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DRIVING EVANGELIZATION

It is a question I get asked often. “Bishop, are you going to have a car show at the Diocesan level?” I always smile and say, “We are thinking about it.” Well, we have given it considerable thought, and I am very excited to say that our first-ever Diocese of Greensburg Car Show will be held at Christ Our Shepherd Center June 18, which is Father’s Day weekend.

I have had the wonderful opportunity to have sponsored car shows at my former parish, St. James Parish in New Alexandria. They were always great opportunities for parishioners and the community at large to come together and experience some of the elements of parish life. As we began to think about the upcoming car show, I really wanted it to be an event that would bring people together from our Diocese and from Southwestern Pennsylvania.

The location for our first annual car show has significant meaning for Father’s Day weekend. The chapel and the grounds of Christ Our Shepherd Center are under the patronage of St. Joseph, the foster father of our Lord, Jesus Christ, and the patron saint of all fathers. The location also gives me the opportunity to celebrate the Saturday evening Vigil Mass for Father’s Day. At the Mass, I will offer a special tribute to all of the fathers in attendance and give them all a very special blessing. Our plan is to have Mass outdoors, weather permitting. However, if the weather does not cooperate, we will move the Mass indoors at St. Joseph Chapel.

As a classic car enthusiast, shows like these are nostalgic for me. I am excited to be able to show my 1966 Pontiac Le Mans. It was my grandfather’s car and was the vehicle in which I traveled home from the

hospital as a newborn. My grandmother gave me the car as a gift for my 18th birthday, so it is incredibly special to me. I also hope to have my 1949 Pontiac Streamliner Deluxe for the show. For the past two years, it has been at the Pontiac-Oakland Museum in Pontiac, Ill.

While registration is free for the first Diocese of Greensburg Car Show, it is an opportunity to help those in need, specifically the people of Ukraine. Our world has changed so quickly over the last few months, and there is a tremendous humanitarian need for those in Ukraine living through the ravages of war and for those who have managed to flee the conflict. Proceeds from the car show will be used to provide assistance and resources for the people of Ukraine.

I hope you mark your calendars and join us for a blessed day for our fathers, for great food and fun for your families.

May God continue to bless you,

+ Larry J. Kulick

The Most Reverend
Larry J. Kulick, J.C.L.
Bishop of Greensburg

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Diocese of Greensburg

CAR SHOW

Father's Day Weekend!




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To Support
Emergency Relief
in Ukraine

SPECIAL OUTDOOR
FATHER'S DAY MASS
AND BLESSING OF FATHERS
BY BISHOP KULICK

SATURDAY
JUNE 18

9 AM - 12 PM SHOW CAR REGISTRATION
12 PM - 4 PM CAR SHOW
12 PM - 7 PM FOOD TRUCKS and
BEVERAGE VENDORS
4:30 PM OUTDOOR MASS

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Greensburg, Pa 15601
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Better Understanding Mass: The Liturgy of the Word

BY JENNIFER MIELE



Jennifer Miele is Chief Communications Officer and Managing Director of Evangelization.

A message from the writer:

Nearly 600 years before the birth of Christ, the prophet Ezekiel ate a scroll handed to him by God, hoping to internalize the Lord’s message so he could proclaim the Word to the world. At every Mass, God is asking all of us to take a metaphorical bite of the Bible. He wants us to open our minds and our hearts during the Liturgy of the Word and really hear what is being said. It is sometimes easy to minimize the first part of the Mass because we are so focused on the upcoming Liturgy of the Eucharist. It is important to remember that God is present in both the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. In the Word we explore what we need to grasp about Christ’s mission and what we are called to do as His followers.

The New and Old Testament readings: Put on your metaphorical hearing aid!

When we fully participate in the Mass, we should be really listening to the Word of God and allowing it to sink in, so that when we receive Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament, through the grace that God provides us, and the power of the Holy Spirit, we are able to conform our lives in the likeness of Christ.

