For use the weekend of Nov. 21-22, 2026

DIOCESAN NEWS/EVENTS

75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DIOCESE OF GREENSBURG IN SONG (GRAPHICS AVAILABLE ONLINE): The Diocesan Choir of Greensburg, Christ the Divine Teacher School Choir and instrumentalists will celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Diocese of Greensburg in song Sunday, Nov. 22, at 3 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Greensburg. The concert will feature the world premiere of "Te Deum" by J. Christopher Pardini, composed to honor the anniversary. The concert will also feature sacred works that the Diocese has commissioned such as "Risen Lord, We Gather Round You" and "With Grateful Hearts." Admission is free and all are welcome.

DIOCESE OF GREENSBURG ANNUAL CHRISTMAS NIGHT MARKET (GRAPHICS AVAILABLE ONLINE): Experience the magic of Christmas Saturday, Dec. 12, from 2-8 p.m. at the Diocese of Greensburg's annual Christmas Night Market at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg. Enjoy a day filled with unique shopping vendors, delicious food, seasonal beer and wine tastings, family-friendly activities, and the sights and sounds of the Christmas season, including visits with versions of Saint Nicholas from around the world. The day will also feature a special book reading and signing with Bishop Larry J. Kulick and internationally acclaimed artist and illustrator Pipka Ulvilden, celebrating their new book, *Saint Nicholas and Krampus: The Way through the Winter Wood*. Visitors will have the opportunity to learn the inspiration behind this new Christmas classic and purchase signed copies of the book, with proceeds benefitting Catholic Charities. As part of the celebration, Bishop Kulick will also close the Diocese of Greensburg's 75th Diamond Jubilee Year with Mass at 4 p.m. For a complete schedule of events and additional information, visit ChristmasNightMarket.org.

CATHOLIC ACCENT TV SHOW: ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SPECIAL: Discover the traditions, symbols and stories that help lead us to Christ during Advent and Christmas on the next episode of the *Catholic Accent* TV show. Learn about the hidden faith lessons found in "The Twelve Days of Christmas" and travel to India with Father Vijaya Kumar Koyyuri, Parochial Vicar at Immaculate Conception Parish, Irwin, and Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, North Huntingdon, as he shares how Christmas celebrations in his homeland bring communities together through music, hospitality and faith. The program also features the tradition of Las Posadas, the story behind the Filipino Parol with Father Jay Jacinto, and a visit to Saint Sebastian Regional Catholic School, where students explore the meaning of the Feast of the Epiphany and the journey of the Magi with Father Michael Thomas. In addition, Bishop Larry J.

Kulick discusses his new book, *Saint Nicholas and Krampus: The Way through the Winter Wood*, a faith-filled story about virtue, temptation and choosing the path that leads to Christ. Monsignor Michael J. Begolly also shares a Christmas recipe perfect for your holiday table. The program concludes with Bishop Kulick's Advent message of hope, peace and joy as we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Savior. Watch *The Catholic Accent* Sundays, Nov. 29, and Dec. 6, at 11:30 a.m. on WPXI-TV, with additional airings on MeTV.

COR "HEART ON FIRE" RETREAT FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS: High school students are invited to the Diocese of Greensburg's COR "Heart on Fire" Retreat Jan. 15-16 at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg. This inspiring overnight retreat, themed "An Emmaus Walk through the Mass," will help young people deepen their understanding of the Eucharist and encounter Christ through prayer, worship, fellowship and reflection. The retreat will feature guest speaker Lauren Gothard of Damascus Ministries and music led by Damascus Worship. The retreat begins at 5:30 p.m. on Friday and concludes with 4 p.m. Mass on Saturday, celebrated by Bishop Larry J. Kulick. Families are welcome to attend the closing Mass. For information and registration, visit DioceseofGreensburg.org/COR. Come for the fun, stay for the faith!

SAVE THE DATE – PAX: CALLED SPRING RETREAT: A Pax retreat for middle school students will be held Saturday, March 6, from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg. Featuring guest speaker Paul J. Kim, this one-day retreat will help young people grow in faith through prayer, fellowship and worship. The day will conclude with Mass at 5 p.m., and families are welcome. Registration details will be coming soon.

VOCATIONS DISCERNMENT GROUPS RETURN FOR FALL (GRAPHICS AVAILABLE ONLINE): Discernment Groups, sponsored by the Office for Clergy Vocations and Formation, Priestly Vocations division, are returning for the fall! Young men in grades 9-12 are invited to participate in "Exploring God's Call," which will meet at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29. For information and to RSVP, e-mail vocations@DioceseofGreensburg.org. Young adult men (ages 18 and older) are invited to participate in "The Melchizedek Project," which will meet at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29, at Saint John Baptist de LaSalle Parish, Delmont. To RSVP, e-mail vocations@DioceseofGreensburg.org. Gatherings will begin with prayer, followed by discussion and socialization. These groups focus on discerning God's will for our lives and are strongly encouraged for those who have an openness to the priesthood.

