TODAY, AS YOU RECEIVE YOUR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION,
WE HOPE AND PRAY THAT THE GOODNESS OF THE LORD BE UPON YOU EACH DAY!

Nicholas Acquaviva
Skylar Ashbaugh
Nicklas Caswell
Adam Chapkis
Cruz Cortazzo
Luke Dillman
Juliette Donis
Olivia Donovan
Anthony Eboli
Gianna Enick
Hayden Farabaugh
Samantha Funk
Nathaniel Haslam
Cameron Himes
Kayla Kennelly
Rylan Larry
Caleb Larson
Addison Mann
Adriana Matthews
Ethan Moore
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FR. MICHAEL’S PAGE…

DEACON MIKE

On Saturday, June 1, Deacon Mike is to be ordained a priest. The ordination will be celebrated at 10:00am in the Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption in Covington, Kentucky. Deacon Mike extends an invitation for any member of our community to join in this beautiful liturgy. Please remember the deacon in your prayers as he prepares to serve the Church in the Order of the Presbyterate.

EASTER DUTY

In days gone by, far greater attention was given to the Easter Duty: Catholics are obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once each year and, if necessary, to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. In many churches, penitents would complete a document proving they had fulfilled this obligation. Without this annual proof, you were not considered to be in good standing.

Today, few priests scour the records to ensure that all parishioners have fulfilled this duty. We live in an age where nearly everyone regularly goes to communion, at least among those who regularly go to church. There seems no need to encourage frequent reception of Holy Communion, although there is a need to promote awareness of the value of receiving communion under both signs. But there is even greater need to promote awareness of the value of regular sacramental confession.

Some people mistakenly believe that there is an obligation to go to confession at least once a year. But the Church can never tell anyone how often he or she should have recourse to this sacrament. We are expected to be responsible in evaluating our conscience and so determine when sacramental reconciliation is essential. If we are aware of having committed grave sin, confession is obligatory. At other times, though not required, confession can be a useful aid in the work of conversion.

When we recognize long-standing struggles in our lives, this sacrament is a means for discovering the grace necessary to confront those matters. When we are ready to deal with the root cause of personal sin, confession can bring the courage to move forward. When we are brought to acknowledge that our lives are just not moving in a healthy direction, confession provides an opportunity for God to put us back on course. The Church does not oblige us to go to confession at least once each year, but what a pity to not do so.

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN

Our Diocese will take up the annual collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC) on May 18-19. By generously supporting this collection, you are spreading the Gospel and helping others encounter Christ every day. Your gifts not only support projects on a national and international scale, but also here in our own diocese. Half of all the proceeds from this collection stay here in the Diocese of Greensburg to support our local communications efforts, including The Catholic Accent newspaper and magazine, The Accent On-Air quarterly television show, the diocesan website and social media platforms.

The remaining half of the proceeds from the collection support communications projects around the world. One example of the impact of your generosity occurred in the Philippines. The island of Samar is home to nearly two million people, about 90% of whom are Catholic. Many live in remote villages outside the reach of television and internet. Instead, radio is a critical source of information. The Catholic Church has provided the people of Samar with spiritual programming through a dedicated radio station for 20 years.

But, in 2013, Typhoon Haiyan hit the island and destroyed the radio station. The community has been unable to fund a new station, leaving hundreds of thousands of people without access to spiritual messages. Your support of the Catholic Communication Campaign is now helping the local diocese to rebuild the station. Because of you, people can once again hear radio programs that deepen their faith. It is only through your generosity that this project, and others like it, can spread the Gospel around the world.

For more information on the Catholic Communication Campaign and the projects funded by the collection, visit www.usccb.org/cc.

PREPARING FOR THE NEXT CHAPTER

After 20+ years of service to our community, Judy Shaffer is to retire as Parish Secretary. During this time, she has truly been the front door of our community. She is the public face of Saint Barbara Parish, the first person to greet those who walk into the office, and the voice that greets those who call. She has exercised responsibility for tasks great and small, and helped to keep everything running smoothly. She has been a great collaborator and will be missed by those with whom she has most closely worked over these past years.

Next Sunday, May 19, we’ll host a reception for Judy, immediately following the 8:00am Mass. Please join us in the Social Hall for this opportunity to express gratitude for a job well done, and to lend her support as she takes up the new work of retirement. She is not going too far. She’ll continue to be seen in the pews with her husband, Bill. But it is for her a new role in the life of this community.

Judy’s last official day on the job is May 31. If you can’t make the reception, please know that she’ll still be at the front desk for a few more days. On behalf of our entire parish community, I extend to Judy our thanks, not only for the work that she accomplished, but for her witness as a disciple of Christ. May the Lord bring to fulfillment in her the good work that he has begun.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Today, marks the annual World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Today, we publicly fulfill the Lord’s instruction to, “Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest: (Matthew 9:38; Luke 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord’s call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, and societies of apostolic life or secular institutes. Please pray also that our entire community regularly take up the challenge of assisting those who are discerning the Lord’s call.

