



BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHEDRAL
 Mother Church and Parish of the Diocese of Greensburg
 A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust
 300 North Main Street, Greensburg, Pennsylvania 15601
 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 12, 2020

Coat of Arms of
 The Most Reverend
 Edward C. Malesic,
 J.C.L.
 Bishop of Greensburg



MOVING FORWARD AT THE CATHEDRAL

These last 4 months have been a study in evolution as we moved from a fully open Church building to one that was physically closed, in order to protect all involved. Now as we begin the process of reopening we are trying to meet the needs of many, to keep people safe, as well as to provide the Eucharist to God's people.

Our first steps back have allowed for visitation on a daily basis, Monday through Thursday from 10:00 AM until 3:00 PM. This has also permitted us to offer in person Masses daily Monday through Thursday at 11:45 AM. Friday the Church building has been closed for cleaning, but as we do every day, we live stream the Mass on Facebook and push it out to You Tube later in the day.

On weekends we have had Confessions at 11:00 AM in the Social Hall on Saturday morning and our Saturday evening Vigil Mass at 4:00 PM. Our Sunday parish Mass is at 10:00 AM. Moreover, going forward, this Mass will be live streamed by the Diocese and placed on our Facebook page as well. So far, this schedule has accommodated anyone who has wanted to attend Mass in person.

I would like to give you an update as to what will happen over the summer and going into the fall. Given that, the summer months traditionally post our lowest attendance numbers of the year, **our plans are to keep the current weekend schedule listed here until August 1, 2020.**

Confessions - Saturday's at	11:00 AM in the Social Hall
Saturday Vigil Mass -	4:00 PM
Sunday Mass -	10:00 AM

On August 1, 2020 barring any changes which might be required by the State or Federal governments related to the COVID-19 pandemic, and with the permission of the Bishop, we will revise our weekend Mass schedule, which we will maintain into the fall and for the foreseeable future. The revised schedule will be as follows:

Confessions - Saturday's at	11:00 AM in the Social Hall
Saturday Vigil Mass -	4:30 PM
Sunday Mass -	8:30 AM and 11:00 AM

This revised schedule was determined after consultation with our Parish Council and our parish staff. The schedule takes into account a number of concerns that needed addressed:

1. Our ability to accommodate all those who wish to attend a Sunday Mass.
2. Our ability to clean the Church between all Sunday Masses.
3. Our need to allow sufficient time for Sunday morning Faith Formation to occur between the two Masses.

The council and staff discussed numerous weekend Mass time options as well as multiple parallel but contending interests. The revised times listed above are the ones that check most, if not all of the boxes. If there is a real surge in attendance at our current weekend Masses we will consider moving up the schedule change date.

Additionally, in working with Mr. Rice, principal at Aquinas Academy, we realized that we will not be able to have nearly as many large all-school Masses throughout the school year (due to space limitations in the Cathedral Church building. So as not to diminish the opportunity for our Aquinas School children to attend Mass, **we are going to keep our daily Mass time Monday through Friday at 11:45 AM.** This change will more closely align with the school's lunch schedule and enable the children to attend Mass and yet still eat lunch at a reasonable time during their school day.

We will continue to offer **private prayer time from Monday through Thursday, from 10:00 AM until 5:00 PM.** We will **offer in person Masses daily Monday through Friday at 11:45 AM.** Friday the Church building will be closed after the 11:45 AM Mass for cleaning, and as we do every day, we will live stream the Mass on Facebook and push it out to YouTube later in the day. As we progress, we will attempt by every means possible to keep you informed.

STAYING CONNECTED TO THE CATHEDRAL PARISH

You may not know that we have a **NEW PARISH APP!** This is the easiest way to get updates and the most recent information on things happening in the parish and especially for our Faith Formation and Liturgical events. ***Our previous parish app is no longer functioning.*** You will need to download this new App. Our new App is called **"WeConnect"** from LPI.

