

For use the weekend of April 1-2

The Catholic Accent TV Show's "Faith and Food" edition available online

The "Faith and Food" edition of *The Catholic Accent* television program is available for viewing at TheAccentOnline.org. In this episode, Bishop Larry J. Kulick talks about renewing our commitment to Christ during Lent. He invites the faithful to join him at a series of Lenten Reflections at parishes throughout the Diocese. The episode also features the popular Diocese of Greensburg Fish Fry Guide (all Lenten fish fry locations, dates and times are available at theaccentonline.org); Father Christopher J. Pujol making his recipe for Frutti di Mare; and Father Anthony Onoko, a Nigerian soccer player who traded his cleats for a collar and became what he says is "a superstar for Christ," now serving the faithful of the Diocese as Pastor of St. Raymond of the Mountains Parish in Donegal.

Annual Salt and Light Awards Dinner set April 20

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg will host its largest annual fundraiser, the Communities of Salt and Light Awards dinner, Thursday, April 20, at 6 p.m. at Stratigos Banquet Centre, North Huntingdon. All proceeds are redistributed to the most vulnerable and at-risk residents of the Diocese. This year's awardees are Gerald Wilcox, Humanitarian; Kindness Closet, St. Edward Parish, Organization; and Monsignor Raymond E. Riffle, Lifetime Achievement. Tickets are \$130 per person. Advertising and sponsorship opportunities are also available. For information, visit ccharitiesgreensburg.org or call Heather Rady at 724-837-1840.

Worship opportunities

Divine Mercy Sunday liturgy April 16 at St. Mary, Mother of God Parish, Freeport

St. Mary, Mother of God Parish, Freeport, will hold a Divine Mercy Sunday liturgy April 16, including Eucharistic Adoration from noon-3 p.m., the sacrament of Reconciliation from 1-1:50 p.m. and Divine Mercy devotion from 2-3 p.m.

Masses in Spanish in Jeannette

All are invited to Mass in Spanish Sundays at 6 p.m. at Ascension Parish, Jeannette, with reconciliation at 5 p.m.

Todos están invitados a la Misa Espanol en Domingos en Jeannette: La Santa Misa en Espanol, Todo los Domingos a 6 p.m., reconciliación a 5 p.m., Iglesia La Ascensión.

Thirteen Tuesdays in honor of St. Anthony begin March 21 at Ascension Parish, Jeannette

The Thirteen Tuesdays in honor of St. Anthony will be prayed at Ascension Parish, Jeannette, on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. beginning March 21 and continuing through June 13. In addition to praying the Novena, the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction will take place.

Catholic Schools News

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 www.CatholicSchoolsGuide.org or call 724-552-2565.

Top Student program extended to higher education at Franciscan University

Because of the continued generosity of an anonymous donor, Catholic high school students in the Diocese of Greensburg, or those attending Catholic high schools in Western Pennsylvania, could receive priority for tuition assistance, regardless of income, if they choose to attend Franciscan University of Steubenville. This new initiative is funded by the same anonymous donor who funded the TOP Student program in the Diocese of Greensburg. To date, the TOP Student program has provided tuition assistance to 800 families in Catholic schools across the four counties of the Diocese and has helped to increase enrollment in Diocesan Catholic schools by 20% in just two years; that is one of the largest Catholic school enrollment increases in North America. For information, visit franciscan.edu/JPII-scholarship, call 800-783-6220 or email admissions@franciscan.edu.

Support

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 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.

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren hosts monthly meetings

An increasing number of grandparents are unexpectedly thrust into the role of being the primary caregiver for children in need of family members (other than their parents) to provide a

home due to opioid abuse, alcoholism, incarceration, divorce, child abuse or other reasons. One in 10 grandparents (often on fixed incomes) have been the primary support of a grandchild at some time in their lives. Pennsylvania ranks seventh among the 50 states in terms of number of children, age newborn to adolescent, living in grandparent-headed households. Our churches are concerned and are putting our faith into action through Grandparents Raising Grandchildren, an ecumenical social outreach mission of St. Cecilia Parish, Whitney, Sacred Heart Parish, Youngstown, and Trinity Lutheran Church, Latrobe. Monthly meetings offer grandparents useful information and time to interact with one another, which can serve as a form of venting or therapy. A hot dinner and child care are provided. For information, call 724-423-3777 or 724-537-7358.

