

For use the weekend of Nov. 18-19

DIOCESAN EVENTS/NEWS

Diocesan Priest Chefs compete for Recipe of the Year

Voting is now open to determine which Priest Chef's recipe will earn the title of Recipe of the Year. Five Diocesan priests took to the kitchen. Now it's your turn to cast your vote to determine which of the five recipes will be named Recipe of the Year.

Monsignor Raymond E. Riffle created a Roasted Red Pepper Bruschetta as a first course. That was followed by a Romaine Salad with Roasted Brussels Sprouts prepared by Monsignor Michael J. Begolly. Father Daniel J. Ulishney made pierogi from his grandmother's recipe. For the main course, Bishop Larry J. Kulick created a Cranberry Mango Chutney that topped off his smoked ham. A Basque Burnt Cheesecake was created by Father Tyler J. Bandura and former chef, now seminarian, Mario Porreca.

You can view each recipe and watch the Priest Chefs in videos with *The Catholic Accent* team showcasing their recipes. The Priest Chefs are counting on their parishes and friends far and near to show support by voting for their creation to be named Recipe of the Year. Each vote is \$10. Vote as many times as you like. Voting continues until Saturday, Dec. 16.

You can win too! Vote now for a chance to win a smoked ham, pierogi and a cheesecake in time for Christmas dinner.

To see the recipes and videos and to vote, visit DioceseofGreensburg.org.

Proceeds from the voting assist the Diocese of Greensburg's evangelization, outreach and communication efforts as part of our Eucharistic Revival and programs like the KNOW HIM series.

Lessons and Carols Dec. 1 at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Greensburg

Bishop Larry J. Kulick invites all to join him, along with musicians from the Diocese of Greensburg and Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, for the annual Diocesan celebration of Lessons and Carols Friday, Dec. 1, at 7 p.m. at the Cathedral in Greensburg. A reception will follow in the social hall. Admission is free.

Celebration of St. Nicholas Dec. 15-16 at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg

Two special events are planned Friday and Saturday, Dec. 15 and 16, at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg. St. Nicholas the Gift Giver and the Gift of the Eucharist, a free immersive experience, is set for 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Dec. 15. The event will feature artist Pipka Ulvilden and her St. Nicholas-inspired collectibles, Christmas carols, cookies, vendors and St. Nick's workshop. Register at DioceseofGreensburg.org/EucharisticRevival. Breakfast with St. Nicholas, a faith-focused event for children and families, is set for Dec. 16 at 9:30 a.m. The morning will

include a buffet, visits from several cultural versions of St. Nick and St. Nick's workshop; Bishop Larry J. Kulick will lead a prayer, and children will make a craft with Ulvilden. Register at DioceseofGreensburg.org/StNickBreakfast.

Christmas Night Market and Mass with Bishop Kulick Dec. 16 at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg

The Diocese of Greensburg Christmas Night Market is set for Saturday, Dec. 16, from 3-8 p.m. at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg, complete with dozens of food, craft and gift vendors. Mass with Bishop Larry J. Kulick starts at 4 p.m., followed by a talk with St. Nicholas-inspired artist Pipka Ulvilden in the chapel. Tickets are now on sale for festive beer and wine tastings and family crafting sessions that connect to our faith. For information, visit DioceseofGreensburg.org/christmas-night-market/.

Support Ukrainian Refugee Fund

Support is needed for the Ukrainian Refugee Fund administered by Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg, which provides assistance to individuals and families who have been forced to leave their homelands because of war. Visit ccharitiesgreensburg.org/donate/donate-now/ to donate. More than 100 families are on a waiting list to resettle in Western Pennsylvania.

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Healing Mass Nov. 20 at St. Cecilia Church, Whitney

A healing Mass will be held Monday, Nov. 20, at 6 p.m. at St. Cecilia Parish, Whitney.

Sacrament of Anointing Dec. 3, 9 at Our Lady, Queen of Peace Parish, East Vandergrift, and St. James Parish, Apollo

The Sacrament of Anointing will be administered at Our Lady, Queen of Peace Parish, East Vandergrift, Sunday, Dec. 3, after the 11 a.m. Mass and at St. James Parish, Apollo, Saturday, Dec. 9, after the 4:30 p.m. Mass. Those who are sick, facing surgery or dealing with other issues are encouraged to attend.