Most Catholics already know that the Liturgy of the Word, in most cases, begins with two readings, one each from the Old and New Testaments. The Old Testament books were written about 1,500 years before the birth of Jesus. They recount everything from the story of creation and God’s powerful works for His people to the prophecies foretelling the coming of

the Messiah. The New Testament books were written between AD 50 and AD 150, focusing on the life of Jesus and His teachings and chronicling the spread of the Gospel message.

But what you may not know is that the same readings are heard in every Catholic Church throughout the world on any given day. The Lectionary is designed to provide the faithful with many of the readings from the totality of sacred Scripture over a three-year cycle, debunking the myth that Catholics do not really hear or read the Bible.

“We’re told as Catholics that we don’t know the Bible. Well, I think more and more Catholics are coming to a deeper understanding of the Bible,” said Father Lawrence L. Manchas, Pastor of St. Bruno Parish and St. Paul Parish, Greensburg.

Father Manchas said these important messages from God are a vital part of why we attend Mass.

“I wear a hearing aid, and I’ll be honest with you, if I forget my hearing aid, it’s very hard for me to hear. By the same token, we have to really look at ourselves and say, ‘What can I do to hear better what is being read and proclaimed?’ Maybe it’s time for all of us to put on our own metaphorical hearing aids,” he said.

Many parishes, as well as the United States Council of Catholic Bishops website, publish the list of readings for daily and Sunday Masses, and it might be a good idea to pre-read them before coming to Mass.



Father Lawrence L. Manchas

Gospel reading: A place of honor

After Jesus ascended into heaven, his apostles continued their work proclaiming the Word of God. Guided by the Holy Spirit, a former tax collector, an evangelist, a doctor and a teenager went on to write the four Gospels and became St. Matthew, St. Mark, St. Luke and St. John.

In particular, the proclamation of the Gospel is surrounded with marks of respect and honor. The Gospel is read by an ordained minister, either the deacon or, when no deacon is present, by the priest. The Book of the Gospels is carried aloft with honor in the entrance procession of the Liturgy and placed on the altar until the Gospel reading to show the unity of Scripture with the Eucharist.

Just before the Gospel is read, the Gospel book is carried in procession from the altar to the ambo to the accompaniment of an acclamation sung by the people; it may be incensed before the reading, and it is kissed at the conclusion of the reading. Finally, all stand as the Gospel is proclaimed. Through this posture and through the honor paid to the book containing the Gospels, the Church pays homage to Christ who is present in his Word and who proclaims his Gospel.

— From the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops



Bishop Larry J. Kulick, J.C.L.

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The Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke are the synoptic Gospels, because when viewed side by side, there are many similarities, as if seen with one eye! The Gospel of John is styled differently. It does not follow the same order nor tell the same stories, but instead focuses on who Jesus was.

“The reading of the Gospel is the central part of the Liturgy of the Word. It tells us the message of Christ and His life and teachings, which are all things that are essential for our salvation,” Bishop Larry J. Kulick said. “Throughout the Gospel we hear not only how Jesus calls his disciples but how He calls each and every one of us every day of our lives to live in tune with God’s words and His commands, and how we are called to imitate the example that Jesus gave us.”



PHOTO: JENNIFER MIELE



Father Anthony J. Klimko

Prayers of the Faithful: We cannot do it alone

The Liturgy of the Word is meant to be a “call to action” in our daily lives. If we really are listening to the Word of God and it truly is resonating in our hearts, we know we have to live out Christ’s mission. And so we come to the point where we know we need God’s help and intervention in our lives. Known by Catholics as the Prayers of the Faithful or the Universal Prayers, the Intercessions is the time during each Mass when we recognize we cannot do it alone.

“It’s always pleasing to God when we reach out to Him, because so many times in our lives we face things that we cannot control. We need to do it with each other and with God,” said Father Anthony J. Klimko, Pastor of St. Joseph, St. John, St. Mary (Nativity) and St. Therese, Little Flower of Jesus Parishes in Uniontown.

