

LET'S GET ACQUAINTED!

It is with great joy that I begin my new appointment as pastor of Holy Family Parish Community in Seward and the surrounding areas. I look forward to serving your pastoral, sacramental, and spiritual needs and to get to know you even though we may face a few obstacles due to Covid-19. In God's goodness, I trust we will have plenty of opportunities to grow in our faith as we journey in hope together.

In order to help us start to get acquainted, I am going to share a little about my ministry history and a bit about other pastoral roles I have held and continue to hold. Then, it will be your turn to let me know a little about you...

On the reverse side of this sheet, you will have the chance to fill in responses and return the sheets to the parish by mail to me directly or, if you prefer, to answer the questions by way of email. If you prefer, you can even give the parish a call and simply ask for me to give you a call back or possibly we might chat at that time if our schedules allow for that to happen!

So, let's get started...

My name is Father William J. Lechnar, but most folks call me "Father Willie." I was ordained to the presbyterate (priesthood) of the Diocese of Greensburg on June 7, 1997 and have served in a number of assignments since then.

I have been blessed to minister in these parishes over the past 23 years: Immaculate Conception Parish, Irwin, Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Greensburg, the Parishes of the Mount Pleasant Catholic Community, Saint Thomas More University Parish, Indiana, Mother of Sorrows Parish, Murrysville, Church of the Good Shepherd, Kent, and most recently, the partner parishes of Saint Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Kittanning and Saint Mary, Mother of God, Yatesboro.

Additionally, I have had the opportunity to continue to serve in various diocesan administrative roles since 2000 in: Pastoral Life, Planning, Pilgrimage, and Rosary Rally capacities.

For the past 15 years I have served as a Chaplain for the Pennsylvania State Police and also am a part of the Critical Incident Stress Management Team (CISM) in our area.

To conclude, I want to thank our Chief Shepherd, Bishop Edward C. Malesic, for allowing me to serve here. What a blessing! Now, please take a moment to look at the reverse side of this sheet and let me have the chance to get to know you and your loved ones!



Dear Father Willie,

Here is a little information about me and my loved ones to help you get to know me better.

My name is: _____.

I am a _____ *(parishioner / friend) of Holy Family Parish.*

In the future, you can reach me by phone at __ (_____) _____ ***

and/or by email at: _____.

Is this a cell phone number? _____ *If yes, would you like to receive updates and*

breaking diocesan news by text message? _____

My family members / loved ones include (names, relationship, ages would be most helpful).

Ministries / activities that I (or my loved ones) would like to be or currently are involved in at Holy Family Parish:

Please return this information to Father Willie: in the collection, in person, by USPS mail at 425 Bridge Street, Seward, PA 15954, by email response to wlechnar@dioceseofgreensburg.org, or by calling Holy Family directly at (814)446-5759.