To download our new app:

- Visit our parish website (www.blessedsacramentcathedral.org)
- Search the main page for the "Parish App" tab
- Simply click on the links for either Google Play or Apple from your smartphone or tablet to be taken directly to the app in the store. This is a free download.
- Follow the directions to download the app.
- When opening the app for the first time, you will be asked to choose your parish.
- You can search for "Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Greensburg, PA"
- Hit select parish, and then confirm that you want to set this as your parish.

If you are on FACEBOOK, please be aware that Blessed Sacrament Cathedral also has a Facebook page.

- From your newsfeed page, find the "search" button at the top of the page
- Click that button and then type "**Blessed Sacrament Cathedral**" in the search box that appears.
- Choose "**Blessed Sacrament Cathedral**" when it pops up below the search box.
- This will take you to another screen where you will see our page.
- Click the "**like**" button to follow the page.
- You will now see our Facebook page in your newsfeed and will get any updates!

STAYING CONNECTED TO THE DIOCESE OF GREENSBURG

To stay continuously updated with communications, recommendations and actions taken by the **Diocese of Greensburg**, text "**Faith**" to the number **724-305-3057** to sign-up for important text message alerts. Be sure to complete your registration by following the directions you will receive in the reply. Up-to-the-minute communication is available on all diocesan social media outlets - Facebook, Twitter and Instagram - and at Dioceseofgreensburg.org/healthalerts.

All of the above information will also be available on our parish website: www.blessedsacramentcathedral.org as well as in our parish bulletin available at weekend Masses and on our website electronically.

IN PERSON MEETINGS AND FAITH FORMATION

We have ordered a new deep cleaning ionized sprayer. When that machine is delivered, we will consider the possibility of on-site, in person meetings. Until then all meetings will be via zoom or phone conference. Even when we do start to return to in person meetings we will leave open the possibility of attendance by Zoom for those who are still not comfortable being in close proximity to other people. We will have more information on Faith Formation as we get closer to the fall.

Adult Summer Faith Formation 2020

Are you looking for a way to enhance and grow in your faith this summer? Do you miss socializing with members of our parish? Then you might want to join Sister Jeanne Marie for some interesting and thought-provoking virtual sessions on Saints and Holy People, Monday evenings, from 7:00-9:00 pm. We will be doing "virtual faith formation" via zoom. Each session will consist of video clips, discussion and faith sharing. You can sign up for one or all sessions, all from the comfort of your home!

July 13: Bishop Barron Pivotal Players: Flannery O'Connor

July 20: Bishop Barron Pivotal Players: St. Augustine
Please contact Sister Jeanne Marie at 724-834-3710 ex. 35 if you are interested in one or more of these sessions.

READINGS FOR: SUNDAY, July 12, 2020

Isaiah 55:10-11 God's word is effective according to the divine will.

Psalms 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14 The bounty of the land comes from the Lord.

Romans 8:18-23 All creation will share in the freedom of the children of God.

Matthew 13:1-23 The sower sows, but the ground determines its yield.

WEEKLY LITURGICAL MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, July 11 2020 - Weekday

5:30 PM Eric Tepper (Family)

Sunday, July 12, 2020 - Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Ida Niemiec (Rapa-Nephews)

11:30 AM For the Living and Deceased Members of Blessed Sacrament Cathedral

7:00 PM No Intention

Monday, July 13, 2020 - Weekday

12:10 AM No Daily Mass

Tuesday, July 14, 2020 - Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin

12:10 PM J. Frank Moore (Wife)

Wednesday, July 15, 2020 - Saint Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

12:10 PM Pete Nagrosky (Loretta McDonald)

Thursday, July 16, 2020 - Weekday

12:10 PM Thompson/Santoro Family (Sharon Miller)

Friday, July 17, 2020 - Weekday

12:10 PM Margaret M. Taylor (Frank W. Schimizzi)

Saturday, July 18, 2020 - Weekday

8:00 AM Dena Walker Caruso (Grammy & Poppi)

11:00 AM Sacrament of Reconciliation

5:30 PM Thomas & Agnes Ross (Angelo & Norma Cassetti)

Sunday, July 19, 2020 - Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM John Orban (Theresa-Wife & Family)

11:30 AM For the Living and Deceased Members of Blessed Sacrament Cathedral

7:00 PM No Intention

All previously published Mass Intentions will be honored privately by clergy.

