



February 5, 2012

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our Lady of Grace Church

A Parish of the Diocese of Greensburg | A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust
 1011 Mt. Pleasant Road | Greensburg, Pennsylvania 15601

Liturgical Schedule

Weekend Masses: Saturday Vigil: 4 PM
 Sunday Masses: 8:30, 10:30 AM
Weekday and Holy Day Masses: Please see inside bulletin.



Parish Office.....724-838-9480
 Fax.....724-838-1842
 Religious Formation.....724-832-6730
 Aquinas Academy.....724-834-7940
 St. Vincent de Paul Helpline.....724-837-5154
 St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank.....724-836-0175
 Albanese Hall.....724-836-8157
 Catholic Charities Pregnancy.....1-800-241-7360
www.ourladyofgracechurch.org

Rev. Paul A. Lisik, Pastor

Rev. Larry J. Kulick,
In residence

Hollie Uccellini,
Pastoral Associate
 Marisa Cazden,
Music Minister
 Dorothy Skoloda,
Secretary
 Donna Stewart,
Secretary



Greg Petrucci,
Director of Faith Formation
 Katrina Coleman,
*Director of Young Adults
 & Youth Ministry*
 Tom Stumpo,
Maintenance Supervisor
 Dave Stumpo,
Maintenance

Mission Statement

Our Lady of Grace, founded in 1910 as an Italian ethnic parish, is now a territorial parish of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Greensburg to which all people are welcome. The responsibility of each member of Our Lady of Grace is to hear the Word of God and live it by sharing in worship, especially at Eucharist; by nurturing our Catholic faith through formation and prayer; by reaching out to identify and serve the needs of our parish and the community; and by welcoming others into our faith community. Through our actions, we strive to share, and to encourage others to share, in the fullness of God's kingdom.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month from 5:30-6 PM or until finished.

Baptisms

By appointment only. Please call the Parish Office at least four months in advance of the birth. A class for parents is required to reflect on the meaning of the sacrament, to review the ceremony, and to highlight the importance of the family's commitment to practicing the Catholic Faith.

Sponsorship Forms

Forms for our members to serve as sponsors for Baptism and Confirmation must be filled out in person at the Parish Office. To serve as a sponsor, you must be at least 16 years old and a practicing Catholic who has received Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist. If you are married, it must be within the guidelines of the Catholic Church. Please call the Parish Office to make an appointment to fill out the form.

Weddings

Please call the Parish Office at least six months in advance. Do not set a date until you have contacted the parish priest. Pre-marriage preparation classes are required and are available in a couple of forms.

From the Pastor **ATTENTION ALL LECTORS, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND ALTAR SERVERS:**

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Please know that if you attend a Mass for which you are not on the schedule and your ministry is not covered, you may volunteer to cover that position. Know that all the guidelines are the same for each Mass so that you are able to feel at home whenever you come and can help when all the ministries are not covered for a Mass. In this way we show that we are a parish and are a member of this one parish. Your priest thanks you for helping us celebrate a good liturgy.

THIS SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, IS THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES.

On February 11, 1858, 14-year-old Bernadette Soubirous was gathering wood with two other girls at a small rock cave, near the town of Lourdes, in the Pyrenees Mountains of southern France. Suddenly, she saw what she described as "as a girl in white, no taller than I, and beautiful."



The young woman spoke to Bernadette in the dialect used in her little village. She addressed Bernadette with great courtesy. This made a tremendous impression on Bernadette, who was a below-average student and the daughter of poor parents. She was not used to being treated with such respect.

Bernadette saw the vision 18 times. When she asked the woman who she was, she responded, "I am the Immaculate Conception," using a term Bernadette had never heard. During one of the later appearances the woman in the vision told Bernadette to dig for water with her hands. When the girl did so, she uncovered a spring. The spring still flows, at the rate of 27,000 gallons daily. Many people have come to Lourdes in the years since the appearances to bathe in the spring and to pray for healing from all kinds of diseases.

Bernadette never wanted the fame that the appearances brought her. She retired to a convent where she spent her days living as simply and humbly as possible. She was very ill throughout her short life, and she died in 1879 at the age of 35. She was declared a saint in 1933.

CRAFT SUPPLIES AND REMNANTS NEEDED: The youth of our diocese will be completing a service project for those in local care homes during their diocesan retreat in February. Do you have any of the following supplies and would you be willing to donate them?

3/8 wide ribbon (must be at least 12 in. long or longer)

Fabric remnants

Buttons of any kind

Tacky spray glue

Arlene's tacky glue

If you are able to donate any of these supplies, please bring them to the Youth Ministry office by February 20. Or, if you have a coupon for Jo-Ann's or Michael's, we would love those, too!



