

**SCHEDULE OF MASSES
AND SERVICES FOR THE WEEK**

AUGUST 9—NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 4:30 pm **Sat.** (Birth) Kay Wozniak—Joe & Judy Stringhill & Family
- 9:00 am William & Justine Sylvester—George & Doris Sepic
Liturgy of the Word for Children
- 11:00 am For All the People of Saint Sebastian Parish

MONDAY, AUGUST 10—ST. LAWRENCE

- 8:00 am In Thanksgiving—George & Sabra Clark
After Mass: Miraculous Medal Novena & Rosary

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11—ST. CLARE

No Morning Mass Today

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12—ST. JANE FRANCES de CHANTAL

- 8:00 am (Birth) Pauline Bashada—Sherri & Jim

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13—POPE ST. PONTIAN & ST. HIPPOLYTUS

- 8:00 am Tony DeSimone—Nancy

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14—ST. MAXIMILIAN MARY KOLBE

- 8:00 am Jimmy Wisyanski & Missy Hazy Caldwell—Jane Hazy

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15—ASSUMPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

- 10:00 am Kathy Muccino—Joe & Irene Muccino

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 4:30 pm Valent & Maria Talpas & Deceased Family
Members—Family

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

- 9:00 am Mary Ann Ercegovich—Children
- 11:00 am For All the People of Saint Sebastian Parish

LITURGICAL MINISTERS—SERVERS & MASTER OF CEREMONIES

Weekdays, Aug. 10,12,13,14 8:00 am J. Rabe

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- Saturday, Aug. 15 10:00 am 2 Volunteers Needed
(MC) Volunteer Needed
- Saturday, Aug. 15 4:30 pm J. & D. Columbus
(MC) T. McCullough
- Sunday, Aug. 16 9:00 am J. Hartman—L. Galiszewski
(MC) J. Hartman
- 11:00 am L. Perozzi—S. Anderson
(MC) D. Kossol

LECTORS COORDINATOR MINISTERS

Saturday, Aug. 15—Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 10:00 M. Pesi S. Raymond M. Nogy, L. Aul, J. Barger
Volunteer, M. Blevins, M. Strickland

Saturday, Aug. 15

- 4:30 B. Moskovitz S. Wawro J. Moody, S. & S. Zolock
Volunteer, D. Atkinson, C. Farrier

Sunday, Aug. 16

- 9:00 D. Staff M. Pesi K. & S. Rygiel, D. Russell
S. Battaglia, E. Niehaus, T. Rodriguez
- 11:00 B. Anderson J. Morris G. Rush, M. Druciak, K. Keene
J. Frederick, C. Simboli, C. Zoppetti

Second Collection this Weekend is the monthly UTILITIES & MAINTENANCE collection.

SUNDAY COUNTERS:

- Aug. 9—T. Rodriguez, S. Wawro, R. Ritson, S. Mavrakis, R. Nandor
- Aug. 16—C. Shernisky, J. & B. Picchiarini, S. & S. Zolock

ALTAR FLOWERS this weekend are given to the glory of God and in memory of the Deceased Members of the Adametz and Bitonti Families by Ann Adametz and her children.

SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS Please remember in your prayers those who died last week: JOSEPH SEMANCIK and RONALD A. BETHEM, our parishioners; and SHIRLEY DEMKO, mother of Margie Lopez, our parishioner. We extend our sympathy to their families. May they rest in peace.

BAPTIZED IN CHRIST: AURORA ELIZABETH BASTEDO, daughter of David Bastedo and Angela Whiteko. We welcome Aurora into the Church and into our parish family. God bless her parents and family.

PARISH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

- Monday - Valley of Hope, Parish Hall, 7:30 pm
- Wednesday - Octoberfest Committee, Parish Center, 7:00 pm

Stewardship of Treasure

	Sunday Stewardship	Needed for Budget	Over/Under + / -
Aug. 1/2	\$10,765.00	\$10,200.00	+\$565.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$46,224.43	\$51,000.00	-\$4,775.57

DIOCESAN LENTEN APPEAL Week #21		
	This Week	To Date
No. Families	3	501
Pledged	\$1,075.00	\$65,476.00

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER THE SICK OF OUR PARISH especially Leda Arrigoni, Sister Mary Vera Bartley, Joseph Beresik, Donna Biagini, Greg Brooks, Peter Carrozza, Jenna Christner, Irene Colborn, Alex Danyi, Angeline DeMarco, Edward Drotos, Ernest Ehlers, Darlene Engle, Joan Eversburg, Margaret Foglia, Thomas W. Galley, Jr., Madison Marie Gardner, Mary Gira, Rudy Halgas, Betty Jean Henderson, Janice Hill, Ann Husovitz, Philomena Iacovangelo, Barbara Kubik, Debbie Kurtis, Ann Krosoff, Stanley Lubinski, Fr. Leonard McAlpin, Kathleen McCullough, Mike Mendicino, Janet Misenko, William Molnar, Sr., Mary B. Nagy, Joseph Naylor, Karen O'Neil, Stella Povlick, George Rue, Mary Ann Rocco, Mathew Russell, Barbara Sedlak, Steve Semancik, Loretta Senich, Guido Simboli, Joseph Smith, Patti Smith, Mary B. Snyder, Darla Staff, Chuckie Stringhill, Clara Tonarelli, Joseph Turcheck, Jim Webb. Lord, we ask that you bless our friends who are sick. Give them strength in body, courage in spirit, and patience in pain. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD PARISH FESTIVAL Today Sunday, August 9, Epiphany of Our Lord Parish in Monessen will hold their annual Parish Festival. Festivities begin at 11:30 a.m. on the Epiphany of Our Lord Chapel grounds, Pennsylvania Avenue. All are invited to attend.