MEMORIAL GIFTS: Memorial gifts to individual Parish Endowments are a meaningful way to honor the life and faith of a loved one. These gifts allow their memory to continue blessing the parish by providing long-term support for worship, ministries and outreach. Through an endowment memorial, a loved one's legacy becomes part of the ongoing life of the church,

strengthening our parish community for generations to come. For more information about making a memorial gift to the parish endowment, please contact Vicki Meier at the Catholic Foundation office at 724-552-2503.

GRACE SPACE FOR FAMILIES: Looking for ways to bring your family's faith beyond Sunday Mass and into everyday life? Grace Space is a new opportunity for families with toddlers to grow in faith together through practical resources, conversations and community support. Five new Grace Space locations will open this fall: Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Greensburg; Saint Agnes Parish, North Huntingdon; Saint John the Baptist Parish, Perryopolis; Saint Regis Parish, Trafford; and Saints Simon and Jude Parish, Blairsville.To learn more about Grace Space, visit DioceseofGreensburg.org/Learn-More-About-Grace-Space/ or contact Danielle Cribbs at DCribbs@DioceseofGreensburg.org or 724-837-0901, ext. 1122. Come discover simple ways to nurture faith at home and strengthen your family's spiritual journey through Grace Space.

THE CATHOLIC ACCENT PODCAST – STUNNED DISCIPLES, SEASON 2: The Catholic Accent Podcast – Stunned Disciples blends faith, humor and heartfelt storytelling to explore how the Gospel continues to surprise and inspire believers today. Hosted by Jordan Whiteko, Father Andrew Hamilton and Father Christopher Pujol, this award-winning series turns Scripture into lively, down-to-earth conversations that invite listeners to rediscover wonder in their everyday faith journey. Be Inspired. Be Stunned. Listen at TheAccentOnline.org/TheCatholicAccentPodcast or wherever you download your podcasts.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OFFERS SERVICES FOR ADULTS: Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg provides volunteer services to older adults (age 60 and older), including supportive and regular visits, telephone calls, greeting cards and other mailings to prevent loneliness and isolation and brighten a person's day. Emergency food boxes can also be delivered to those who meet eligibility requirements. To become a client, contact Deborah Klinvex at 724-837-1840 or dklinvex@DioceseofGreensburg.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.

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. For information or to reserve a date and room, visit christourshepherdcenter.org or call 724-834-7350.

RETROUVAILLE: A LIFELINE FOR TROUBLED MARRIAGES (GRAPHICS AVAILABLE ONLINE): Is your marriage hurting? Do you feel alone, frustrated or disconnected from your spouse? Have communication and understanding broken down? Retrouvaille is a program designed to help couples rebuild their relationships and find hope during difficult times. Thousands of couples facing marital challenges have benefited from this proven program of healing and renewal. All inquiries are strictly confidential. For more information, visit HelpOurMarriage.org, email 3041R@HelpOurMarriage.org, or call 412-277-3434.

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

FORD CITY: RORATE MASS AT CHRIST, PRINCE OF PEACE PARISH: A Rorate Mass in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be held Friday, Dec. 4, at 7 p.m. Guest celebrant will be Pittsburgh Auxiliary Bishop William J. Waltersheid. Music will be provided by the Saint Gregory Institute of Sacred Music.

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.

MURRYSVILLE: DCCW ADVENT DAY OF PRAYER: The Greensburg Diocesan Council of the National Council of Catholic Women will hold an Advent Day of Prayer, "An Advent Journey of Hope with Our Lady," with Father David Slusarick Saturday, Dec. 12, at Mother of Sorrows Parish. The day will begin at 9 a.m. with Mass and reflection, followed by a catered brunch at 11 a.m., rosary for priests and a prayer service focusing on Our Lady of Guadalupe. The day will conclude at 1 p.m. Cost is $25 and the deadline to register is Friday, Dec. 4. For more

information or to make a reservation, contact Kathy Byron at 724– 787–2415 or kathyb1133@gmail.com.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS/YOUTH NEWS

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 (EITC). 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

GREENSBURG: 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: PROJECT RACHEL MINISTRY: The Diocese of Greensburg is prepared to assist those suffering as the result of being involved in an abortion. Bishop Michael Burbidge of Arlington, Va., sums up Project Rachel's mission and purpose by informing us, "Diocesan-based abortion healing ministry, most often called Project Rachel Ministry, seeks to accompany those who suffer from abortion as they receive Christ's mercy, comfort , and healing. Project Rachel Ministry serves as a bridge to God's mercy, helping him to make participants whole and restoring his relationship with them as his beloved daughters and sons." For confidential, compassionate help, call 724-552-1832 or email projectrachel@DioceseofGreensburg.org.