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SCOUT SUNDAY — Today, we celebrate Boy Scout Sunday. We recognize all the cub scouts, boy scouts and their leaders from our parish and our area. Scouting is a program that helps the boys grow spiritually, morally, emotionally and physically. I congratulate each and every boy who has made a commitment to this program and hope that they continue on the path to the Eagle Scout. I have been impressed with the number of young men who have become Eagle Scouts. This is a tribute to them and their parents for choosing the path less traveled. I also thank all the adults who helped with the local cub packs and scout troops. Some have not had a child in the scouting program for years, but have stayed active because of their love of scouting. This is a tribute to the goals and precepts of the Boy Scouts of America. I thank all the scouts for all they do for our parish, our parishioners and our communities. Continue to live well the principles and points of the Scout Oath and Law.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS are available for tax purposes by request only. We are doing this to save money on postage and handling. Please call the parish office at 724-838-9480 and a statement will be prepared for you. A reminder! Contribution statements are as accurate as the information received. Please assist us by marking your envelopes correctly.



AQUINAS ACADEMY NEWS ~

REGISTRATION: Aquinas Academy will begin accepting applications for the 2012-2013 school year for preschool 3 through grade 7 on Wednesday, February 8, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. in the school office. Students registering for preschool must be potty trained. Students registering for kindergarten must be 5 years of age by September 1. Please bring the child's original birth certificate and record of current immunizations when registering. If you have any questions, contact the school office at 724-834-7940.

VOCATION CRUCIFIX PROGRAM: The following individuals and families have signed up for participation in the Vocation Crucifix Program in February. They will pray for vocations in their homes during these weeks. Any parishioners who would like to participate in the VC program, but who have not signed up, may call Barbara or Carl at 724-837-5925 for available weeks or additional information.

Carmelita Medicino — February 5-11

Regis Bodnar — February 12-18

Todd Martino — February 19-25

Michael Uhring — February 26-March 3





ONCE AGAIN THE SEASON FOR FISH DINNERS is approaching and we hope you will patronize ours here at Our Lady of Grace, and share the news with your neighbors and friends and also bring them along. Fish dinners and more, along with an a la carte menu, will again be available on the Fridays of Lent. Lunch will be served 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and dinners 4-7 p.m. Since this is a parish project, your help is always appreciated. To volunteer, please sign-up in the church vestibule or call the parish office. Thank you.

Also a tradition here at Our Lady of Grace Parish is for certain groups or organizations to work the Fish Fry on certain Fridays in Lent. Please find below the schedule for this year and reserve the time on your personal calendar to give us a hand, or better yet, both hands!

The **FISH FRY MINISTRY VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE** is as follows:

<u>Feb. 24</u>	Youthful Seniors – Youth Ministry Eucharistic Ministers
<u>Mar. 2</u>	Music Ministry – L.I.F.E. families
<u>Mar. 9</u>	St. Vincent de Paul – Finance Council Parish Staff
<u>Mar. 16</u>	Rosary Altar – Pastoral Council – Ushers
<u>Mar. 23</u>	Altar servers – Lectors – Greeters
<u>Mar. 30</u>	Catholic school families – Renew group

Ministry members are reminded to bring a dessert for the dessert table. And as always, desserts are welcome from anyone who is willing to donate.

GREENSBURG CENTRAL CATHOLIC ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

For more information go to www.gcchs.org
[Visit Days for Incoming Students](#)

Come and see what we're all about!

Incoming 9th Graders – February 9, 9 a.m.-1:45 p.m.

Incoming 7th Graders – February 15, 9 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Incoming 8th Graders – February 17, 9 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Freshmen Placement Test –

Only incoming 9th graders are required to take a placement test – Saturday, February 18, 8 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Junior High Parent Information Night –

Thursday, February 23, 7 p.m., in the Aux. Gym

Incoming Junior High Student Game Night –

Join us for Minute to Win It style games in our school cafeteria Friday, March 16, 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

For planning purposes, please RSVP to all events to Meghan Kerr at mkerr@gcchs.org or 724-834-0310, Ext. 214.

GREENSBURG CATHOLIC CEMETERY REMINDER:

Please remove your Christmas decorations as soon as possible. Anything left in the cemetery past February 15 will be discarded. Thank you.



LITURGICAL CORNER

An explanation of what we mean when we pray in the Creed, **“WE BELIEVE IN THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS.”**

The Communion of Saints is a doctrine that was included in the Apostles Creed which was readily used sometime around the year 100. This doctrine is based on St. Paul's First letter to the Corinthians. In Chapter 12, St. Paul compares Christians to a single body in which each member contributes to the good of all and shares in the welfare of all. “For as with the human body which is a unity although it has many parts – all the parts of the body, though many, still making up one single body – so it is with Christ.” (v12) When St. Paul used the word saints in his writing, he was speaking of believers in Christ, both living and dead. Remember, that through our Baptism, we pass “from death to life; death no longer has dominion over us.” When our earthly body dies, we pass into eternal life. In Catholic terminology, the Communion of Saints is said to comprise the Church Militant (those of us who are alive on earth), the Church Penitent (those undergoing purification in Purgatory in preparation for heaven), and the Church Triumphant (those already in heaven). The damned are not among the Communion of Saints.