Rorate Mass Dec. 12 at Christ, Prince of Peace Parish, Ford City

A candlelight Rorate Mass in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe is planned Dec. 12 at 7 p.m. at Christ, Prince of Peace Parish, Ford City, in the ancient Catholic tradition of celebrating a candlelight Mass during Advent to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary and to prepare for the arrival of the son of God.

Blue Christmas Liturgy Dec. 17 at Mother of Sorrows Parish, Murrysville

Mother of Sorrows Parish, Murrysville, will hold a Blue Christmas Liturgy Sunday, Dec. 17, at 3 p.m., for those who find the holidays difficult. The liturgy allows people to acknowledge their sense of loss or pain and the shadow it casts over the holiday season.

Rosary recited Wednesdays in Latrobe

The Holy Family Parish, Latrobe, Rosary Society recites the rosary, with Eucharistic adoration, Wednesdays from 2-3 p.m. in the Adoration Chapel.

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.

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

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren, an ecumenical social outreach mission of St. Cecilia Parish, Whitney, Sacred Heart Parish, Youngstown, and Trinity Lutheran Church, Latrobe, offers monthly meetings to provide grandparents useful information and time to interact with one another. 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. The next meetings are Wednesdays, Dec. 20 and Jan. 17.

Bereavement support group meets at St. John the Baptist Parish, Perryopolis

St. John the Baptist Parish, Perryopolis, offers a bereavement support group that meets the last Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Lodge Room. Those who have experienced loss of any kind are invited to join. For information, call 724-366-0917.

St. John the Baptist Parish, Perryopolis, offers Servants of the Holy Spirit group

St. John the Baptist Parish, Perryopolis, hosts a Servants of the Holy Spirit gathering, focused on opening yourself to the Holy Spirit and letting the Spirit work through you, the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. Greg Wohar is group leader.

FUNDRAISERS/MEETINGS/PROGRAMS/EVENTS

November

Art exhibit opens Nov. 18 at Saint Vincent Gristmill, Latrobe

“One Man’s Interpretation of Christian Expression,” an exhibit of the work of New Alexandria artist and art conservator Jeffrey P. Rouse, opens Saturday, Nov. 18, at the Saint Vincent Gristmill, Latrobe. Hours for the opening are 7-10 p.m. The exhibit will continue through Dec. 23 during regular Gristmill hours, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

Christmas bazaar Nov. 18-19 at Immaculate Conception Parish, Connellsville

The Christian Mothers of Immaculate Conception Parish, Connellsville, will hold a Christmas bazaar Saturday, Nov. 18, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and 5 p.m. until after the 6 p.m. Mass, and Sunday, Nov. 19, from 8:30 a.m. until after the 9:30 a.m. Mass. A Chinese auction is also planned, and cinnamon, apricot, nut and poppyseed rolls will be for sale.

Bingo Nov. 19 at Our Lady, Queen of Peace Parish, East Vandergrift

Our Lady, Queen of Peace Parish, East Vandergrift, will hold bingo Sundays, Nov. 19, Dec. 3 and 17, and Jan. 14 in the social hall. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and bingo begins at 6:30 p.m. For information, call 724-478-4958.

Oblates of St. Benedict to meet Nov. 19

Latrobe – The Oblates of St. Benedict, Latrobe Deanery, will meet Sunday, Nov. 19, from 3-4:15 p.m. in Brownfield 202 at Saint Vincent Seminary. Speaker will be Benedictine Father Thomas Acklin on “Silence in Benedictine Spirituality.” 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. The next meeting will be Sunday, Dec. 17, with Benedictine Brother Roman Pallone speaking on “The Eucharist in Benedictine Spirituality.”

Italian dinner Nov. 19 at St. Pius X social hall, Mount Pleasant

The Verna Montessori School will hold an Italian dinner Sunday, Nov. 19, from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at St. Pius X Parish hall, Mount Pleasant. The menu will feature Sister Lucy’s famous meatballs, spaghetti, salad, bread, desserts and beverages. Cost is \$15 for adults, \$8 for ages 8 and under. Basket and 50/50 raffles are planned. Takeout will be available.