Cancer support group meets monthly at St. Barbara Parish, Harrison City

The St. Peregrine cancer support group meets monthly (usually the third Wednesday at 7 p.m.) at St. Barbara Parish, Harrison City. All cancer survivors and caregivers are welcome. Upcoming meeting dates are April 19, May 17, June 14 and July 12.

Always God's Children hosts monthly meetings in Latrobe

Meetings for Always God's Children, a ministry for LGBTQ Catholics and their families, are held in-person and virtually the second Thursday of every month from 7-8:30 p.m. at St. Vincent Basilica Parish, Latrobe. For information, contact Kristina Davies, 724-539-8629, ext. 19, or kristina.davies@stvincent.edu.

Grief support group meeting at St. Mary, Mother of God Parish, Freeport

GriefShare, a weekly seminar and support group, meets Sundays from 6-7:30 p.m. at St. Mary, Mother of God Parish, Freeport. To register, call 724-295-2281.

Speakers/Meetings/Courses/Programs/Events

April

Way of the Cross for married couples April 2 at St. Edward Parish, Herminie

St. Edward Parish, Herminie, will host the Way of the Cross for married couples on Palm Sunday, April 2, at 6 p.m. Married couples can walk with Jesus in His Passion and meditate on the role that suffering can sometimes play in marriage. Refreshments and fellowship will follow in the church hall. Couples wishing to do readings or carry the cross should call 724-446-5197. Those who are not married are also welcome to attend.

Easter egg hunt April 16 at St. Agnes Parish, North Huntingdon

St. Agnes Parish, North Huntingdon, will hold an Easter egg hunt for children ages 1-12 on Easter Octave Day, Sunday, April 16, at 12:30 p.m. The event will include lunch and prizes and will be moved indoors in case of inclement weather. To RSVP, call 724-836-2626 or email mditoppa@dioceseofgreensburg.org.

Oblates of St. Benedict to meet April 16

The Oblates of St. Benedict, Latrobe Deanery, will meet Sunday, April 16, from 3-4:15 p.m. in Brownfield 202 at Saint Vincent Seminary. Benedictine Brother Francisco Whittaker will speak on "*Conversatio morum*." For reservations, call Benedictine Father Donald Raila, 724-805-2291. Attendees may also attend vespers at 5 p.m. and supper at 5:35 p.m.; an additional session is available at 6:45 p.m. (discussion based on the "Study Guide for the Rule of St. Benedict"). Call Father Donald a few days in advance to register for supper and evening events. Afternoon presentations may also be offered virtually.

"Discovering Christ" program April 18-May 30 at St. Vincent Basilica Parish

St. Vincent Basilica Parish is offering a seven-week "Discovering Christ" program April 18-May 30 on Tuesdays from 6-9 p.m. (including dinner), plus a retreat Saturday, May 20, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. There is no charge, but reservations are required by visiting basilicaparishtv.org/christlife or contact Kristina Davies at 724-539-8629, ext. 19, or Kristina.davies@stvincent.edu.

Magnificat Breakfast April 29 in Greensburg

The Greensburg Chapter of Magnificat – A Ministry to Catholic Women will hold a breakfast Saturday, April 29, from 9 a.m.-noon at Rizzo's Banquet Hall, Crabtree. Guest speaker Father John-Mary Tompkins, OSB, will talk about his faith journey. Cost is \$25 (students \$20). To register, call 724-836-2094 by April 24 or visit www.magnificatgreensburg.com to download a registration form (no online registration).

Laurelville Retreat Center offering Sunday youth gatherings

Laurelville Retreat Center, Mount Pleasant Township, is offering youth gatherings Sundays from 6-8 p.m. for students in seventh through 12th grade through May 14 (except Easter Sunday, April 9). The gatherings are intended to be a support network for small churches to create a space for youth to have fun, form friendships and explore their faith. Adults from participants' home congregations may join in. For more information or to register, contact Leah Rittenhouse at leah@laurelville.org with name and phone number, or call 724-423-2429.

