



Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 18, 2018

OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION PARISH



*A Parish of the Diocese of Greensburg
A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust*

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday

Sacrament of Reconciliation—
3:00 p.m. (consult bulletin for any
changes in the schedule .)
Rosary before Mass—3:30 p.m.
4:00 p.m.—Lucernemines

Sunday

8:00 a.m. – Coral

**SCHEDULE FOR DAILY MASSES,
HOLY DAYS, & OTHER SERVICES
CAN BE FOUND INSIDE.**

SACRAMENT OF 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, and 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.

SACRAMENT OF 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.

Parish Office:

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Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Afternoon—by appointment only
Closed Wednesday
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Parish Registration

Members must be registered and attending Mass in the parish for six
months before scheduling a baptism, marriage, or requesting a sponsor
certificate.

THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The End of the World?

FIRST READING

~Daniel 12:1-3~

The short reading from Daniel is often interpreted to refer prophetically to the end of time. If we consider the number of TV shows and movies that concern the end times, we might be tempted to think that we are overly obsessed with thinking about the end of the world. This preoccupation, however, does not properly reverence the Second Coming of Christ. The Benedictine liturgist Adrian Nocent, in commenting on this passage from Daniel, gives us a profound insight into the proper Catholic orientation toward the end of time: "Christians today do not think enough about the parousia, or second coming of Christ; we tend to reflect exclusively on our death and our appearance before the judgment seat of God. This is because we are not sufficiently conscious that we belong to a Kingdom that must someday enter its final and definitive state. This does not mean, of course, that we should be uninterested in our individual, personal salvation; it means only that we should view this in the perspective of the final and all-embracing passage of this world to its final state and condition at the last judgment. The 'last judgment'" is in any case more than simply a judgment and should not be approached purely in a spirit of fear lest we be punished. It is also God's great act of reconstruction, and we can be sure that God will produce something unimaginably new and great. The Christian expectation of final redemption should take the form of a lively, joyous hope of that great act of reconstruction" (The Liturgical Year, vol. 4, Liturgical Press, Collegeville, 1977).

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SECOND READING

~Hebrews 10:11-14, 188~

The author of Hebrews contrasts the priests in the Temple who make a daily offering with Christ, who, after his one sacrifice of his life on the Cross "took his seat forever at the right hand of God" (Heb. 10:11-12). Christ, as the High Priest of the New Covenant, offers only a single sacrifice that is sufficient for the redemption of all our sins. The merit of the sacrifice of God's eternal Son is of infinite value. What could possibly be added to an infinite sacrifice? Christ's sacrifice is once and for all. Nothing could add to it; complete atonement has been made, and we have received forgiveness of all sins through the merits of Christ's sacrifice on Calvary. So why do priests offer up the Mass daily? Does this not repeat the sacrifice of Calvary? The Mass does not repeat Christ's sacrifice, but rather re-presents the one and same sacrifice on the Cross. In such a way, the priest does not re-sacrifice Christ. *The Catechism of the Catholic Church* states this clearly: "The redemptive sacrifice of Christ is unique, accomplished once for all; yet it is made present in the Eucharistic sacrifice of the Church. The same is true of the one priesthood of Christ; it is made present through the ministerial priesthood without diminishing the uniqueness of Christ's priesthood: "Only Christ is the true priest, the others being only his ministers" (art. 1545). The Mass is a mysterious, miraculous re-presentation of Christ's death in an unbloody manner. What happened in the past on Calvary is truly present in the Eucharistic sacrifice. Christ is the Second Person of the Holy Trinity, which means that his

eternal sacrifice is once and for all, and is made present by his miraculous action through the priest, who acts *in persona Christi*, or in the person of Christ. The Old Testament priests offered new sacrifices every day. In the New Covenant, priests re-present, or offer, one sacrifice, which is the sacrifice of Christ. Every Mass is the same sacrifice, that is, Calvary made present. © 2017 Augustine Institute. All rights reserved.