“I can remember reading the Prayers of the Faithful as a kid for the first time in second grade at my first holy Communion. I was so nervous I memorized every petition. I still have that paper, too; it’s in my little rosary case,” Father Klimko said.

The Intercessions are read at every Mass and often ask God for help in strengthening our religious and civic leaders, for those who are sick, for our deceased who need God’s mercy and love to make that final journey into heaven, and for the prayers we hold in the silence of our hearts.

“It’s a beautiful transition from listening to God’s Word to expressing our needs to Him,” Father Klimko said.



Monsignor Raymond E. Riffle

PHOTO: VIDEO CAPTURE

The homily: Breaking Open the Word

The homily is yet another opportunity for us to allow the Word of Jesus Christ to be infused into our hearts and minds. Homilists have extensively studied the teachings of Jesus as a model for contemporary interpretation and are trained in methods of preaching for the benefit of the faith community.

Monsignor Raymond E. Riffle, Vicar General of the Diocese of Greensburg and Rector of Blessed Sacrament Cathedral Parish, Greensburg, said to really break open the Word, good homilists examine each of the readings at the Mass and the intentionality of the Church in putting them together at a particular liturgy. The homilist adds to that his own understanding of the stories and teachings and prays about what Jesus is saying to him personally.

“Something that I have always done is to try to put into one sentence what I would like to get across in the homily. A writer would call this a topic sentence, which is key for every good work that was ever written,” Monsignor Riffle said.

No two humans experience exactly the same thing, and although many are parallel experiences, our issues, concerns, fears, anxieties and temptations are all similar but unique to each of us. That said, our common humanity and the summons of Christ give us a foundation to gather together as a congregation to better learn about his teachings.

“Having one primary point to pass on to the people to take away is, I think, what every good homilist should try to do. Asking ourselves, ‘What is Jesus saying to me today?’ That’s really the culmination of this collective information that we receive.”

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Drive-thru Burger Bashes
June 11, July 9, Aug. 13, Sept. 10, Oct. 8,
11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
308 Second St.
Information:
724-863-9550

APOLLO St. James Parish and Our Lady, Queen of Peace Parish Golf Outing

Links at
Spring Church, Apollo
June 11, 8 a.m.
Cost: \$100 (includes greens
fees, food and drink, contests)
Information: 313-600-0730,
724-600-4290

MOUNT PLEASANT Visitation Parish Festival

730 W. Walnut St.
June 12, 11 a.m.-8 p.m.
Information: 724-547-1911

PERRYOPOLIS St. John the Baptist Parish Feast Day Novena Family Fun Day

June 24
Information: 724-736-4442

SOUTH GREENSBURG ST. BRUNO PARISH

Parish Festival
June 17-18
1715 Poplar St.
Friday: car cruise,
entertainment by Tim
Bush and Gary Pratt
and Kate; Saturday,
entertainment by John
"Almost Sinatra" Noble
and the Murphy Band;
famous mile-high gob
cake, basket, gift card
and jewelry booths,
children's games,
games of chance,
and food.
Information:
724-836-0690

GREENSBURG Diocese of Greensburg Car Show

Christ Our Shepherd Center
2900 Seminary Drive, Greensburg
June 18,
9 a.m. - Noon
Show car registration
12 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Car show
12 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Food trucks and beverage vendors
4:30 p.m.
Outdoor Mass and blessing of
fathers with Bishop Larry J. Kulick
Pre-register for free t-shirt,
live music, craft for kids
To support emergency
relief in Ukraine
Registration:
DioceseofGreensburg.org/Carshow

WHITNEY
St. Cecilia Parish
Burger Bashes
220 St. Cecilia Road
June 18, July 16,
Aug. 20, Sept. 17,
Oct. 15, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
Information: 724-423-3777