“Living as Healthy Disciples” focus of speaker series at St. James Parish, New Alexandria

St. James Parish, New Alexandria, is hosting a series of “Living as Healthy Disciples” talks. The first session is scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 21, at 6 p.m. in the social hall and will feature Robert R. Baum Jr., Director of Counseling Services for Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg, speaking on “Supporting Ourselves and Others: Mental Health Awareness.”

Free Thanksgiving Dinner at St. Mary, Mother of God Parish, Freeport

St. Mary, Mother of God Parish, Freeport, will offer a free Thanksgiving Day (Nov. 23) from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 724-448-9251 or emailing stmaryfreeport.com by Monday, Nov. 20. Takeout and delivery are available.

Nov. 24 deadline for St. John the Evangelist Parish, Connellsville

St. John the Evangelist Parish, Connellsville, is planning a Slovak food sale, with orders due Friday, Nov. 24. Cabbage rolls (halupki) are \$4.50 each, and frozen pierogies are \$15 per dozen. To order, call 724-628-7259. Pickup will be Saturday, Dec. 2, from 9-11 a.m. in the social hall. Those purchasing food should take their own containers.

Advent program Nov. 27-Dec. 21 at St. Mary, Mother of God Parish, Freeport

St. Mary, Mother of God Parish, Freeport, will offer an Advent Rejoice program Nov. 27-Dec. 21. Sessions will include Scripture reflections, journaling and group discussions. They will be held Monday mornings after mass or Thursdays from 6:30-8 p.m. Cost is \$5 for books. To register, visit stmaryfreeport.com. For information, email Deacon J.T. Tuskan at jtuskan@dioceseofgreenburg.org.

Evenings of reflection planned at St. John the Baptist Parish, Perryopolis,

St. John the Baptist Parish, Perryopolis, is hosting a series of Evenings of Reflection on Mondays at 7 p.m. in the social hall. Dates/topics are: Nov. 27, "Preparing our Hearts Through Advent"; and Dec. 18, "The Incarnation" presented by Father Rody Mejia.

Parishes plan day trip to "Sacred Steubenville"

Our Lady, Queen of Peace Parish, East Vandergrift, and St. James Parish, Apollo, are sponsoring a "Sacred Steubenville" trip Tuesday, Nov. 28. The group will depart from St. James Parish at 8 a.m. and return around 8 p.m. The trip will feature stops at St. Peter Church, Fort Steuben, Franciscan University and Steubenville Nutcracker Village and Advent Market, a drive through downtown Steubenville with views of some of the 35 murals that depict the city's history, an included lunch at a local restaurant, and shopping at Nelson Woodcraft. Payment of \$139 is required to secure a seat. Space is limited. For reservations call 724-478-4958.

St. Barbara Parish cookbook available

The St. Barbara Parish Ladies Guild is selling "St. Barbara's Taste of Heaven Cookbook" featuring recipes created by parishioners and members of the Crabtree parish. Many of the recipes are highlighted on the Ladies Guild Facebook page, What's Cooking in St. Barbara Ladies Guild? For information, call 724-744- 7474.

St. Anne Home selling lottery calendars

St. Anne Home, Greensburg, is selling lottery calendars for 2024, with chances to win all year. Cost is \$30. To purchase, call 724-837-6070.

December

Holly Berry Fair Dec. 1 and 2 at St. Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Kittanning

St. Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Kittanning, will hold its annual Holly Berry Fair Friday, Dec. 1, from 2-6 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 2, from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. in the parish hall. The event will include theme basket and cash raffles, Christmas greens and bake sales, a used Christmas item sale, and a soup and bread sale. Special events on Dec. 2 will include breakfast with Santa from 9-11 a.m. (reservations required), bingo from noon-2 p.m., and a dine-in or takeout stuffed chicken breast dinner from 3-6 p.m. (cost is \$18; pre-orders required). Information: stmarykittanning.org or 724-548-7649.