June

Bible Drama Camp set for June at St. Agnes Parish, North Huntingdon

St. Agnes Parish, North Huntingdon, will hold its Bible Drama Camp for students in kindergarten through 12th grade June 26-29 from 9 a.m.-noon, with an extended rehearsal June 28 and a performance at 6:30 p.m. the final day. This year's musical will be "The Genesis Files." Cost is \$20, with reservations due by May 26. To register, visit www.stagneschurch.info.

Bus trip to Sight and Sound Theatre's 'Moses' planned June 23

St. Paul Parish, Greensburg, is planning a bus trip to the Sight and Sound Theater, Lancaster, to see "Moses" Friday, June 23. Cost is \$178. The bus will leave at 10 a.m. The trip will include an Amish-style dinner at Plain & Fancy. Participants can register, pay the deposit and sign waivers at <https://scholasticatravel.groupcollect.com/go/15477a>. For information, call 724-989-6034.

Upcoming/ongoing

Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill speakers available

The Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill offer speaker programs to parishes and organizations. Topics include prayer, human trafficking, the pandemic and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. For topics or to schedule a speaker, contact Sister of Charity Colette Hanlon at 203-809-1574 or chanlon@scsh.org.

Camps available at Laurelville Retreat Center

Registration is now open for summer camps at Laurelville Retreat Center in Mount Pleasant Township. Available are weeklong day camps for ages 6-12 (\$140 per child, per week, with a \$10 discount if registered by April 14); overnight camps for ages 6-17 (\$200-\$375 with early registration discounts). Pre-registration and spaces are limited. Camps emphasize adventure, outdoor recreation, Bible lessons and traditional camp activities like hiking, swimming, and crafts. For information or to register, visit laurelville.org/programs-and-events or call 724-423-2056.

Summer retreats planned at Saint Vincent Archabbey, Latrobe

The Saint Vincent Archabbey Summer Retreat Program will host three retreats in July. Benedictine Father Nathanael Polinski will conduct a men's retreat July 14-16 on the topic "Put Out Into the Deep (Luke 5:4)." Benedictine Father Donald Raila will lead the Benedictine Spirituality Retreat July 21-23 with the theme "Avoiding the 'Evil of Grumbling': Living in Praise and Thanksgiving." Benedictine Father Alfred Patterson will speak on "More Saints Alive!" a continuation of a similar topic last year, during a retreat for women and men July 28-30. For information or to register, visit www.saintvincentretreats.org.

Lenten Events

Dinners

Greensburg: St. Bruno Parish center, fish dinner Good Friday, 2:30-7 p.m., dine in or takeout. Information: 724-836-0690.

Jeannette: Sacred Heart Parish school cafeteria, fish fry Good Friday, 4-7 p.m., dine in or takeout. Orders: 724-527-9940 (beginning at 2 p.m.).

Stations of the Cross

Fairchance: SS. Cyril & Methodius Parish, April 6, 6:30 p.m.

Jeannette: Sacred Heart Parish, April 7, 9 a.m.

Kent: Church of the Good Shepherd Parish, April 6, 5:30 p.m., followed by 6 p.m. Mass

North Huntingdon: St. Agnes Parish, April 7, noon

Yatesboro: St. Mary, Mother of God Parish, April 6, 6 p.m.

Youngwood: Holy Cross Parish: April 5, 12:10 p.m.

Other

Freeport: St. Mary, Mother of God Parish, Freeport, will host a regional penance service Monday, April 3, at 6:30 p.m. and a Tenebrae service on Good Friday, April 7, at 8:30 p.m.

Kittanning: St. Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish will hold a Tenebrae service Sunday, April 2, at 8 p.m.

Monessen: The Epiphany of Our Lord Parish will hold a Taize prayer service April 3 at 6 p.m. during Lent.

Mount Pleasant: The Mount Pleasant Ministerium is hosting free lunches Wednesdays at noon during Lent (through April 20) at the Mount Pleasant Church of God. Local priests and pastors deliver messages each week.

Dinners/Fundraisers

April

Palm Sunday bazaar April 1-2 at Immaculate Conception Parish, Connellsville

The Christian Mothers of Immaculate Conception Parish, Connellsville, will hold a Palm Sunday bazaar Sunday, April 2, from 9 a.m. until after the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Cinnamon rolls (\$7 per half-dozen) and nut, apricot and poppyseed rolls (\$15 each) will be for sale, and a Chinese auction is planned.

