

For use the weekend of April 12-13, 2025

DIOCESAN EVENTS/NEWS

IMPORTANT DIOCESAN LENTEN APPEAL INFORMATION: Attached to these announcements is the weekly Diocesan Lenten Appeal bulletin flyer for your use. We will update these weekly and send them to you with the bulletin announcements file. Weekly social media posts will come to you every Tuesday.

CHRISM MASS APRIL 17 AT CATHEDRAL (FLYER ATTACHED): On Holy Thursday, April 17, the clergy and the faithful of the Diocese of Greensburg will continue the tradition of the Chrism Mass. The Mass, celebrated by Bishop Larry J. Kulick, will begin at 10 a.m. at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Greensburg. At the Mass, priests will renew their priestly commitments and promises and Bishop Kulick will bless and consecrate the Holy Oils used for the sacraments throughout the year. You are invited to attend Mass in person or virtually on the Diocesan Facebook page, website or You Tube.

THE CATHOLIC ACCENT TV SHOW: “A Time to Share” is the focus of the next The Catholic Accent TV Show airing on WPXI, Channel 11, at 11:30 a.m. Sunday, April 13, and a half-dozen more times on MeTV. We tell you about the Jubilee Year of Hope in the Diocese of Greensburg. See how the Jubilee Year kicked off in the Diocese of Greensburg and how the faithful can participate in their own pilgrimages, including a special pilgrimage in our Diocese. Learn how your support of the Diocesan Lenten Appeal is critical to the mission of the Church – including Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg. Also, meet our newly hired Regional Faith Formation and Youth Ministry Directors who share the Gospel message with the young Church in the Diocese. The Catholic Accent is always on at theaccentonline.org.

PRO-LIFE NEWS & INFORMATION: In order to stay informed of the latest local Pro-life News & Information as well as events, go to DioceseofGreensburg.org/pro-life-ministries/ and click on the “Sign-Up Email” button. After submitting your name, email address, and parish or school name, you will receive the latest in area pro-life news. For more information about the Pro-life News & Information emails, contact Deacon William Newhouse at wnewhouse@DioceseofGreensburg.org.

VOCATIONS GATHERINGS FOR YOUNG MEN (FLYERS ATTACHED): All young men who are interested in exploring God's call and who are open to learning more about the priesthood are invited to spring gatherings the first Sunday of each month (May 4) at Saint John Baptist de La Salle Parish, Delmont. The Melchizedek Project, for ages 18 and older, will meet from 3:30 to 5

p.m., and Exploring God's Call, for young men of high school age, will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Each gathering will include prayer, discussion and resource sharing. For information, contact Father David Slusarick, Associate Director of the Office for Priestly Vocations, at dslusarick@DioceseofGreensburg.org.

ANNUAL SALT AND LIGHT AWARDS DINNER: Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg will host its annual Communities of Salt & Light Award Dinner Thursday, April 24, at 6 p.m. at Stratigos Banquet Centre, North Huntingdon. All proceeds from the event are distributed to the most vulnerable residents of the Diocese. This year's awardees are Thomas A. Jacobsen – Humanitarian, Blessed Sacrament Cathedral Parish, Greensburg; John and Susan Coleman – Philanthropy, Saint Raymond of the Mountains Parish; and Ladies of Charity Clothing Closet of The Roman Catholic Churches of Southern Fayette – Human Service Organization. Tickets are \$130 per person. Online bidding, advertising and sponsorship opportunities are available. For information, or to donate a basket or silent auction item, visit www.ccharitiesgreensburg.org or call 724-837-1840.

KERYGMA DISCIPLESHIP RETREAT (FLYER ATTACHED): Are you looking to learn more about Jesus or forming a relationship with Him? Are you active in your parish and would like to renew your relationship with Jesus and be able to share His message with others? Maybe you have been away from the Church or have not heard the Gospel before and want to learn more about Jesus, the Holy Spirit and the Church. The Kerygma Discipleship Retreat is for you! This weekend retreat, Thursday, May 15, through Sunday, May 18, at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg, is an opportunity to have a new encounter with Jesus and discover ways to sustain that relationship in your everyday life. Meals are included. Commuters are welcome. For pricing, registration and other information, visit www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/kerygma-discipleship-retreat.