GOSPEL

~Mark 13:24-32~

Some commentators believe that this passage, along with its parallels in Matthew 24 and Luke 21 as demonstrating Jesus's confusion about the end of time. "I assure you that this generation shall not pass away until all these things take place." Some argue that Jesus was here indicating that the end of the world would come soon, even though that did not actually happen, which proves that Jesus did not fully understand when the world would end. This interpretation, however, ignores the internal evidence of the text. Chapter 13 begins with the disciples and Jesus discussing the destruction of the Temple (not the world), and the disciples ask when this destruction will occur. Jesus replies that it will occur within a generation; at this time, a "generation" was thought to be forty years. This was the length of time, for example, that it took for the "generation", which had defied Yahweh in the exodus from Egypt, to die off before Israel could enter into the Promised Land. So Jesus was suggesting that within forty years of that time (roughly 30 A.D.) the Temple would be destroyed. And indeed, the destruction of the Temple did occur in 70 A.D. Why then does Jesus speak of the sun and moon being darkened and the stars falling from the sky? One commentator suggests that, since the Jewish people (as did all ancient people) identified the heavenly bodies as the governors of time (see Gen 1:14-19), such calamities in the heavens would suggest an end of an age. Unusual astronomical occurrences may have accompanied the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 A.D., but there is probably a symbolic significance to Jesus's words here as well. Even though Jesus did not come in judgment at the destruction of the Temple, did this mean that he was not predicting the end of the world in Mark 13? Well, not quite. For the Jews, the Temple and Jerusalem were understood to be symbols of God's whole creation. The early Church absorbed this understanding and saw in the events of the period we've been discussing the end of one world and the beginning of a new world, the Christian world or age. We still divide time into two ages: "B.C." and "A.D.," which mean, "Before Christ" and "Anno Domini" ("The Year of the Lord"). And so, when the Church looks ahead to the return of Christ at His Second Coming, she believes that the events of that time will parallel the events of 70 A.D. Just as the old world passed away with the destruction of Jerusalem and the Temple, the whole world will pass away at some future time, the day and the hour of which remain unknown to all but God. © 2017 Augustine Institute. All rights reserved.

FAITH FORMATION INFORMATION

K-5 Faith Formation will meet on Sunday, November 18 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in Podowski Hall.

Reminder: There will be no Faith Formation classes on Sunday, November 25, 2018.



CONGRATULATIONS to the following children who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Tuesday, November 6, 2018 at St. Bernard of Clairvaux Parish

Madison Apjok
Luke Bonatch
Cameron Cavalier
Daniel Gornick
Cole McAnulty
Chloe McHugh
Adriana Petroff
Macy Sardone
Justley Sharp
Joseph Succheralli
Austin Zenisek

LISTENING SESSION

Bishop Edward C. Malesic invites every member of the Diocese of Greensburg to join him at the final listening session on **Thursday, November 29 at St. Bernard of Clairvaux Parish, Indiana from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.** Please attend and allow your input to help him guide our church as we go forward from this moment in our history as the People of God.



The George Onda District of the First Catholic Slovak Union invites you to attend its annual "Stedry Vecer" on Sunday, December 2 at the Christ, Our Shepherd Center, Route 30 E., Greensburg Begin the evening with Mass at 4:00 p.m. in the Chapel followed by our traditional Slovak Christmas Eve Dinner. Door prizes will be awarded and the Pittsburgh Slovaks will entertain. Tickets \$25 ages 12 & over; \$10 ages 3 to 11. Reserve your tickets early (they are limited) by calling Darlene Patty at 724-493-8712 prior to November 21.



The parish office will be closed on Thursday, November 22 and Friday, November 23 in observance of Thanksgiving.

PATHWAY HOUSE

The Pathway House is a local homeless shelter located on Main Street in Black Lick. When homeless people come there (individuals or families) they have nothing more than the clothes on their backs. Sometimes all they need is a little help when they leave to get them started. During this holiday season The Christian Mothers are taking donations to help supply their needs. These items can be new or slightly used. Here is a short list of things that the residents are in need of when they are getting ready to leave the shelter: Cleaning products, paper towels, toilet paper, soaps, hand towels, bath towels, wash clothes, pillows, sheets blankets, silverware, glasses, dishes, pots and pans, brooms mops, and buckets. Collection boxes will be located at the Coral Hall and at in the basement of the church at the Lucerne site. Final collection will be on Sunday, December 9. Any questions please call Rosemary Perry at 724-915-8044 or Toni Manfredi at 724-248-9091. Donations can be taken directly to the Pathway House at any time during the year. Their phone number is 724-248-9555.