Rummage sales continue at Our Lady, Queen of Peace Parish, East Vandergrift

A rummage sale is planned Sunday, April 2, from noon-1 p.m. in the basement of Our Lady, Queen of Peace Parish, East Vandergrift. Valentine and St. Patrick's Day items will be 50% off. The sale continues Mondays from noon-3 p.m. New items are always being added.

Bingo Sundays at St. Cecilia Parish, Whitney

St. Cecilia Parish, Whitney, holds bingo generally the first Sunday of each month. The next bingo is April 2. Doors open at 12:30 p.m., with bingo at 2. Refreshments will be available. The next bingo will be May 7. For information, call 724-423-3777.

Bingo April 13 at St. Barbara Parish, Harrison City

St. Barbara Parish, Harrison City, will hold bingo Thursday, April 13, in the social hall. Upcoming dates are May 3, June 7 and July 5. Paper packages start at \$27. Doors open at 5 p.m., with games at 6:45. The kitchen is open for bingo, and free coffee is provided. The building is handicapped accessible. For information, call 724-744-4584 or 724-744-7474.

Bingo Sundays at Our Lady, Queen of Peace Parish, East Vandergrift

Our Lady, Queen of Peace Parish, East Vandergrift, will hold bingo in the social hall Sundays, April 16 and 30 and May 7. Doors open at 1 p.m. and bingo begins at 2.

Knights of Columbus bingo April 23 at St. Regis Parish, Trafford

The Knights of Columbus will hold bingo Sunday, April 23 at St. Regis Parish, Trafford. Admission is \$15. Additional dates are May 21, Sept. 24, Oct. 22 and Nov. 19.

Designer Purse Bash April 23 at Our Lady, Queen of Peace Parish, East Vandergrift

Our Lady, Queen of Peace Parish, East Vandergrift, will hold a 21-and-over designer purse bash Sunday, April 23, from 1-4 p.m. in the social hall. Doors open at 12:30 p.m. Tickets are \$30 and include wine, soft drinks, light snacks and desserts (BYOB permitted). Only 200 tickets will be sold; winners need not be present. Auction baskets, strip tickets and a 50/50 raffle will also be featured. Tickets are available after the Sunday 11 a.m. Mass, at the parish office in Apollo, or by calling or texting 724-980-2087.

May

"Mother's Day Special" lottery ticket at Sacred Heart Parish, Jeannette

Sacred Heart Parish, Jeannette, is sponsoring a "Mother's Day Special" lottery ticket. The winner will receive a cash prize of \$2,500 or 1 roll each of \$1, \$2, \$3, \$5, \$10 and \$20 instant lottery tickets. The winning number will be the first Daily Pick 3 number at 7 p.m. on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 14. Tickets are \$10 (two numbers per ticket) and are available at the church after weekend Masses or by calling 724-396- 9737.

GCC Football Boosters plan bingo May 7

The Greensburg Central Catholic Junior-Senior High School Football Boosters will host bingo Sunday, May 7, at the Youngwood Fire Hall. Doors open at 12:30, with lunch at 1 and games at 2:30. A basket raffle and games of chance are planned. Admission is \$30. For tickets, email bingo@gccboosters.org or call Natasha Shawley at 724-244-2720.

Super Bingo May 20 at Sacred Heart Parish, Jeannette

Sacred Heart Parish will hold a "Super Bingo" Saturday, May 20, in the cafeteria. Doors open at noon and games begin at 1:30 pm. Tickets are \$30, which includes lunch, 20 regular games, four special games and a \$1,000 jackpot game. There will also be a 50/50 drawing and basket raffles. Only 250 tickets will be sold. Tickets can be purchased after weekend Masses, at the St. Vincent de Paul Store in Jeannette or by calling 724-875-2437 or 724-396-9737.

Job Openings

Diocese of Greensburg: Director of The Catholic Foundation

Responsible for ensuring bylaws and articles of incorporation are followed, overseeing the foundation web site, documents and materials, and supporting and participating in efforts to encourage and increase donor contributions to the Diocese. Minimum qualifications: bachelor's degree in communications, marketing or related field; knowledge of web development and communication; excellent interpersonal and organizational skills and demonstrated ability to work collaboratively with staff, volunteers and boards; strong human-relations, writing, speaking, communication and computer skills. Send cover letter and resume to hr@dioceseofgreensburg.org.