STEBENVILLE YOUTH CONFERENCE (FLYER ATTACHED): The Diocese of Greensburg will attend the Steubenville Youth Conference as a diocese July 18-20 at Franciscan University in Steubenville, Ohio. Cost is \$325, with a non-refundable \$50 deposit. The price includes room and board and three T-shirts. For information, email ffd@DioceseofGreensburg.org.

NATIONAL CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE (FLYER ATTACHED): The Diocese of Greensburg will have a group attending the National Catholic Youth Conference Nov. 20-22 in Indianapolis, Ind. Teens currently in grades 8-11 may attend. Cost is \$550 and includes NCYC tickets, hotel, bus, swag and a group dinner. Youth ministers can provide information on fundraising, as well as details about the trip. For information, visit www.DioceseofGreensburg.org/ncyc/ or email ffd@DioceseofGreensburg.org.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES SEEKING VOLUNTEERS: Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg is looking for caring volunteers interested in being matched with older adult clients. Volunteers provide supportive and regular visits, telephone calls, greeting cards and other mailings to prevent loneliness and isolation and brighten a person's day. Volunteers interested in delivering food boxes to clients are also welcome. For information, contact Deborah Klinvex at 724-837-1840 or dklinvex@DioceseofGreensburg.org.

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

DONEGAL: JUBILEE BUS PILGRIMAGE TO SAINT ANTHONY'S CHAPEL, PITTSBURGH, FROM SAINT RAYMOND OF THE MOUNTAINS PARISH: The Christian Mothers group invites you to follow the invitation of Pope Francis and join us on a religious pilgrimage to visit Saint Anthony's Chapel in the Troy Hill section of Pittsburgh on Wednesday, June 25. The bus will leave the parish at 10 a.m.; a light lunch will be provided. The chapel is home to 5,000 first class relics. There will be a novena at the chapel. Cost is \$55. Checks payable to Saint Raymond's Christian Mothers can be sent to 170 School House Lane, P.O. Box 330, Donegal, PA 15628, with name, email address and phone number included.

GREENSBURG: SECULAR CARMELITE SILENT RETREAT: The Holy Eucharist: Source and Summit of Carmelite Spirituality is the focus of a silent retreat planned by the Community of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Friday-Sunday, April 25-27, at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg. Retreat master will be Father John A. Moineau. To view the schedule and accommodations, visit: www.DioceseofGreensburg.org/carmelite-events/. If paying by check, mail to: Community of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, c/o Stephanie Malley, 125 Old Gate Road, Trafford, PA 15085.

JEANNETTE: SAINT ANTHONY NOVENA AT ASCENSION PARISH (FLYER ATTACHED): The Saint Anthony Novena is being prayed for 13 weeks leading up to Saint Anthony's Feast Day Friday, June 13. Mass will be at 6:15 p.m., with the devotion starting at 7.

JEANNETTE: MASSES IN SPANISH AT ASCENSION PARISH: All are invited to Mass in Spanish Sundays at 6 p.m., 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.

LATROBE: CRAFT/VENDOR SHOW AT ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST PARISH: A spring craft and vendor show is set for Saturday, May 3, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Food will be available for purchase, and 50/50, vendor and basket raffles are planned.

LATROBE: HOLY SPIRIT SCHOOL OF PRAYER AT SAINT VINCENT BASILICA PARISH: The final session of the Holy Spirit School of Prayer program is set for Monday, April 14, at 7 p.m. in the Saint Vincent Basilica Crypt. For information, visit www.hssop.org.

PITTSBURGH: 40 DAYS FOR LIFE CONCLUDES (FLYER ATTACHED): The closing event for 40 Days for Life will be held Sunday, April 13, at 4 p.m. at Divine Mercy Parish, Epiphany Church in Pittsburgh. It will include a talk by Abby Johnson and a Eucharistic procession to Planned Parenthood, with a return to the church for Benediction. We continue to pray, fast and act to support life and for the conversion of those whose hearts are not open to seeing life as a gift from God needing to be nourished, not extinguished.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS/YOUTH NEWS

ESSAY CONTEST ON RELIGIOUS FREEDOM AND POLARIZATION: The USCCB Committee for Religious Liberty, in collaboration with the Secretariat of Catholic Education and Our Sunday Visitor Institute, is sponsoring a essay contest for high school juniors and seniors with the theme of religious freedom and polarization. The first-place essay will be published in *Our Sunday Visitor*, and the winner will receive a \$2,000 scholarship. For information, visit www.usccb.org/religious-liberty-essay. Essays are due April 16, with winners announced in early June.