SCOTSDALE
St. John the Baptist
Parish Festival
501 S. Broadway St.
June 18, 4-9 p.m.;
June 19, 11 a.m.-9 p.m.
Information: 724-887-6321

HERMINIE
St. Edward Parish
Golf Outing
Madison Club
June 24, 9 a.m.
Cost: \$100 (includes
greens fees, cart, hot dog
and beverage, dinner, club
guest certificate, prizes,
team awards)
Information: 724-433-2181

NORTH HUNTINGDON
St. Elizabeth
Ann Seton Parish
**"Cruis-ades" Car, Truck,
Motorcycle Cruise**
200 Leger Road
June 26, 1:30-4:30 p.m.
Information: 724-864-6364,
gt63@comcast.net,
tammy-e-h@comcast.net



JULY

GREENSBURG
St. Benedict Parish Festival
260 Bruno Road
July 9, 5-10 p.m.
Outdoor Mass at 5 p.m.
July 10, 1-7 p.m.
Mass at 11 a.m.
Kitchen opens at noon
Information: 724-834-9045

GREENSBURG
St. Paul Parish
Trash & Treasure Sale
820 Carbon Road
July 13, 4-8 p.m. (earlybird);
July 14-15, 9 a.m.-7 p.m.;
Jul 16, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
(bag sale)

HARRISON CITY
St. Barbara Parish Festival
111 Raymaley Road
July 15-16, 6-10 p.m.
Information: 724-744-7474

TRAFFORD ST. REGIS PARISH

**Summer
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July 22-23, 6-10 p.m.
517 Homewood Ave.
Food, games,
food truck, DJ
Information:
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HERMINIE
**St. Edward Parish Festival
& Food Truck Rally**
120 St. Edwards Lane
July 24, noon-6 p.m.
Information: 724-446-5197

MOUNT PLEASANT
St. Pius X Parish Festival
222 Summit St.
July 24, 11 a.m.-9 p.m.
Information: 724-547-1911



CONNELLSVILLE
ST. RITA PARISH
Street Fair • July 14-16, 5:30-10 p.m.
116 S. Second St.
Entertainment by
• Scott Blasey (Thursday),
• Abacus Jones (Friday),
• Party Time Polka Band (Saturday).
Information: 724-628-6840



CRABTREE ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISH

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Celebration
July 14-17
2538 State Route 119
Thursday, 7 p.m., exposition of Blessed
Sacrament, rosary, Benediction, Mass, novena
concludes; Friday and Saturday, festival grounds
open at 5 p.m.; Friday, blessing of bikes, a 5K run/
walk; Saturday, fireworks display; Sunday, 10 a.m.
closing Mass and procession through town and
daytime fireworks tribute to Our Lady.
Information: 724-834-0709

LATROBE ST. VINCENT BASILICA PARISH

Festival • July 30, 5-9 p.m.; July 31, noon-8 p.m.

St. Vincent Grove,
320 Monastery Drive
Entertainment
(DJ Pete Highlands,
Ray Jay and the
Carousels Sunday
from 5-9 p.m. in
air-conditioned hall),
vendors, crafts,
car show (Sunday,
noon-4 p.m.), food
(burgers, lemonade,
pierogis, sausage,
ice cream, bake sale).

Information:
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SUMMER EVENTS

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

All Vacation Bible Schools are free unless otherwise noted.

AUGUST

NORTH HUNTINGDON

St. Agnes Parish Bazaar
11400 St. Agnes Lane
Aug. 5-6, 5:30-10:30 p.m.;
Aug. 7, 5:30-9:30 p.m.
Information: 724-454-4119

EVERSON

St. Joseph Parish Festival
201 Painter St.
Aug. 6, 4-9 p.m.;
Aug. 7, 11 a.m.-7 p.m.
Information:
724-887-6321

FOOTEDALE

**St. Francis of Assisi Parish
Pasta Dinner/Basket Raffle**
528 Footedale Road
Aug. 7, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

