4:00 pm, Lucernemines

Monday, December 24  
10:00 pm, Coral

Tuesday, December 25  
10:00 am, Coral

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## Gospel

### Third Sunday of Advent Invitation to Joy Reflection

**J**ohn the Baptist preaches repentance and a baptism of conversion to prepare the way for the Messiah. John addresses the crowds to practice charity. He then addresses tax collectors to tax justly, aiming for better morals. Lastly, he tells the soldiers not to abuse their power and position but act with justice. John wants to cleanse and transform society through ceremonial baptism and moral order as he prepares human hearts for the coming Messiah. This is part of the prophetic genius of John. Society can only be truly transformed when human lives are changed.



## MARCH FOR LIFE

Please join us, Indiana March for Life group on **Friday, January 18th**, as we travel by bus to Washington, D.C. on the anniversary of the Supreme Court's infamous *Roe v Wade* decision. We will petition Congress to protect the right to life of every born and pre-born human being. For bus reservations and/or further information, call Bill Ager at 724-465-4522. **Deadline for bus reservations is January 10, 2019. Seating is limited! CALL NOW!**

## Thank you from Share the Joy

Thank you for your wonderful response to the Share the Joy Christmas program. The gifts will be distributed to the needy families and adults this week. Our parishioners are always very generous. You have made the Christmas season brighter for our neighbors in need.



## Christmas Mass Ministers Needed

We are still in need of three more ushers for the 4:00 pm Mass at Lucernemines on December 24. One altar server is needed for the 10:00 pm Mass at Coral on December 24 and for the 10:00 am Mass in Coral on December 25 we need one altar server and one or two lectors. If you are available please call Connie Diven in the parish office at 724-479-9542, ext. 10.

**Sympathy & Prayers to the Families of** Richard Adamson, whose funeral was on Thursday, December 6 and Irvin Kuta whose funeral was on Monday, December 10. May their souls and all of the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace.



## Advent Penance Services

Monday, December 17, 7 pm,  
Our Lady of the Assumption Parish, Lucernemines

Tuesday, December 18, 7 pm, Saint Sylvester Parish, Slickville

Wednesday, December 19, 7 pm,  
Saints Simon & Jude Parish, Blairsville



### Sacred Heart of Jesus Council 10960 / Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus will meet on Wednesday, December 19 beginning with the Rosary at 7:15 pm followed by the business meeting at 7:30 pm

### Catholic Charities offers counseling for individuals, couples and families

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg offers faith-based assistance with anxiety, depression, grief and loss, interpersonal conflicts, recovery support, parenting and family issues, anger management and other personal and family issues. Counseling is provided by licensed, professional and experienced therapists. Fees are low, and many insurances accepted. Offices are located in Greensburg, Indiana, Uniontown, Kittanning and New Kensington. For more information or an appointment, call 724-837-1840 or email [counseling@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:counseling@dioceseofgreensburg.org).

### Natural Family Planning instruction Feb. 4

Natural Family Planning CM-BBT instruction will be Feb. 4 at 6 p.m. in the Catholic Charities office in Greensburg. Please call at least one week prior to the instruction date to preregister. Contact Mary Ann Newhouse at Catholic Charities at 724-837-1840, ext. 1658 for additional information or to register for this or an upcoming class. For more information about Natural Family Planning and the CM-BBT method, visit [www.ccharitiesgreensburg.org](http://www.ccharitiesgreensburg.org) and link into Natural Family Planning under "Services."



### Koeze Candy and Nuts

Looking for a last minute Christmas gift? The Christian Mothers have a few extra Koeze Nut and Candy items left. If interested in purchasing any, please call Jackie at 724-479-8885.



The flowers at the Altar this weekend are in memory of Nick and Nicholas Rash by mom, sisters and brother.



### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL THRIFT STORE

Located in the Bi Lo Plaza on N. 4th St. (Indiana)

Mon., Wed., Thurs., Fri., 10am—4pm;

Tues. 10am-5pm, Sat. 10am—3pm

**5-Day Santa's Bag Sale \$5**

**Closed December 22 thru January 2**

### Year-end charitable giving

As the end of the year approaches, there are ways you can make a gift to support your parish and the church and receive a tax benefit, even if you don't itemize deductions. If you are 70 ½ or older and required to take a minimum distribution from your IRA by the end of the year, present law allows use of an IRA charitable rollover without having to pay tax on the withdrawal for gifts to specific charities. For information, contact your IRA administrator or The Catholic Foundation at 724-552-2504 or [jdimario@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:jdimario@dioceseofgreensburg.org)

### Offertory Contributions

In order to receive credit for your contributions for 2018, you must have your offertory and special collection envelopes into the parish office by Monday, December 31, 2018. If you attend another parish and put your envelopes into their basket to be mailed back to our parish, please remember that there could be a delay of up to a week between the time they are mailed to us and we receive them in the office. If the envelopes arrive AFTER December 31, 2018, these contributions will be credited to the 2019 tax year.

## Faith Formation News

### Faith Formation Classes

K-5 Faith Formation will meet on Sunday, December 16 from 9:30 am—11:15 am in Podowski Hall.

### Thank You

Thank you to all who contributed to the food drive sponsored by the 6th grade Faith Formation Class.

### Reminder

Parents and those receiving First Reconciliation are reminded of the Penance Service on December 17 at 7:00 pm at the Lucerne Worship Site.

### Reminder—Come join the fun!!!

We will be having a Youth Group Pizza and Movie Night which is open to all grades 6-8 on Sunday, December 16 from 5:30-7:30 pm at Podowski Hall, Lucernemines Worship Site.

DECEMBER 8/9, 2018	OFFERTORY
Adult Offertory	\$5,525.00
Loose Offertory	\$465.00
Children's Offertory	\$15.00
Total Ordinary Income	\$6,005.00
Votive Candles	\$183.25
Maintenance	\$219.00
Flowers	\$707.00
Catholic Accent	\$146.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$20.00
World Mission	\$20.00
Children/Family	\$5.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$5.00
Immaculate Conception	\$1,117.00
Christmas	\$5.00
Poverty Relief/CRS	\$35.00
Cemetery	\$142.00



**MASS INTENTIONS***For December 15-23, 2018***SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15** Lucernemines

No Sacrament of Reconciliation

3:30 pm Rosary for Peace

Anticipated Mass-*Third Sunday of Advent*

4:00 pm - Pro populo

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16-** Coral*Third Sunday of Advent*

8:00 am - +Nick Rado

*(Len & Julie Rado)***MONDAY, DECEMBER 17-** Lucernemines

8:00 am - +Betty Cook

*(Barbara & Gary Welsh)*7:00 pm **ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE,  
LUCERNEMINES****TUESDAY , DECEMBER 18-** Coral

8:00 am - +John Angelini

*(Wife & Family)***WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19** - Lucernemines

8:00 am - +Fernando Gauad Gumangan

*(Mike & Irene Grimes)***THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20** - Coral

8:00 am - +George Stelma

*(Pat & Chris)***FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21** - NO MASS**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22** - Lucernemines

No Sacrament of Reconciliation

3:30 pm Rosary for Peace

Anticipated Mass- *Fourth Sunday of Advent*

4:00 pm Mass - +Ben &amp; Jule Carnish

*(Carolyn & Bob Short)***SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23** - Coral*Fourth Sunday of Advent*

8:00am - +John &amp; Magdalene Baird

*(Son & Family)***MINISTRY SCHEDULE—DECEMBER 22/23**

	<b>Sat., December 22</b> 4:00 pm - Lucerne	<b>Sun., December 23</b> 8:00 am - Coral
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Caleb P. Gionna P.	Ashlyn B. Joseph S.
<b>Lector</b>	Teresa T.	Mary Ann C.
<b>E.M.H.C.</b>	Bonnie C., Jenny F., Barb W.	Barbara C., Terry C. Marianna R.
<b>Ushers</b>	Bernadette P. Edward P.	Rosalie A., Robert B.