SUPPORT CATHOLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS THROUGH THE EDUCATIONAL TAX CREDIT

PROGRAM: Did you know that you can redirect your Pennsylvania state taxes into scholarships for students attending Catholic schools in the Diocese of Greensburg? It's possible through the Pennsylvania Educational Tax Credit Program (ETC). Select the Catholic school(s) you'd like to support with your contribution and receive 90% of that amount as a tax credit for a two-year commitment. The school(s) will receive up to 100% of your donation to provide tuition

assistance for qualified families in the upcoming school year. Visit DioceseofGreensburg.org/EITC to fill out the interest form or contact Bill Barnes in the Office of Catholic Schools at 724-552-2589.

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 assistance is also available for tuition at Franciscan University of Steubenville. 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.

GREENSBURG: COPING WITH LOSS SERIES AT BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHEDRAL: A series on coping with loss will be offered Fridays, April 25 to May 30, from 2-3 p.m. To register, call 724-834-3710, ext. 11.

HARRISON CITY: CANCER SUPPORT GROUP AT SAINT BARBARA PARISH: The Saint Peregrine cancer support group meets monthly (usually the third Wednesday at 7 p.m.). All cancer survivors and caregivers are welcome.

LATROBE AREA: GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN: Grandparents Raising Grandchildren, an ecumenical social outreach mission of Saint 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.

FUNDRAISERS/MEETINGS/PROGRAMS/EVENTS

APOLLO/EAST VANDERGRIFT: RIVERS CASINO BUS TRIP: Saint James Parish, Apollo, and Our Lady, Queen of Peace Parish, East Vandergrift, are sponsoring a trip to Rivers Casino, Pittsburgh, Wednesday, May 14. Participants will leave at 9 a.m. and spend five hours at the casino. Cost is \$30, which includes \$20 in free play (must have state-issued photo ID). To sign up call 724-478-4958.

BELLE VERNON: BUNCO PARTY AT SAINT SEBASTIAN PARISH: The Ladies of Faith will hold a bunco party Saturday, April 26. Doors open at noon. Cost is \$25 and includes a light lunch and prizes. Tickets are available in the church office until April 19. For information, call 724-684-8202.

BROWNSVILLE: CAMP VIRTUE AT SAINT PETER PARISH (FLYER ATTACHED): Camp Virtue, scheduled Tuesday-Thursday, July 22-24, is a day camp that provides 6th-8th grade youth the opportunity to explore their Catholic faith while also exploring the world around them. Camp Virtue will help participants understand that they can enjoy each day to the fullest while being filled with faith and a love for God. Students in grades 9-12 and adults may volunteer as counselors.

CRABTREE: MAGNIFICAT BREAKFAST AT RIZZO'S BANQUET HALL: The Greensburg Chapter of Magnificat – A Ministry to Catholic Women will host a breakfast Saturday, April 26, from 9 a.m.-noon. Speaker will be Mary Wilson from Magnificat's Central Service Team in Louisiana, who says that "If God can work with, in and through me – He can work with, in and through anybody!" To register, call Brenda Concannon at 724-836-2094. For more information, visit MagnificatGreensburg.com.

EAST VANDERGRIFT: BINGO AT OUR LADY, QUEEN OF PEACE PARISH: Bingo will be held April 27 at 2 p.m. and May 4 and 18 and 6:30 p.m. For information, call 724-478-4958.

EAST VANDERGRIFT: CASH RAFFLE AT OUR LADY, QUEEN OF PEACE PARISH: A spring cash lottery ticket raffle will award two winners \$1,000 in cash and \$100 gift certificates to Nasers Foods. Winners will be based on the Pennsylvania Lottery 1 and 7 p.m. Pick-3 drawings on Friday, June 13. Tickets are \$10 and have two numbers. They are available at the church after the Sunday 11 a.m. Mass and at the parish office in Apollo, or by calling 724-568-3409 or 724-859-3186.