The Rosary is suspended until further notice



Keeping in our prayers and trusting that God will bring to his family comfort in the days ahead, we commend to your prayers the soul of

Richard Boone

Our parish community extends its deepest sympathy to his family on their loss.

Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul rest in peace.

Amen.



Sanctuary Candles

We have openings for anyone who would like to request a candle or a 2nd candle for the year 2020.

Please call Cindy in the parish office at 724-834-3710 ext. 16 for available dates.



Parish Support, June 26, 2020

In order to meet our budgetary needs, Blessed Sacrament Cathedral requires an average of **\$18,000** per week in the regular offertory collection.

Sunday Offertory \$12,095.00
Cathedral Care \$1,291.00

Families receiving envelopes 1,457
Envelopes used this week 83
Parishioners using Online Giving 443

Parish Support, July 5, 2020

Due to the early printing schedule the Parish Finances will appear in future bulletins

Thank you for your generosity and support of Blessed Sacrament Cathedral Parish!

Online Giving is an easy way to make your weekly contributions www.blessedsacramentcathedral.org.

If Online Giving is not an option for you, please consider writing a check for added security as opposed to putting cash in your weekly envelopes.

Peter's Pence and Support of the Holy Sees has been postponed until October 4.

All Blessed Sacrament Cathedral events are cancelled until further notice.

SANCTUARY CANDLE



In acknowledging the Real Presence of Christ, the Tabernacle Candle will burn from July 11 through July 17 in loving memory of

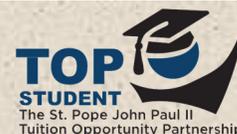
Nancy Lee Bauer

Requested by Roy - husband & her favorite pet, Evie Marie

Major Donors Partner with Diocese of Greensburg Catholic Schools:

\$4.1M in Tuition Assistance Now Available

"The future starts today, not tomorrow." - Saint Pope John Paul II



A groundbreaking scholarship opportunity has been established for students who wish to attend a Catholic school in the Diocese of Greensburg called the Saint Pope John Paul II Tuition Opportunity Partnership. The TOP student initiative was founded by anonymous donors from the local business community who received Catholic educations and were profoundly influenced by Saint Pope John Paul II. The donors believe that their Catholic faith, education and moral foundation gave them a great advantage in life. The Diocese of Greensburg is thrilled to announce they have committed \$2.4 million in tuition assistance this year. That is the single largest donation by a family that the Diocese of Greensburg has ever received in one year.

Their commitment combined with \$1.7 million in existing funds donated by more than 100 other individuals and businesses participating in Pennsylvania's Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program now make \$4.1 million in scholarships and tuition assistance available for the 12 Catholic schools in the Diocese of Greensburg.

"This is a major opportunity for our Catholic schools that is being made possible by visionary, community-minded individuals who understand how the impact of a private, Catholic education could benefit thousands of students," Greensburg Bishop Edward C. Malesic said. "We are grateful for their commitment to our schools and families through this partnership."

The Diocese of Greensburg is hopeful that the Saint Pope John Paul II Tuition Opportunity Partnership will become a model for making Catholic education accessible to families who value strong Catholic teaching and formation as a necessary part of their child's development.

America magazine wrote that Saint Pope John Paul II left a legacy of being one of the most important world leaders in the second half of the 20th century. He was a man of conviction and principle who built bridges of peace between people of different countries and religions. He was a preacher and a teacher who drew historic crowds of men, women and children all yearning to be closer to God. He was front and center on the global stage as a defender of human dignity writing that, "Every threat to human dignity and life must necessarily be felt in the Church's very heart." He believed that Catholic schools should be supported because they are critical to the formation and inspiration of young people.