Altar-Rosary Society & Christian Mothers Christmas Party

The Altar-Rosary Society and Christian Mothers annual Christmas Party will be on Sunday, December 2 at 12:00 p.m. at Rustic Lodge. You may bring a guest. Cost is \$18.00 per person. Deadline for reservation is Sunday, November 25. Reservation forms are at the entrance of both churches. Any questions call. Mimi Yanoscsik 724-479-8936 or Marianna Reed at 724-840-9704.

CLEANING OF THE WORSHIP SITES

Volunteers are welcomed to help clean either worship site. Thursday, December 6 at Coral and/or Wednesday, December 12 for the Lucernemines Site starting at 8:30 a.m. . BYOB (Bring your own bucket)! All volunteers must have clearances, please check with Connie Diven in the parish office at 724-479-9542, ext. 10 to make sure you are up to date.



SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS to the family of Charles Huston who was buried from the Coral Worship Site on Friday, November 9. May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

Mass Book for 2019

The Mass Book for 2019 will be opened in LATE November. Due to the limited amount of Sunday Masses we have, we will need to set a limit of one Sunday Mass and two weekday Masses per family. Please watch the bulletin for further details on the procedure for scheduling Masses. Please be advised that no Masses will be taken over the phone, you **MUST** fill out a Mass Request Form. These will be located in both churches and at the parish office in the near future. **Please do not submit requests until the book opens.**

Ministry Schedule—November 24/25/2018	
Saturday, November 24	4:00p.m. Mass (Lucerne)
Altar Servers: Joanna & Jamey H.	E.M.H.C. Bonnie C., Jenny F. & Barb W.
Lector: Michael B.	Ushers: Alan P. & Jerry S.
Sunday, November 25	8:00a.m. Mass (Coral)
Altar Servers: Julieann A. & Jonah A.	E.M.H.C. Joyce B., Barb & Terry C.
Lector: Ann M. E.	Ushers: Steve C. & Sherry R.

Offertory November 10 –11, 2018	Offertory	Year-To-Date
Adult Offertory	\$5,5133.00	\$106,085.64
Loose Offertory	\$383.00	\$6,215.66
Children’s Offertory	\$3.00	\$86.50
Total Ordinary Income	\$5,519.00	\$112,387.80
Budget	\$6,900.00	\$138,000.00
Difference	\$-1,381.00	\$-1,381.00
Other Collections:	\$	
Votive Candles	\$154.50	
Maintenance	\$257.00	
Retired Religious	\$109.00	
CRS	\$32.00	
Thanksgiving	\$60.00	
All Saints	\$95.00	
Flood Relief	\$706.00	



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DAILY SURPRISE SPECIALS

CLOSED November 22-24

Located in the Bi Lo Plaza on N. 4th St. (Indiana)
 Mon., Wed., Thurs., Fri., 10am—4pm;
Tues. 10am-5pm, Sat. 10am—3pm



Mass Intentions For the Week

Saturday, November 17

3:00 p.m. *Sacrament of Reconciliation, Lucernemines*

3:30 p.m. Rosary for Peace before Mass

Anticipated Mass—Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m.—Mass at Lucernemines

+Frank Arone

(Betsy & Sam Arone)

Sunday, November 18

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8:00 a.m.—Mass at Coral

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Monday, November 19

8:00 a.m. Mass, Lucernemines

+Frank & Mary Pipchok

(Daughters, Barbara & Liz)

Tuesday, November 20

8:00 a.m. Mass, Coral

+Victor & Teresa Yancy

(Children & Grandchildren)

Wednesday, November 21

8:00 a.m. Mass, Lucernemines

+Doris Rebovich

(Frank & Helen Mouser)

Thursday, November 22

Thanksgiving Day

8:00 a.m. Mass, Coral

+Fr. Chidi Osondu

(A friend)

+Irene Chmiel

(Maureen Cochran)

Parish Office Closed

Friday, November 23

No Mass

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3:30 p.m. Rosary for Peace before Mass

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4:00 p.m.—Mass at Lucernemines

GP & Karen Welsh—

25th Wedding Anniversary Mass

Sunday, November 25

Thirty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m.—Mass at Coral

+Sara Signorino

(Jim & Andi Petteneti)