GREENSBURG: CHRIST OUR SHEPHERD CENTER AVAILABLE FOR POST-SACRAMENTAL GATHERINGS: The beautifully renovated facility, conveniently located on Route 30 east of

Greensburg, is available for receptions or meals after baptisms, first Communions, confirmations, weddings, ordinations and funerals. You can select a caterer and specific menu for events, including For information or to reserve a date and room, visit christourshepherdcenter.org or call 724-834-7350.

GREENSBURG: SAINT ANNE HOME SEEKS VOLUNTEERS: Volunteers are needed to help residents attend daily and Sunday Mass beginning at 9 a.m. (no Mass on Saturday); to visit and pray with residents any time of the day; and serve as eucharistic ministers. Training is provided. Those interested can contact Cheryl Hall at 724-837-6070, ext. 3050. Also, Saint Anne Home's Mass intention book is open, with Masses available for 2025.

GREENSBURG: SAINT BARBARA PARISH, HARRISON CITY, FASHION SHOW: Saint Barbara Parish will host a spring fashion show Sunday, April 27, at Ferrante's Lakeview. Doors open at noon. Jennifer Miele will be master of ceremonies. Tickets are \$40 and include lunch. The show will include vendors. For tickets, call 724-744-7474.

GREENSBURG: SISTERS OF CHARITY OF SETON HILL SPEAKERS AVAILABLE: Speakers are available to parishes and organizations. Topics include prayer, human trafficking and Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton. For topics or to schedule a speaker, contact Sister of Charity Colette Hanlon at 203-809-1574 or chanlon@scsh.org.

HARRISON CITY: CAMP VIRTUE AT SAINT BARBARA PARISH (FLYER ATTACHED): Camp Virtue, scheduled Monday-Friday, July 7-11 from 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., provides 5th-7th grade youth the opportunity to explore their Catholic faith while also exploring the world around them. Camp Virtue will help participants understand that they can enjoy each day to the fullest while being filled with faith and a love for God. Camp will include ropes challenges, kayaking, service outreach, a relic tour and a trip to Idlewild & SoakZone. For information, call the parish at 724-744-7474.

INDIANA: CAMP VIRTUE AT SAINT BERNARD PARISH (FLYER ATTACHED): Camp Virtue, scheduled Monday-Thursday, July 28-31, is a day camp that provides 6th-8th grade youth the opportunity to explore their Catholic faith while also exploring the world around them. Camp Virtue will help participants understand that they can enjoy each day to the fullest while being filled with faith and a love for God. Camp will include morning sessions of dynamic talks on the virtues, praise and worship, prayer, Mass, small group sharing, and games, plus a bus trip leading to an "Epic Expedition." Registration deadline is July 7. For information, contact Jessica Thompson at jthompson@DioceseofGreensburg.org.

LATROBE: OBLATES OF SAINT BENEDICT MEETINGS: The Oblates of Saint Benedict, Latrobe Deanery, will meet Sunday, April 13, from 3-4:15 in Brownfield Room 202 at Saint Vincent Archabbey, featuring Eric Failing as speaker. Attendees may also attend vespers at 5 p.m. in the archabbey basilica and supper at 5:35 p.m. in the Eichstätt Dining Room. In addition, Benedictine Archabbot Martin de Porres Bartel will present an “Ask the Abbot” session at 6:45 p.m. Those planning to have supper should call Benedictine Father Donald Raila at 724-805-2291. The next meeting will be Sunday, May 18, featuring Benedictine Father Jude Brady speaking on “The Role of Suffering, Declining of Health and the Aging Process in the Life of a Monk and an Oblate.”

LATROBE: PITTSBURGH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA AT SAINT VINCENT ARCHABBAY BASILICA: The Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Maestro Manfred Honeck, will perform “Music for the Spirit,” including a selection in honor of the late Benedictine Archabbot Douglas R. Nowicki, Wednesday, April 30, at 7 p.m. General admission tickets are \$30 apiece; tickets for a reception and reserved seating are \$150. Sponsorship opportunities also are available. For tickets, visit www.eventsquid.com/event/27186 or call 724-805-2177.

LATROBE: Secular Carmelite Community open to candidates: Potential candidates who feel they may be called to live a life of Carmelite spirituality can email ocdspa07@gmail.com for information. The community meets the second Sunday of each month.