LIGONIER

**Catholic Charities' 20th
Annual Paul R. Smiy
Memorial Golf Outing**
Ligonier Country Club
323 Country Club Road
Aug. 12, 10 a.m.
Registration/information:
CCharitiesGreensburg.org,
724-837-1840, ext. 1504

CLYMER

**Church of the
Resurrection Parish
Festival/Basket Raffle**
349 Morris St.
Aug. 14, 11:30 a.m.-4 p.m.
Picnic and ethnic foods
Information: 724-254-3041

GREENSBURG

St Paul Parish Car Cruise
820 Carbon Road
Aug. 21, 1-6 p.m.
Information: 724-834-6880

LUCERNEMINES

**Our Lady of the
Assumption Parish
End of Summer Bash**
403 Lucerne Road
Aug. 21, noon-5 p.m.
Live music,
ethnic foods, raffles
Information: 724-479-9542

MONESSEN EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD PARISH

Parish Festival
Aug. 6, 5-10 p.m.
(outdoor Mass at 10);
Aug. 7, 11:30 a.m.-8 p.m.
44 Pennsylvania Blvd.

Information:
724-684-7661,
tmanderino@DioceseofGreensburg.org



NEW KENSINGTON MOUNT ST. PETER PARISH

Festa Italiana
Aug. 5, 5-10 p.m.; Aug. 6, after
4:30 p.m. Mass until 10 p.m.

100 Freeport Road
Homemade Italian favorites,
children's activities, baskets.
Information: 724-335-9877,
newkensingtoncatholic.org



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Festival of Friendship • Aug. 19-20
3055 Leechburg Road
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rides (beginning at 6 p.m.), basket raffle,
live music, crafts.
Information: 724-335-2336, smmlb.org

SEPTEMBER

MASONTOWN

**St. Francis of Assisi
Parish Festival**
101 W. Church Ave.
Sept. 3-4, 6-10 p.m.

YOUNGWOOD

**Holy Cross
Parish Festival**
718 Depot St.
Sept. 17, 5-8 p.m.;
Sept 18, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.
Information:
724-925-7811

BELLE VERNON

**St. Sebastian
Parish Festival**
Sept. 18, noon-7 p.m.
Homemade food,
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Information:
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Information:
724-628-6840, ext. 108
Registration:
youghcatholic.org/faith-formation

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July 11-15, 6-7:30 p.m.
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"Monumental VBS"
June 20-24, 9 a.m.-noon
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Registration:
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3900 Harewood Road NE,
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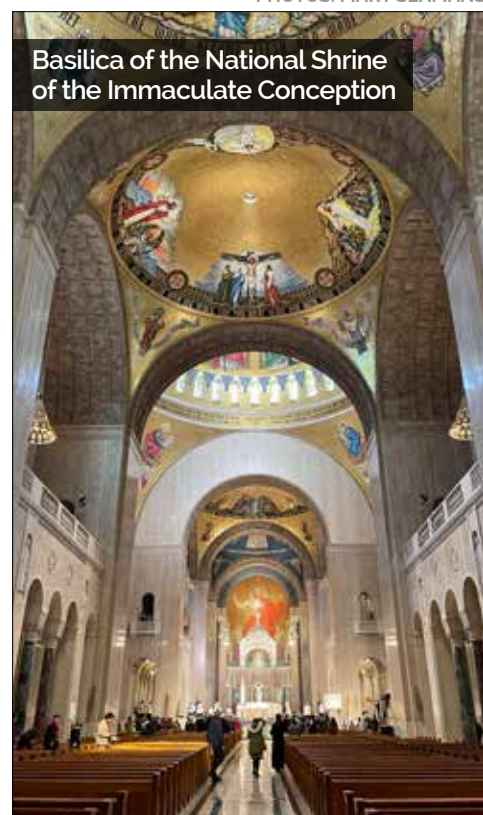
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400 Michigan Ave. NE,
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Top from left: Saint Anthony Chapel; Sight and Sound Theatre and National Centre for Padre Pio (below); Saint John Paul II National Shrine; above: Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.