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Regional Vacation Bible School

Don’t Miss the Mane Event

June 10-14 | 1:00 to 4:00 PM

This epic African adventure engages the whole herd. At Roar, kids explore God’s goodness and celebrate a ferocious faith that powers them through this wild life. All volunteers must be in high school or older; middle school youth may serve as aides. Join us and let the good times roar! (Clearances required for all those 18+).

All the details you need at www.stbarbara.org.

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CedarPoint

Now Reserving Seats

June 18 | $90
Current Grades 5-12

Includes park ticket, coach bus transportation, lunch, all day drink wristband and catered dinner.

Registration Forms online at www.stbarbara.org

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Camp VIRTUE

JULY 8-12, 2019
www.stbarbara.org

Camp Virtue is a day camp that allows middle school youth to enter more fully into the life of the Catholic faith with an understanding of living out the virtues. Camp includes dynamic talks, praise and worship, small group discussion, icebreakers, games and much more until lunch time. After lunch, we depart via school bus for daily adventures.

Reach out to Elisa Esasky in the Parish Office with any questions.

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Confirmation

Wednesday, May 15
7:00 PM

*Candidate and sponsor need to be present for Confirmation Rehearsal. If sponsor cannot be with us; then a parent needs to be.

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Through the saving waters of Baptism we welcome the following children to St. Barbara Church.

- Mason Allen Frontz
  Son of Chad & Maria Frontz
- Gwendolyn Foxe George
  Daughter of Jack & Nicole George
- Milania Elizabeth Hultz
  Daughter of Jason & Elizabeth Hultz
- Logan Ryan Loughner
  Son of Ryan & Rebecca Loughner
- Albus Michael Olsen
  Son of Nathaniel Olsen & Madison Budd
- Dominic Louis Pellegrino
  Son of Darren Pellegrino & Miranda Stafiej
- Lucy Adele Shuey
  Daughter of Michael & Kristina Shuey
- Dorian Vaughn Surmacz
  Son of Sean & Kellie Surmacz
- Alexandra Elizabeth Temple
  Daughter of Michael & Ashley Temple
- Benjamin Joseph Thoma
  Son of Seth & Kristy Thoma
- Logan Richard Thomas
  Son of Adam & Angela Thomas
### MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR May 18/19
#### 5th Sunday of Easter

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**Children’s Liturgy of the Word:** Leader - Lauren Traill / Reader: Colby Sherwin

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**Announcing the First Work Detail of the Season!**
**Tuesday, May 14. Beginning at 6:00PM**

Come join a cadre of volunteers who work to improve our campus. Your stewardship of time and talent makes a big impact. There’s always plenty to do! High school students — get a start on fulfilling your service hours requirement.

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**Attention High School Seniors**

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**St. Peregrine Cancer Support Group**

Tuesday, May 14, 7:00pm in Room 107. Anyone whose life has been touched by cancer is invited. For information, contact Gil Brezler, 724-523-9347.

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**St. Emma’s Retreat Center, Greensburg**

**Come journey... down the road to Emmaus**

The Women’s Emmaus Retreat is based on the Gospel of Luke 24:13-35, which tells the story of how two disciples meet the Risen Lord on their way home to the village of Emmaus that first Easter Sunday. Ladies, why not take the time from the hustle and bustle of your daily life to discover or rediscover Jesus as He walks beside you? For more information please contact Patricia Rohland 412-889-3141 or patr.emmauseast@gmail.com

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**The Kentucky Project will pack monthly food boxes on Wednesday, May 15, 6:30pm in Room 106. We would like you to know that our recent Pennucky Family reunion was a HUGE success! Most of our KY families were in attendance and we had a beautiful (thank you, God, for the great weather!) fun-filled day. Our KY friends understand that we could not do this without the support of our entire St. Barbara Family, and they send their profound thanks.**

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**The next meeting of the Young at Heart will be held on May 21 at 11:00am in the Social Hall. THIS IS A BROWN BAG LUNCH. In order to set up the Social Hall with the correct number of place settings, please make your reservation by calling Steve and Mary Smith, 412-856-4571, as soon as possible.**

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND SERVICES

12 Sunday
5:30 pm  For All Members of Our Parish Family
First Communion
8:00 am  For All Mothers, Living and Deceased
10:30 am For All Mothers, Living and Deceased
First Communion
6:00 pm  For All Mothers, Living and Deceased
Celebrant: Fr. Michael Sikon