LATROBE: SUMMER CHALLENGE PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS AT SAINT VINCENT COLLEGE: Registration is open for the Challenge Program, a summer STEM-based academic program for students from pre-K to grade 12. The theme is “Camp Half-Blood.” There are day programs (June 16-20) for preschool- and kindergarten-aged children and students in grades 1-4. Overnight programs (June 15-20) are designed for students in grades 5-12. Meals are provided to all attendees. For information, visit www.stvincentchallenge.org. Parents of children with special needs can contact Dr. Kathleen Beining at kathleen.beining@stvincent.edu or 724-805-2981.

LEECHBURG: CAMP VIRTUE AT CHRIST THE KING PARISH (FLYER ATTACHED): Adventure is calling! Camp Virtue, scheduled Monday-Thursday, June 16-19, is a day camp that provides 6th-8th grade youth the opportunity to explore their Catholic faith while also exploring the world around them. Camp Virtue will help participants understand that they can enjoy each day to the fullest while being filled with faith and a love for God. Camp will include morning sessions of dynamic talks on the virtues, praise and worship, prayer, Mass, small group sharing, and games, plus a bus trip leading to an “Epic Expedition.” For information, contact Heather Hensley at hhensley@dioceseofgreensburg.org.

NORTH HUNTINGDON: JUBILEE YEAR PILGRIMAGE TO ROME, ASSISI: Father Daniel J. Ulishney, pastor of Saint Agnes Parish, will lead a 10-day Jubilee Year pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi Monday, Oct. 12, through Tuesday, Oct. 21. The trip will immerse pilgrims in the beauty, history and faith of the Eternal City with special emphasis on sites related to Saint Agnes, the patron saint of the parish. Pilgrims will celebrate Mass at two churches dedicated to Saint Agnes and visit the Catacombs of Saint Agnes. Other highlights include visits to Saint Peter's Basilica, the Vatican Museums, the Colosseum and a journey to Assisi, the hometown of Saint Francis and Saint Clare. Reserve your spot today by visiting reserve.goodshepherdtravel.com. For information, call 724-863-2626 or email stagnes@DioceseofGreensburg.org

PERRYOPOLIS: PLAY GROUP AT SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH: The Lucecitas (*Little Lights*) play group meets in the parish's bilingual classroom Tuesdays from 10:30 a.m.-noon. Children newborn through age 6 are welcome.

PITTSBURGH: Catholic Engaged Encounter weekends: Catholic Engaged Encounter weekends are scheduled for May 17-18 and Aug. 23-24 at the Spiritan Center. The weekends begin Saturday morning and end Sunday afternoon. A team of two trained married couples, along with a priest, facilitate and guide the program. For information or to register, visit pittsburgh.engagedencounter.com/. An Engaged Encounter weekend is one of the accepted wedding preparation programs in the Diocese of Greensburg.

WHITNEY: BINGO AT SAINT CECILIA PARISH: Bingo will be held Sunday, May 4, with doors opening at 12:30 p.m. and bingo at 2 p.m. Refreshments will be available. For information, call 724-423-3777.

WHITNEY: BURGER BASHES AT SAINT CECILIA PARISH: A Burger Bash is planned Saturday, May 17, from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Upcoming dates are June 14, July 19, Aug. 16, Sept. 20 and Oct. 18. For information, call 724-423-3777.

JOB LISTINGS

CONNELLSVILLE: GEIBEL CATHOLIC JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL – Cafeteria Worker: Part time (15-20 hours/week). Job description and responsibilities available upon request. For information or to submit a resume, email tzylka@geibelcatholic.org.

YOUNGWOOD: HOLY CROSS PARISH – Office Assistant: Part time (20-23 hours/week). Duties include typing, copying, filing, and providing information to visitors and parishioners.

Qualifications include a high school diploma or equivalent (associate or other postsecondary degree or certification preferred), previous office administration experience, proficiency in Microsoft Office programs (Excel, Word, Publisher), ability to priorities and multitask, and excellent interpersonal, organizational, and written and verbal communication skills. Clearances required. Send resume and cover letter to HolyCross@DioceseofGreensburg.org or Father Rogelio Rodriguez, Holy Cross Parish, 711 Depot St., Youngwood, PA 15697.