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/INFORMATION

CRABTREE: SAINT BARTHOLOMEW PARISH BUS TRIP TO SIGHT AND SOUND THEATER IN LANCASTER: The parish Rosary Altar Society is planning a trip to see "Jonah and the Whale" Wednesday, April 14. The bus will leave at 6:30 a.m. and return about 10:30 p.m. Cost is $277 per person and includes lunch at Shady Maple Restaurant and the theater ticket. To register, call Gail Uliano, 724-972-5805, or Jan Grant, 724-961-4709. Payment due by Thursday, April 1; checks should be made out to Saint Bartholomew Rosary Altar Society.

GREENSBURG: ADVENT DAY OF RECOLLECTION AT SAINT EMMA RETREAT HOUSE: An Advent Day of Recollection will be held Saturday, Dec. 5, from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. The theme is "Advent means welcoming: We welcome Christ and Christ welcomes us." The day will feature confessions, continental breakfast, conferences, Mass and a noon meal. Cost is $55. Reservations are required by emailing retreats@stemma.org or calling 724-834-3060, ext. 235.

GREENSBURG: SAINT ANNE HOME MASS INTENTIONS: Mass intentions are available through December 2026 and can also be scheduled for 2027. Cost is $10. For information, call the pastoral care office at 724-837-6070 or send requests by mail to Saint Anne Home, 685 Angela Drive, Greensburg, PA 15601 (Attention: Pastoral Care).

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.

GREENSBURG: WESTMORELAND COUNTY BLIND ASSOCIATION PROGRAMS: The Westmoreland County Blind Association provides programs for people with intellectual disabilities, including a pre-vocational program that offers meaningful paid work opportunities in a supportive environment where participants can build skills and gain independence. Duties include paper sorting, shredding and product assembly. The adult training facility structured day program focuses on daily living skills, enrichment and community engagement, including exercise and wellness activities, arts, crafts and creative projects, life skills development, recreational outings and community-based experiences. All programs accept waiver and Community Health Choices funded individuals. For information, call 724-837-1250 or visit wcbainpa.org/.

KITTANNING: HOLLY BERRY FAIR AT SAINT MARY, OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE PARISH: The annual Holly Berry Fair will be held Saturday, Dec. 5, from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. The event will include a basket raffle, sales of fresh Christmas greens and used Christmas items, a bake sale, vegetable beef soup and break sale ($9 per quart), lunch from noon-2 p.m., bingo from 1-4 p.m., a cash raffle and surprise packages for children, plus breakfast with Santa from 9:30-11 a.m. (download registration form at www.stmarykittanning.org and submit by Tuesday, Dec. 1. For information, call 724-548-7649.

LATROBE: OBLATES OF SAINT BENEDICT MEETINGS: The Oblates of Saint Benedict, Latrobe Deanery, will meet Sunday, Dec. 20. Meetings are from 3-4:15 p.m. in Brownfield Room 202 at Saint Vincent Archabbey. Speaker will be and Benedictine Father Patrick Cronauer on "The Spirituality of Advent/Christmas in the Holy Rule of Saint Benedict." 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. Those planning to have supper should call Benedictine Father Donald Raila at 724-805-2291.

MURRYSVILLE: MOTHER OF SORROWS HOSTS DEMENTIA SUPPORT GROUP: Grace for the Journey, a faith-based dementia support group for family members and caregivers of people living with dementia, will be held Tuesday, Nov. 24, from 5-6 p.m. at Mother of Sorrows social hall. Light refreshments will be provided. To register, call 724-733-8870 by Monday, Nov. 23.

NEW ALEXANDRIA: ADULT FAITH FORMATION AT SAINT JAMES PARISH: An adult faith formation program, "*The Way, the Truth, and the Life,* A Powerful Study on the Life of Jesus Christ," will be held Sundays, Nov. 29 and Dec. 6 and 13 at 10:30 a.m. Brunch will follow each session. For information, call 724-668-2829, option 3.