Young adult ministry session Dec. 1 at St. James Parish, New Alexandria

Young adult ministry sessions are planned Friday, Dec. 1, at 6:30 p.m. at St. James Parish, New Alexandria. For information, contact Catlyn Bailey at CBailey@DioceseofGreensburg.org.

Advent day of prayer For women Dec. 2 at St. Rose Parish, Latrobe

The Greensburg Diocesan Council of the National Council of Catholic Women (DCCW) will host an Advent day of prayer and reflection Saturday, Dec. 2, at St. Rose Parish, Latrobe. The day will include rosary, Mass with Father Reverend Eric J. Dinga, spiritual advisor for the DCCW, as celebrant, an Advent reflection, and a catered brunch. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome. Cost is \$15. For reservations, contact Kathy Byron at 724-787-2415 or kathyb1133@gmail.com by Nov. 25.

Craft/vendor show Dec. 2 at St. Anne Parish, Rostraver

The Christian Mothers of St. Anne Parish, Rostraver, will hold a craft/vendor show Saturday, Dec. 2, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Lunch and snacks will be available. The Holy Name Society will sell frozen raviolis. For information, email Mary Kovscek at mkovscek@comcast.net.

Grief workshop Dec. 2 at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Greensburg

A workshop on grief and the holidays presented by Independence Hospice is set for Saturday, Dec. 2, at 2 p.m. in the Blessed Sacrament Cathedral Formation Center, Greensburg. Participants will make memorial ornaments. To register, call 724-834-3710, ext. 11.

Holiday bingo Dec. 3 at St. Bruno Parish, South Greensburg

The Rosary Altar Society of St. Bruno Parish, South Greensburg, will hold a holiday bingo Sunday, Dec. 3, in the parish hall. Doors open at noon, and bingo starts at 1 p.m. Tickets are \$25 and include bingo, lunch, desserts and beverages. A cash-only snack bar will be available, plus basket and 50/50 raffles, strip tickets and door prizes. For information, contact Michelle Zulisky at 724-836-0690 or mzulisky@dioceseofgreensburg.org.

Bingo Dec. 3 at St. Cecilia Parish, Whitney

St. Cecilia Parish, Whitney, will hold its monthly bingo Sunday, Dec. 3, in the parish hall. Doors open at 12:30 p.m. and bingo begins at 2 p.m. Refreshments will be available. For information, call 724-423-3777.

Monthly bingo Dec. 3 at St. Mary, Mother of God Parish, Freeport,

St. Mary, Mother of God Parish, Freeport, will hold bingo the first Sunday of every month (Dec. 3) in its Family Community Center. Doors open at 5 p.m. with bingo at 6:30. Cost is \$21 for 16 regular games, with extra paper packets available. Food and refreshments will be available for purchase.

Our Lady, Queen of Peace Parish, East Vandergrift, sponsoring St. Nicholas Day raffle

Our Lady, Queen of Peace Parish, East Vandergrift, is sponsoring a St. Nicholas Day lottery ticket. Tickets are \$10 and have two 3-digit numbers, with the winners based on the first officially drawn Pennsylvania Lottery Daily Pick-3 in the afternoon and in the evening on Wednesday, Dec. 6. The winners will each receive \$1,000 and a \$100 gift certificate to Keystone Beverage in Vandergrift. Chances are available in the church vestibule after Sunday Mass, at the parish office in Apollo or by calling 724-568-3409.

Lessons and Carols Dec. 6 at Sacred Heart Parish, Jeannette

The Jeannette Catholic Community will offer Lessons and Carols Wednesday, Dec. 6, at 7 p.m. at Sacred Heart Parish, Jeannette.

Live Nativity Dec. 8 at St. James Parish, New Alexandria

A Live Nativity is planned Friday, Dec. 8, from 5-8 p.m. at St. James Parish, New Alexandria. All are invited to walk and experience the beauty and wonder of the Scriptures coming to life with live animals and actors. There will be activities for the entire family, plus lessons and carols. Refreshments will be served.