13 Monday
9:00 am  Dom Marino, by Wife, Pat

14 Tuesday - St. Matthias
9:00 am  Albert J. Zolyak by Mary Ann, David & Adam Ernette

15 Wednesday
- Eucharistic Adoration -
9:00 am  Helen Kociela by Jean & Craig Kociela

16 Thursday
9:00 am  Andrew Renchko by Gloria & John Schwartz
7:00 pm  Rite of Confirmation

17 Friday
9:00 am  Mary Dolecki by Son, Henry & Grandchildren

18 Saturday
12:00 pm Confession
2:00 pm  Wedding: Daniel Zindren & Taylor Terek

19 Sunday
5:30 pm  Eileen Kender by Terri Startari

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

15 Sunday
5:30 pm  Nathaniel Kent by Mom & Dad
10:30 am Elmer Potocnik by Frank & Barb Panigal
6:00 pm  For All Members of Our Parish Family
Celebrant: Fr. Libre Ortega

ADHORATION  WEDNESDAY 9:30AM - 11:00PM
ROSARY is recited daily at 9:30AM

WE PRAY  Weekly Devotional Opportunities

WE REMEMBER  All those who have asked for our prayers

THE SICK...
Especially those listed in the Book of the Sick

OUR BELOVED DEAD...
Especially Mary Margaret Rhodes.
May the souls of the Faithful Departed
through the mercy of God Rest in Peace.

IN MEMORIAM
The candle lit beneath St. Joseph is in memory of:
   John Franz 

THIS WEEK AT ST. BARBARA’S

12 Sunday
Happy Mothers Day
Mimosas with Mom
After 8:00 and 10:30am Masses

13 Monday
6:30pm  Cub Scout P236 Webelos I  Social Hall
7:00 pm  Cub Scout P236 Bear Den  Library
7:00 pm  Pastoral Council  Room 106

14 Tuesday
6:00 pm  Work Detail  Parish Grounds
6:30 pm  “The Mass”  Room 108
7:00 pm  Cub Scout P236 Leader Mtg  Room 104
7:00 pm  St. Peregrine Cancer Support Group  Room 107

15 Wednesday
6:30 pm  Kentucky Project  Room 106
7:00 pm  Confirmation Rehearsal  Church

16 Thursday
9:30 am  Mothers Circle  Library
7:00 pm  Confirmation & Reception  Church/SH
7:00 pm  St. Peregrine Cancer Support Group  Room 107

18 Saturday
8:00 am  Catholic Men’s Fellowship Rosary

19 Sunday
9:00 am  Engage HS Bible Study  St. Barbara Rm

APRIL 21
Weekly Income: $ 18,528.91
Easter: $ 15,153.61

During the month of:

Support for:
Haiti  $ 4,401.85  $ 5,114.50
Cemetery  298.15  1,169.74
Holy Thursday  1,561.22
Good Friday  1,985.62
People In Need (from our parish)  2,809.59  1,478.79
People In Need (from other resources)  283.55  140.00

Holy Thursday Attendance: 277
Good Friday Attendance: 368
Easter Sunday Mass Attendance: 9:00 - 325; 8:00 - 750;
10:00 - 998; 12:00 - 530; for a total of 2,603

DIOCESAN LENTEN APPEAL UPDATE
Parish Goal: $127,711  Pledges to Date: $104,756

Open your heart to HOPE
Spring has finally sprung, and families will be visiting the cemetery more frequently. We retain a service that respectfully maintains the property, but your help is also necessary to keep the cemetery looking great. Please review the regulations:

- All Christmas decorations should be removed by February 1.
- Spring cleanup: takes place from March 1-15, weather permitting. Remove all winter decorations/plants to allow for spring grass cutting and planting.
- Planting in front of monument only.
- Planted flowers are permitted one foot in front of monument.
- No planting on sides or back unless you own adjacent lots.
- The following are not permitted: glass containers; shrubs; trees or bushes; marble chips; mulch; fencing; self made crosses, monuments or markers.
- It is the owner’s responsibility to maintain the planting area in front of monument, including excessive weeds.
- Fall cleanup: takes place November 1-15, weather permitting, to allow ample time for Christmas adornments.
- The cemetery or parish is not responsible for any damage to artificial or cut flowers not in a vase.

As we all continue to work together, we can keep our cemetery looking beautiful throughout the year in honor of our loved ones who rest there. If you are interested in learning more about our cemetery or purchasing a plot, please reach out to Jan Shepherd in the Parish Office at jshepherd@dioceseofgreensburg.org, or Pete Payne at 724-863-1045.

These children received their First Holy Communion May 4 (above) at the 5:30 PM Mass and May 5 (right) at the 10:30 AM Mass. May God’s love for them fill their hearts with joy! Congratulations to:

Lucas Barnes; Brady Bianco; Lainey Christopher; Phoebe Connors; Nathan Cortazzo; Marek Esaky; Christian Gimigliano; Rylee Hestin; Owen Hodge; Felice Hutchinson; Addison Jobe; Graham Kelly; Noah Laspin; Blakely Panaia; Angelo Paulovich; Addison Price; Rocco Prosdocimo; Cole Ryan; Nico Rubbe; Benjamin Schadler; Morgan Sperduto; Nathan Stewart; Keegan Swartz; Jacob Traill; Colin Voytish; and Nolan Yeager.