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BY ELISABETH SMITH

Third-grader Maddox Schnorr sat next to her little sister, first-grader Maisy, in their Catholic school uniforms. A grown-up asked them to share something new they have learned, and in unison, they proudly recited the Lord's Prayer.

"Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name ..."

For their parents, Mandy and Matt Schnorr, this was a dream come true. The Fayette County couple and their daughters dedicated more than half a year toward their calling to join the Catholic faith. And this past Easter, the couple were confirmed and received their first holy

Communion during the Easter Vigil Mass at St. Aloysius Parish in Dunbar, while Maddox prepared to receive the Eucharist for the first time this spring.

"It was something we thought about forever," Matt said. "And this was the perfect time."

Their journey started even before the couple married 11 years ago, as both

Mandy and Matt had Christian roots: Matt's mother was Catholic, but he was baptized in a non-denominational ceremony, while Mandy was raised in the Scottsdale Church of Christ. The couple agreed that faith was the center of their marriage, so the family attended Mandy's childhood church.

Their perspective shifted, however, as the couple prepared to send Maddox to kindergarten several years ago and they began exploring private school options. They toured Conn-Area Catholic School in Connellsville, and Mandy and Matt knew in their hearts they had found the right school for their children — and, finally, the right faith for their whole family.

"We just fell in love with it immediately," Mandy said.

Matt added, "When we took the tour and talked to all of the teachers, principal and staff, it felt like a family. It felt like people who truly cared about the students and their families, and the fact that there would be a curriculum with religion was important to us."

It was in the past year, though, that their lives changed forever. Not only did Mandy take on a role at Conn-Area Catholic School as a fifth-grade teacher and Spanish instructor, but she also sent a message to fellow Conn-Area Catholic School mom Mary Sampey, sharing a sacred wish.

"I was over the moon when Mandy messaged that they wanted to become Catholic," said Sampey, who serves as Director of Evangelization for the Yough Catholic Community of Connellsville and Dunbar.

"They clearly love Jesus, wanted to know more about the faith and were all-in from the beginning," she said. "They couldn't wait."

The couple began the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) classes, and Maddox and Maisy were baptized. Maddox said she "felt I was really with God that day."

RCIA classes span well over six months, Sampey said, because the Diocese of Greensburg wants to ensure that each participant's faith journey is respected.

"They get to ask the questions and to inquire if this is right for them," she said. "It has to be their choice, which is a really important part of the call to be a disciple."

As RCIA continued for Mandy and Matt, the couple completed three sacred rites, including the Rite of Welcome — where their names are called in church among those who intend to become Catholic.



PHOTO: ROBIN MULL

Matt and Mandy Schnorr, left, with their sponsors, Julie and Chad Kezmarsky.

The couple and their classmates also met with Bishop Larry J. Kulick for the Rite of Election.

"The Bishop declares them the Elect, which means those chosen by God to receive the Easter sacraments," Sampey explained. "It's a glorious day because it's almost official and they are ready."

Today, the couple is confirmed and thrilled with their family's newfound faith and how it affects them both personally

and professionally.

"It has been a great experience and allows us to have that complete sense of family and unity together with God," Matt said.

Mandy added that she also shares a deeper connection with her students at Conn-Area Catholic School through the Catholic faith.

"The best part is the relationship I can develop," she said. "For example, we can all stop and say a prayer for someone, and the connection feels a lot deeper than I would have at a public school."

While the Schnorr family was already steadfast in their desire to become Catholic, Sampey says anyone with interest is welcome to join RCIA classes — even "cradle Catholics" who desire more formal education on the faith into which they were born.

"If you have questions, I encourage you to just call and ask and learn more about the faith on its own terms," Sampey said. "Once you learn the 'why' of what we do, it makes you fall in love with Catholicism and becomes more than something you do on Sundays. It becomes your life, and that is what our faith is supposed to be."