What is most beautiful about this doctrine is the belief that those who are in heaven (Church Triumphant) are in the presence of God. They constantly intercede with the Father for us. We think nothing about asking our close friends and relatives to pray for us. The saints in heaven are our friends and relatives as well. They are part of the body of Christ whose prayers help us here on earth. St. Dominic said, “Do not weep, for I shall be more useful to you after my death and I shall help you then more effectively than during my life.”

The Church also encourages us to imitate the holiness of the saints because they imitated the holiness of Christ. First among saints is our Blessed Mother, Mary Queen of Heaven. She is quintessential model for us all and never ceases to intercede on our behalf with her Son.

THE MASS BOOK FOR 2012 IS OPENED. Request sheets may be found on the book rack in the Gathering Area. Mass Intentions have to be submitted in writing on the reservation sheet. **No Masses will be scheduled over the phone. NO SATURDAY 4 PM MASSES ARE AVAILABLE.** Thank you for your understanding.

**Thank
You!**

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Take a moment to recognize some important partners of Our Lady of Grace Parish. Sometimes we take for granted the bulletin, but on the back of our Sunday bulletin are ads from the companies that support us year round. Please take some time today to look over our bulletin ads and when you are patronizing those businesses or services, say **“Thank you from Our Lady of Grace Parish.”** They are part of the success of our parish.

PARISH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, Feb. 5

9:15 a.m. RCIA
6 p.m. HSYM – Youth loft

MONDAY, Feb. 6

7 p.m. Centering Prayer – Daily Chapel

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 8

10 a.m. Bible Sharing – Albanese Hall
6 p.m. Cantors – Church
6:30 p.m. MSYM – Albanese Hall
7 p.m. Choir – Church

THURSDAY, Feb. 9

10 a.m. Legion of Mary – Albanese Hall

FRIDAY, Feb. 10

10 a.m. AARP tax assistance – Albanese Hall

SUNDAY, Feb. 12

Donut Sunday (Compliments of Pantalone Funeral Home)
9:15 a.m. RCIA
6 p.m. HSYM – Youth loft

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TIME



If God gave you 70 years of life, you would spend ...
23 years of sleeping; 14 years working;
8 years at the television; 6 years eating;
4 years in transportation; 4 years in conversation;
1 year in reading.

Is there something wrong with this picture? If you went to church every Sunday for 1 hour and prayed 5 minutes every morning and night, you would be giving God only FIVE MONTHS of your life!!!

DIOCESAN CHOIR: Do you enjoy singing? Then consider joining the Greensburg Diocesan Choir. Comprised of singers from around the Diocese, this ensemble sings for Diocesan liturgies at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral. Rehearsals for Rite of Election will be held on Monday, February 20, and Tuesday, February 21, at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral at 7:30 p.m. For more information, contact Christopher Pardini, Diocesan Choir Director, at 724-834-3710 or cpardini@dioceseofgreensburg.org.

IN SYMPATHY: We ask for your prayers for the family of Elizabeth Nagrocki, sister of Vince Capozzi, who recently passed away. May her soul and all the souls of the faithfully departed, through the mercy of God, continue their journey to new life in the presence of God in the Heavenly Kingdom.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, Feb. 4

4 p.m. Bill/Helen Estok by Rich/Sonya/Kyle Brajdic

Sunday, Feb. 5

8:30 a.m. For the living and deceased members of
Our Lady of Grace Parish

10:30 a.m. Monna Shasko by husband, John/family

Monday, Feb. 6

6:45 a.m. Richard Kubinec by wife, Joyce

Tuesday, Feb. 7

6:45 a.m. George Sholties by Chuck/Pat Debick

Wednesday, Feb. 8

6:45 a.m. Barbara Krenicky by Betty Kozak

Thursday, Feb. 9

6:45 a.m. Nick/Carmella Moschetti by Mary Curiale

Friday, Feb. 10

6:45 a.m. Gerry Sedlacko by M/M Bruce Fry

Saturday, Feb. 11

4 p.m. Joanne Reagan by Lori Brkovich

Sunday, Feb. 12

8:30 a.m. For the living and deceased members of
Our Lady of Grace Parish

10:30 a.m. A prayer for priests by Pat Parsons



Bible Sharing

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Mk 7:14-23
Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Mk 7:24-30
Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19; Mk 7:31-37
Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Mk 8:1-10
Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32; 1 Cor 10:31 – 11:1; Mk 1:40-45

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

\$ 13,223.93 was collected on January 29.

*In order to meet our ordinary expenses,
Our Lady of Grace needs about \$17,500
per week in the regular collection.*



AARP FREE TAX ASSISTANCE will be prepared for low-income and the elderly here at Our Lady of Grace on Fridays, February 3 through April 13, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., in Albanese Hall. Please remember to bring last year's return.