"Our Catholic schools have many advantages that others are not able to provide. Our schools create a caring environment where children can talk openly about faith in a high-tech academic atmosphere. Our personalized

attention gives them other advantages as well. The student to teacher ratio is 13-to-1. And the high school graduation rate is 100%," Dr. Maureen Marsteller, superintendent of Catholic schools, said.

Families interested in participating in the Saint Pope John Paul II Tuition Opportunity Partnership will be matched with an outreach and admissions coordinator who will accompany them through the application process.

The parent or guardian of an interested student should call 724-552-2565 or visit www.catholicsschoolsguide.org to arrange an in-person interview with the designated outreach and admissions coordinator to begin the process of applying for the Saint Pope John Paul II Tuition Opportunity Partnership.

The family must then demonstrate a financial need and express a willingness to provide some financial contribution to the cost of the education and agree to support the child's spiritual and academic progress. This will include the completion of the FACTS Grant and Aid application so that alternative sources of funding, such as EITC assistance, may be used for tuition assistance as well. However, the parent/guardian does not have to qualify for low income assistance to be eligible for participation in the partnership.

The student must demonstrate evidence of academic commitment and an enthusiasm for learning as well as a willingness to participate in at least one activity at the student's local parish or faith community.

The family, along with the student, must demonstrate their commitment to the school as well as to their parish or denominational church through the donation of time, talent or treasure as able. They should earn recognition as valued servant leaders. The family must be registered members, or be willing to become members, of a parish or other local faith community.

Bishop Malesic said, "All the clergy of the Diocese of Greensburg are committed to caring for the spiritual needs of every student in the Saint Pope John Paul II Tuition Opportunity Partnership so that each can deepen their faith, develop a personal relationship with Christ, enhance their self-esteem, and enjoy hope, joy and love of life."

To become a partner of TOP students and help provide additional scholarship funds, contact Michael Lucotch, Director of Development, at 724-552-2503 or mlucotch@dioceseofgreensburg.org.

To become a TOP Student, please call 724-552-2565 or visit www.catholicsschoolsguide.org

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724-834-3710 x 44

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Phone (724) 834-3710
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Greensburg Catholic Cemetery**Office Hours**

Monday-Friday
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Phone 724-836-4384

Aquinas Academy

Phone 724-834-7940

Websitewww.blessedsacramentcathedral.org**Online Giving:**www.blessedsacramentcathedral.org**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Every Saturday at 11 AM till completed or by appointment.

Daily Rosary**Suspended****Daily Mass Schedule****Suspended****Weekend Mass Schedule****Suspended****Sponsorship Forms**

Forms for parish members to serve as sponsors for Baptism or Confirmation can be completed in the Parish Office or with a priest at a weekend Mass. To act as a sponsor, you must be at least 16 years old, a practicing Catholic who has received Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist. If married, it must be within the guidelines of the Catholic Church. Call the Parish Office to make an appointment.

Baptisms

By appointment only. Contact Katie Zuzik in the Parish Office at least three months in advance of the Baptism. A class for parents is required to reflect on the meaning of the sacrament, review the Ceremony and to highlight the importance of family commitment to practicing the Catholic Faith. The requirements for Godparents are the same as for sponsors and can be found above and on the Parish website. Please contact Katie with any questions.

Weddings

Contact Sister Jeanne Marie Vonder Haar, A.S.C.J. in the Parish Office at least six months in advance. Do not set a date until contacting the Parish Office. Pre-marriage preparation classes are required.

Become a Member of Blessed Sacrament Cathedral

Welcome! It is a great joy to welcome new members to our parish community. Please register as soon as possible in order to participate in our various programs, ministries and activities. Drop this form in the collection basket and we will send you a detailed registration form. If you are already a member and have changed any of your personal information please call the Parish Office or return the changes on the form below.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact Number: _____

Email Address: _____