Catholic Charities: Therapist

Minimum qualifications: Master's degree in Social Work, Counseling, Marriage and Family Therapy or related mental health field; licensed or license eligible in Pennsylvania; Act 33/34 clearances; insurance credentials with major insurers; two years' experience in a related mental health setting; valid driver's license and automobile insurance coverage. Submit cover letter,

resume and salary requirements to: hr@dioceseofgreensburg.org. More details can be found at dioceseofgreensburg.org/Lists/EmploymentOpportunities/AllItems.aspx.

Catholic Charities: Information and Referral Caseworker

Minimum qualifications: Master's degree in Social Work or related field or bachelor's degree in Human Services, two years' human services experience, valid driver's license and automobile insurance coverage. Submit cover letter, resume and salary expectations to: hr@dioceseofgreensburg.org. Details can be found at dioceseofgreensburg.org/Lists/EmploymentOpportunities/AllItems.aspx.

Holy Family Parish, West Newton: Organist/Keyboardist

Must have understanding of church music. Responsibilities include playing for weekend, holy day and other liturgies. To apply, call 724-872-6123.

St. Anne Parish, Rostraver: Organist/Keyboardist/Choir Director

Full time. Must have an understanding of church music. Responsibilities include playing for weekend and holy day liturgies, funerals and weddings, organizing and directing the choir, and providing music for other parish functions. To apply, call 724-872-3555.

Yough Catholic Community of Connellsville and Dunbar: Director of Faith Formation and Evangelization

Full time. Send resumes to plisik@DioceseofGreensburg.org.

St. Edward Parish, Herminie, Seven Dolours Parish, Yukon: Director of Religious Education

Plan and direct faith formation/youth ministry programs, coordinate sacramental preparation for first holy Communion and confirmation, coordinate Vacation Bible School and Bible studies. To apply, contact Father Vincent Concepcion at stedward@dioceseofgreensburg.org.

Diocese of Greensburg Catholic schools: Substitute Teachers

Send resumes to the Office of Catholic Schools at CatholicSchools@DioceseofGreensburg.org. For information, call 724-552-2594.

Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg: Full-time Housekeeper

Daylight weekday hours (and occasional weekends) at the Diocese of Greensburg's conference center and adjacent priests' retirement home. Apply to HR@DioceseofGreensburg.org.

Information to Share

Red Cross seeks blood donors

The American Red Cross is in need of donors of all blood types, especially type O and platelet donors. To donate, visit [RedCrossBlood.org](https://www.RedCrossBlood.org), download the [Red Cross Blood Donor App](#) or call 800-REDCROSS (800-733-2767). Anyone who donates before March 31 will receive a \$10 Visa prepaid card and will be entered in a drawing for a \$3,000 Visa prepaid card.

St. Anne Home accepting Mass requests

St. Anne Home, Greensburg, is accepting 2023 Mass requests, especially if a parish has more Mass requests than can be accommodated. The home has Mass daily (except Saturdays) at 9:30 a.m. Also available are \$3 weekly candles and \$10 sanctuary lamps. Date requests (please provide three date preferences) can be sent to St. Anne Home, 685 Angela Drive, Greensburg, PA 15601. Information is also available by calling Cheryl Hall at 724-837-6070, ext. 3050.

YWCA offers tutoring for reading and writing

The adult basic literacy program at the Greensburg YWCA offers one-on-one tutoring for individuals who may need help with reading and writing skills. The YWCA is looking for students who, after an initial assessments, will make a commitment to the program, and is also seeking volunteer tutors, who must complete training modules before tutoring. For information, contact Paula Egnot at 724-834-9390, ext. 106, or literacy@ywcawestmoreland.org.

Hold your post-sacramental gathering at Christ Our Shepherd Center

Hold your post-sacramental gathering at the beautifully renovated Christ Our Shepherd Center, conveniently located on Route 30, east of Greensburg. You can select a caterer and specific menu for events, including receptions or meals after baptisms, first Communions, confirmations, weddings, ordinations and funerals. For information or to reserve a date and room, visit www.christoursshepherdcenter.org or call 724-834-7350.