HOLY FAMILY PARISH, West Newton, is sponsoring a Pork Roast Dinner (includes scalloped potatoes, veg, gravy, roll, beverage, dessert) next Sunday, August 16, in their Social Hall from 11:30 AM—5:00 PM. Adults: \$7, children under 12: \$3.50. Take-outs available.



ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY AUGUST 15

On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII defined the Assumption of Mary to be a dogma of faith: “We pronounce, declare and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma that the immaculate

Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul to heavenly glory.” The Pop proclaimed this dogma only after a broad consultation of bishops, theologians and laity. There were few dissenting voices. What the pope solemnly declared was already a common belief in the Catholic Church.

We find homilies on the Assumption going back to the sixth century. In following centuries the Eastern Churches held steadily to the doctrine, but some authors in the West were hesitant. However, by the thirteenth century there was universal agreement. The feast was celebrated under various names (Commemoration, Dormition, Passing, Assumption) from at least the fifth or sixth century.

Scripture does not give an account of Mary’s Assumption into heaven. Nevertheless, Revelation 12 speaks of a woman who is caught up in the battle between good and evil. Many see this woman as God’s people. Since Mary best embodies the people of both the Old and New Testament, her Assumption can be seen as an exemplification of the woman’s victory.

Furthermore, in 1Corinthians 15:20, Paul speaks of Christ’s Resurrection as the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

Since Mary is closely associated with all the mysteries of Jesus’ life, it is not surprising that the Holy Spirit has led the Church to belief in Mary’s share in his glorification. So close was she to Jesus on earth, she must be with him body and soul in heaven.

(American Catholic.org/Saints)

The Diocese of Greensburg honors the Assumption of Mary as the Diocesan Patroness. **This Saturday, August 15, we will celebrate Mass at 10:00 a.m.** Since the holy day falls on a Saturday, the obligation to attend Mass is abrogated. The 4:30 p.m. Mass on Saturday evening is the anticipated Mass for Sunday.

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES IN 2009

Bishop Brandt invites all couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary during the calendar year 2009 to participate in a special Golden Jubilee Mass to be held at the Blessed Sacrament Cathedral on Sunday, September 20, 2009 at 3:00 p.m. The Jubilarians, their children, relatives or friends should contact our Parish Office (724-929-9300) to register couples for this celebration.

If some couples may not be able to attend the Mass, they will still receive a scroll signed by the Bishop commemorating their anniversary.

PRAY FOR A PRIEST THIS WEEK

Some of Our Former Deacons now Priests

- Mon: Father Gilbert Exumé, Diocese of Atlanta
- Tue: Father Mark Weiss, Diocese of Harrisburg
- Wed: Father Douglas Ondeck, Diocese of Wheeling/Charleston
- Thu: Father Charles McGinnis, Diocese of Wheeling/Charleston
- Fri: Father Eric Hill, Diocese of Atlanta
- Sat: Father Kevin Hargaden, Diocese of Atlanta
- Sun: Father William Berkey, Diocese of Greensburg

“O Jesus, Eternal High Priest, live and act in him, speak in and through him. Think your thoughts in his mind, love through his heart. Teach, lead and guide him always. Correct, enlighten and expand his thoughts and behavior. Possess his soul; take over his entire personality and life. Let him live in you. Amen.”

JUNQUE SALE SUCCESS A huge THANKS to Chair Bonnie Halinka and her committee. This year’s profit is \$6,219.20, the highest in the last eight years. Thanks for the cleaning, sorting, pricing, selling. God Bless!!!

OCTOBERFEST We are planning a Parish Octoberfest for Sunday, October 18. If you are interested in taking part, a meeting will be held this Wednesday, August 12 in our Parish Center at 7:00 p.m. Please join us.

GCC INVITES 7TH & 8TH GRADE STUDENT ATHLETES TO PRACTICE Are you considering attending Greensburg Central Catholic? Are you interested in trying something new?

Come and practice with the 2009 WPIAL Men’s Division II Lacrosse finalists and learn to play the fastest game on two feet! This is your opportunity to meet and to play with some of the area’s top players and be instructed by the best coaching staff in Western Pennsylvania. It doesn’t matter if you don’t know anything about the sport. We’ll teach you! Lacrosse is one of the fastest growing sports in the US. Join us on the practice field at GCC any and every Sunday from 2:00 p.m. til 5:00 p.m. through August. If you have any questions about Central’s Lacrosse Program, call Nate, one of our seniors, at 724-650-6014. Come and experience what lacrosse is all about!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORMS are available in the church pamphlet racks for PreK, Grades 1—5 and the Y.E.S. Youth Group Program.

If you have a concern about sexual abuse of a child or young person by anyone in a parish or diocesan position—clergy, volunteer or paid staff—please contact Bishop Brandt’s delegate for matters of sexual misconduct at 724-837-0901, ext. 221. (Printed regularly by Diocesan mandate)