For more information on how to become Catholic in the Diocese of Greensburg, visit DioceseofGreensburg.org or call 724-837-0901.



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Maddox and Maisy Schnorr



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INGREDIENTS:

- 1 cup unsalted butter (must be room temperature)
- 4 oz. cream cheese (must be room temperature)
- 1½ cups sugar
- ¾ tsp. baking soda
- 1½ tsp. cornstarch
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- 1 tsp. fine sea salt (or ½ tsp. table salt or ½ tsp. coarse kosher salt)
- 1 egg
- 1 egg yolk
- 1 tbsp. pure vanilla extract
- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- For cinnamon coating: ¼ cup sugar, 4 tsp. cinnamon, ½ tsp. fine sea salt

Watch Brother Andrew Corriente and The Catholic Accent's Jordan Whiteko in the kitchen, whipping up a batch of these delicious Snickerdoodle cookies. Brother Andrew's expertise was showcased in 2020 as the winner of "The Great American Baking Show: Holiday Edition" on ABC.

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DIRECTIONS:

1. In a stand mixer fitted with a paddle attachment, place butter, cream cheese, sugar, baking soda, cornstarch, cinnamon and salt in bowl.
2. Beat on medium speed (#6) for about 2-3 minutes until homogenous.
3. Scrape bowl thoroughly.
4. While mixer is running on medium speed (#6), whisk together eggs and vanilla and slowly pour down into butter mixture.
5. Scrape bowl thoroughly.
6. Beat on medium for 30 more seconds to ensure everything is well mixed.
7. Scrape bowl thoroughly.
8. Mix in flour on low speed (#2 or stir) until no more clumps of flour remain.
9. Refrigerate dough for about an hour or freeze for 30 minutes.
10. Preheat oven to 350°.
11. Make cinnamon coating by whisking together sugar, cinnamon and salt in a separate bowl.
12. Scoop about 2-3 tbsp. out and roll into balls by hand.*
13. Roll dough balls in cinnamon sugar.
14. Place cookies on a baking sheet lined with parchment about 2 inches apart.
15. Bake at 350° until browned sides, puffed and somewhat pale tops (15-17 minutes). Rotate trays halfway through cooking (the middle will be undercooked but the residual heat while resting will cook it through).
16. Using a flat spatula, gently press down on the cookies to flatten them.
17. Let cool on the hot tray for 10 minutes, then transfer to rack to cool all the way (about 10 more minutes).

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Bishop Larry J. Kulick will ordain Deacon Christopher J. Pujol to the priesthood in the Diocese of Greensburg June 4 at 10 a.m. in Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Greensburg.

Deacon Pujol is a native of New Kensington where his home parish is Mount St. Peter Parish. He is the son of Laurie and Rick Pujol and the youngest of his siblings, Rebecca and Andy. He also has a 1-year-old niece, Harper.

Deacon Pujol holds a bachelor's degree in international relations with a minor in peace, justice and conflict resolution from Duquesne University, Pittsburgh. He earned a master's degree in philosophy from Saint Vincent Seminary, Latrobe. He earned a Master of Divinity degree at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Wynnewood, where he is completing a master's degree in theology.

Did you have a job prior to entering the seminary?

I had a variety of internships before entering the seminary. I worked in the Office of International Programs at Duquesne University. I also spent time with an internship at The International Trade Administration, Pittsburgh.

Tell us about some of your hobbies.

I studied abroad my sophomore year at Duquesne in Rome, and I have had the travel bug ever since. I enjoy traveling and almost any adventure. I also enjoy spending time in the outdoors, studying language, cooking, and spending time with family and friends. In terms of extended family, our major heritages are Italian and Cuban, so when we gather for family parties and holidays, it is always a great time with lots of laughter, fun and food.

What do you look forward to in becoming a priest?