NEW KENSINGTON: HELD IN HOPE: AN ADVENT EVENING FOR CATHOLIC COUPLES EXPERIENCING INFERTILITY AT SAINT MARY PARISH: Couples carrying the cross of infertility are invited to Held in Hope, an Advent evening of encouragement, fellowship and prayer, on Friday, Dec. 4, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. The evening will include light refreshments, a testimony from a Catholic couple who has experienced infertility, a reflection from a priest on Christian hope and finding Christ in the waiting, and Eucharistic Adoration with Benediction. This special gathering offers an opportunity to connect with other couples who understand the challenges of infertility while drawing strength from faith and prayer. There is no cost to attend. For registration information, call 724-335-8212.

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.

ROSTRAVER TOWNSHIP: VENDOR SHOW AT SAINT ANNE PARISH: A vendor show will be held Saturday, Dec. 5, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. The Holy Name Society will be selling frozen homemade raviolis and the Christian Mothers will hold a bake sale. Lunch and snacks will be available.

STEUBENVILLE, OHIO: COME AND SEE RETREATS: Have you ever wondered if God may be calling you to religious life? The Daughters of Holy Mary of the Heart of Jesus invite single Catholic women to attend a "Come and See" retreat and learn more about a life of prayer, community and service. Participants will have the opportunity to pray with the sisters, learn

about their charism and experience community life. Retreat dates are Feb. 5-7 and April 9-11. For information or to register, call 740-346-2625 or email novi-usa@fhsmcj.org.

UNITED: CHRISTMAS COOKIE EXCHANGE AT SAINT FLORIAN PARISH: A Christmas cookie exchange is set for Saturday, Dec. 19, from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Those attending should bring six dozen holiday cookies and a container or tray to take cookies home. Cookies will also be delivered to area nursing homes. Sign-up forms are available in the back of the church, or RSVPs can be sent to Teresa Davis at tdavis@DioceseofGreensburg.org (note name and cookie type). Recipes for the cookies should be dropped off or emailed to the parish. For information, 724-423-4431. All are welcome.

WHITNEY: BINGO AT SAINT CECILIA PARISH: Bingo will be held Sunday, Dec. 6. Doors open at 12:30 p.m., with bingo at 2 p.m. For information, call 724-423-3777.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

GREENSBURG: SAINT ANNE HOME: Volunteers are needed to help residents through activities and companionship. Opportunities include assisting with bingo, games, evening events and daily Mass Sunday through Friday at 10 a.m. and friendly room visits with residents who may need extra socialization and encouragement. Training is provided. For information, contact the activities office at 724-837-6070.

JOB LISTINGS

CONNELLSVILLE: GEIBEL CATHOLIC JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL – CAFETERIA SUPERVISOR (PART TIME): Dependable and organized supervisor needed to oversee daily operation of school cafeteria, 25 hours per week. Responsibilities include supervising food service operations, maintaining cleanliness and safety standards, managing staff and volunteers, monitoring inventory, and ensuring a positive dining experience for students and staff. The ideal candidate will possess strong organizational and communication skills, the ability to work collaboratively in a faith-based school environment, and a commitment to supporting the mission of Catholic education. Submit a resume and letter of interest to Tiffany Zylka at tzylka@geibelcatholic.org.

CONNELLSVILLE: GEIBEL CATHOLIC JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL – CAFETERIA ASSISTANT (PART TIME): Reliable and energetic assistant to support the cafeteria supervisor in providing a safe, efficient, and welcoming dining experience for students and staff. Responsibilities include assisting with food preparation and service, maintaining cleanliness and sanitation standards, operating kitchen equipment, stocking supplies, and helping with daily operations. The ideal candidate will work well as part of a team, enjoy working with students, and support the mission and values of Catholic education. Submit resume and letter of interest to Tiffany Zylka at tzylka@geibelcatholic.org.

CRABTREE: SAINT BARTHOLOMEW PARISH – CHOIR DIRECTOR/PIANIST/ORGANIST: Part time, responsible for liturgical music planning, directing the choir, working with cantors and providing musical accompaniment during Saturday night and Sunday morning Mass (hymns, preludes, offertory music and postludes on piano or organ). For information, call 724-834-0709 or email Benedictine Father Justin Matro at jmatro@DioceseofGreensburg.org.

UNITED: SAINT FLORIAN PARISH – PRESCHOOL TEACHER'S AIDE: Part time, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:45 a.m. to noon. For information, call 724-423-4437.

YOUNGWOOD: HOLY CROSS PARISH – CUSTODIAN/MAINTENANCE WORKER: The custodian will work with the parish office staff, rental property management and Diocese of Greensburg facilities management team, on sanitation and maintenance needs. Attention to detail and basic knowledge of building maintenance needs are essential skills. Flexible schedule. For detail, call 724-925-7811.