Breakfast with Santa Dec. 9 at Sacred Heart Parish, Jeannette

Sacred Heart Parish, Jeannette, will hold Breakfast with Santa Saturday, Dec. 9, from 9 a.m.-noon. The morning will include face painting, cookie decorating and storytime with Father Job Foote, plus 50/50 and basket raffles and a lottery tree. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$7 for children (free for 3 and under) and are available after Mass on Saturdays and Sundays; at the St. Vincent de Paul store in Jeannette; or by contacting Kelly Carns at 724-875-2437 or John Cramer at 724-396-9737.

Cookie sale Dec. 9 at St. Rita Parish, Connellsville

The Christian Mothers of St. Rita Parish, Connellsville, will hold their annual Christmas cookie sale Saturday, Dec. 9, at 9 a.m. in the social hall. The sale will feature knots, pizzelles, biscotti and other varieties.

Annual wigilia dinner Dec. 15 at Uniontown Polish Club

The Polish Heritage Club will host an authentic Polish wigilia (Christmas Eve dinner) Friday, Dec. 15, at 6 p.m. at the Uniontown Polish Club. For information or reservations, call 724-438-1036.

Lessons and Carols Dec. 17 at St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Western Fayette County

St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Western Fayette County, will present its third annual Festival of Lessons and Carols Sunday, Dec. 17, at 5 p.m. at the Footedale worship site, New Salem. Refreshments will be served afterward. For information, contact Eric Blanda, eblanda@dioceseofgreensburg.org.

Upcoming/ongoing

St. John the Baptist Parish, Perryopolis, hosting November 2024 pilgrimage to Holy Land

St. John the Baptist Parish, Perryopolis, is hosting a pilgrimage to the Holy Land Nov. 4-14, 2024, led by Father Rody Mejia, Pastor. Walk with us in the places the Jesus walked: Nazareth, Cana, Sea of Galilee, Bethlehem, Bethany, Jerusalem and more. Cost is \$4,190 per person and includes round-trip bus transportation to and from the airport, a round-trip airline ticket, double occupancy hotel accommodations, all meals and nine days in the Holy Land. For more information, email sjbperry@dioceseofgreensburg.org or call 724-736-4442.

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.

JOB OPENINGS

Diocese of Greensburg: School Resource Officers

Full and part time positions at Diocesan Catholic schools. Qualifications: Act 235 certification, basic training as required by MPOTEC or honorable discharge from Pennsylvania State Police, minimum of 10 years of full-time law enforcement experience, NASRO Basic School Resource Officer Course certification or equivalent (or be willing to obtain it), and CPR and first aid certification (or be willing to obtain it). Send cover letter with statement of philosophy on appropriate methods of policing in a school environment, resume and certification documents to hr@dioceseofgreensburg.org.

Diocese of Greensburg: Regional Director of Faith Formation and Discipleship

Full time. Responsibilities: Oversee comprehensive faith formation and discipleship efforts at multiple parishes in a localized geographical area, providing leadership in adult spirituality, Christian discipleship, children's catechesis, and youth ministry. Send resume and cover letter to: Human Resources, Diocese of Greensburg, 723 E. Pittsburgh Street, Greensburg, PA 15601 or hr@DioceseofGreensburg.org. For qualifications and additional responsibilities, visit DioceseofGreensburg.org (click on "About," then "Employment").

Diocese of Greensburg: Regional Director of Youth Formation and Discipleship

Full time. Responsibilities: Oversee faith formation and discipleship efforts of youth and young adults at multiple parishes in a localized geographical area, providing leadership to parish communities in youth spirituality, discipleship, catechesis and ministry. Send resume and cover letter to: Human Resources, Diocese of Greensburg, 723 E. Pittsburgh Street, Greensburg, PA 15601 or hr@DioceseofGreensburg.org. For qualifications and additional responsibilities, visit DioceseofGreensburg.org (click on "About," then "Employment").

Sacred Heart (Youngstown) and St. Cecilia (Whitney) Parishes: Organist/Musicians

Sacred Heart Parish, Youngtown, and St. Cecilia Parish, Whitney, are looking for musicians, especially an organist or pianist, for weekend liturgies. For information, call 724-532-0151.

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.

INFORMATION TO SHARE

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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 christourshepherdcenter.org or call 724-834-7350.