I look forward to being able to offer the Sacrifice of the Mass for the good of our people, making present Christ in whichever community I will serve and especially to be able to offer the mercy and forgiveness of God to His people through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Who would you say has been your biggest mentor throughout this process and why?

I think my biggest mentor has been Monsignor Michael J. Begolly, as he has been my parish priest for the last 16 years (up until this year). His dedication to the Church and his constant pastoral commitment to the people entrusted to his care have always been inspirational to me. He is always willing to put the Gospel into practice by being a doer of the Word and not a hearer only.

PHOTO: MARY SEAMANS

Q&A with
Deacon Christopher J. Pujol,
 to be ordained a priest June 4



Q&A with seminarian Andrew J. Hamilton, to be ordained a deacon May 21

On May 21, Bishop Larry J. Kulick will ordain Andrew J. Hamilton a Deacon in the Diocese of Greensburg. The ordination ceremony will be held at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Greensburg. Hamilton is a native of Ford City, where his home parish is Christ, Prince of Peace Parish. He is the son of William and Donna Hamilton and the brother of Kathryn (Hamilton) Valasek. He holds a bachelor's degree in philosophy from Gannon University, Erie, and is currently studying at Saint Vincent Seminary, Latrobe.

Did you have a job prior to entering the seminary?
I entered seminary while attending college but worked throughout my high school years as a dishwasher, golf course starter and ranger, banquet server, and cashier at Riverside Grocery Store in Ford City. My father always told me to start out in a humble job and build appreciation for work; being a dishwasher did that for me.

Tell us about some of your hobbies.
I enjoy spending time outdoors and working on projects. A recent joy of mine has been working on and operating a 1948 Ford tractor that I bought with my father. I find that I have a lack of knowledge in mechanical wherewithal that I'm still seeking to address. Further, I have always been a sportsman since I was young, hunting with my father, especially being drawn to less modern forms of hunting such as archery and flintlock. I love to go hiking and have done some hiking in Colorado and New Mexico in the past. Also, I enjoy reading classical literature.

Tell us your vocation story.
My reversion to the Catholic faith is pivotal in telling my vocation story. The Catholic faith was what I grew up with, but I did not have a desire to practice it or seek greater understanding of its principles. As I went off to college, I began to ask a lot of philosophical questions about the purpose of life and my place in the universe.

Overall, my initial conversion of heart was based on an intellectual understanding of the faith in which I saw that God is the only answer in the face of the absurdity of a universe that has no purpose or origin. A God whose nature is love finally made sense to me and I realized that I would not exist if not for God wanting to will me into existence to share in His divine life. I studied with intensity many famous atheistic and agnostic philosophers, who came to the same problem, if no God, then no redemption, so why continue to suffer if it is not redeemed in the cross of Christ? Nonetheless, I came back to the sacraments by an invitation of other young people at Saint Vincent College who practiced their faith with intention. An image that spurred me to greater conversion was that of Christ knocking at a closed door. The exact painting is William Holman Hunt's "Jesus Christ Light of the World," in which I realized the locks of the door are on the inside, not on the outside of the door. Thus, Jesus respected my freedom and was waiting for me to unlock the door so that He truly could guide and direct my life. Only then could I finally start to understand a call from God to use the fervor for my newly found faith to inspire others to not overlook the riches of understanding the Catholic intellectual tradition and accepting the need for Jesus' redemption.

The next logical step of a young man full of zeal was to do something radical, which is to think about being a priest, who shares in a special way the redemptive mission of Christ. After touring a minor seminary on a whim, I realized that I could study to be a priest. Surely, it was a sacrifice to leave my comfortable surrounding of Saint Vincent College, which I had just become content with, but a question consistently popped into my head, "If not me, then who?" Catholic men have a duty to think about priesthood and the role of sacraments in the spiritual life. Our religion is one that is based around the Eucharist and so far, as it has been revealed, we only have access to the Eucharist through the ordained priesthood. I encourage other men to ask, "If not me than who will bring the Eucharist to God's people in need?"



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