

# THE *Epiphany* OF OUR Lord

ROMAN  
CATHOLIC  
CHURCH



A PENNSYLVANIA CHARITABLE TRUST  
A PARISH OF THE DIOCESE OF GREENSBURG

**JANUARY 18, 2015—SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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## PARISH STAFF

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## OFFICE HOURS

Monday–Thursday ..... 8:30 am–12 pm & 1 pm–3:30 pm  
Friday ..... 8:30 am–1:00 pm

## PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We are the Epiphany of Our Lord Roman Catholic Church;  
we celebrate a long and diverse presence in Monessen,  
reflecting the true meaning of Epiphany,  
our vision is to become a beacon of hope  
through education, spiritual formation and Liturgical functions;  
proclaiming and living the Gospel Justice of Jesus Christ.

We show responsibility to one another through active  
participation, stewardship and evangelization,  
moving forward with the Spirit of the living God.  
It is our Faith that unites us as one to celebrate the Eucharist,  
the Source and Summit of our Catholic Traditions.

## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:00 pm (*Main Church*)  
Sunday: 8:30 am (*Chapel Site*);  
10:30 am (*Main Church*)  
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday &  
Friday: 8:00 am (*Main Church*)  
Wednesday: NO MASS

## RECONCILIATION

Saturday at 11:00 am or you may call  
the office to make an appointment.

## BAPTISM

We baptize during all Masses. Parents  
are required to attend a Pre-Baptism  
session prior to the Baptism. Please  
call the office for more information.

## MARRIAGE

Arrangements must be made at  
least six months in advance.

## MINISTRY OF THE SICK

If you know of anyone who is sick  
and cannot get to Mass, and they wish  
to receive the Eucharist, please call  
the office so arrangements can be  
made.

## BULLETIN DEADLINE

Any article for the bulletin must be  
in the office by Monday noon.

**MASS INTENTIONS—MAIN CHURCH**

**Saturday, January 17—Vigil**  
4:00 pm +Chris Campana by Mary Ann & Joe Gallo

**Sunday, January 18—Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
10:30 am +Mitchell & Sophie Semich by Children & Grandchildren

**Monday, January 19**  
8:00 am +Herman Alvarez by Jan McGrath

**Tuesday, January 20—St. Fabian/St. Sebastian**  
8:00 am +John & Ann Petritis by Family

**Wednesday, January 21—St. Agnes**  
No Mass Today

**Thursday, January 22**  
8:00 am +William Venneri by Romeo & Dolores Bucci

**Friday, January 23—St. Vincent/St. Marianne Cope**  
8:00 am +

**Saturday, January 24—Vigil**  
4:00 pm Mary Irene Wallace & Thomas & Helen Wallace by John & Louise Dudas

**Sunday, January 25—Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
10:30 am +Lillian Vagli by Judy Guiducci Morini

**CHAPEL**

**Sunday, January 18—Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
8:30 am +Helen Kamencky by Beatrice & Myron Ciepley

**Sunday, January 25—Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
8:30 am +For the Epiphany Parish Family

**Last Sunday's Offerings:**

**Perogie Making**—We will be making perogies in the Main Church Hall beginning at 7:30 a.m. Helpers are always needed. The dates are:  
January 19 & 26; February 2, 9 (not 16) 23; and March 2, 9, 16, and 23.

**Eternal Rest**—Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently: *ELIZABETH (BETTY) GRECO and ANN ORGAN*. We commend their souls to rest in the peace of Christ.

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, January 24, 2015 and Sunday, January 25, 2015

<u>Time</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Eucharistic</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
4:00 pm	J. Buggy	L. Henry S. Surdyn B. & D. Mandarino	B. & B. DuBreucq
8:30 am	J. Sepesky	W. White S. & N. Campus	A. & A. Mauro
10:30 am	R. Godla	M. Hasch M. Gigliotti T. Mazzei A. Frolo	S. & K. DeCurtis

Money Counters - Monday, January 19, 2015

B. Geis—Council Member  
K. Byron, B. Mandarino, C. Martucci

**Evangelization Meeting**

We are planning to have a meeting for anyone interested in Evangelization. Our Holy Father has asked that evangelization be a priority for every baptized catholic. If you have an interest or would like to know more about evangelization, the meeting will be on the 29<sup>th</sup> of January at the Chapel Hall at 6:00. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the office.

**Committee for 25<sup>th</sup> celebration**

Next year we celebrate 25 years as a parish family. Over those years we have shared many gifts and blessings. It is fitting that we celebrate this anniversary in a “grand” way. I will have a meeting for anyone interested in helping with this on February 5<sup>th</sup> in the Chapel hall at 6:00 pm; it would be nice if all of our parish organizations be represented.

**THANK YOU, HOLY NAME SOCIETY MEMBERS**

Once again, for the 23rd year in a row, may we take this opportunity to thank the men of the Holy Name Society for their kind expression of faith and good fellowship in distributing fruit baskets to the shut-ins of our parish during the Christmas holiday season. This year 51 baskets of fruit were delivered throughout the Mon-Valley. Taking part in the purchasing, route setting and deliveries were the following Holy Name members:

Bernard Anders, Walter Anders, Ron Croushore, Robert Gilotty, Damian Luti, David Mandarino, Robert Mascetta, John Perozzi, Tote Reda, Jim Septesky, Ken Zimmaro.

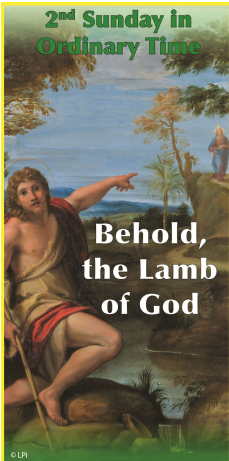
**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ROSARY**—The Knights will pray their monthly rosary at the Knights of Columbus Council Hall this Wednesday, January 21, at 7:00 p.m. All are invited to attend. Light refreshments will follow. The rosary is held the third Wednesday of every month.

**Choir News**

With the season of Christmas behind us, our choir will be starting to prepare music for both the Lenten and Easter season. They are always looking for new voices. If you would like to be a part of the choir for the coming seasons, please know that you are all most welcome. They meet on Wednesday evenings for practice at 6:00 PM in the church. If you have any questions you can call our director Toni Salvino or the office.

**Diocesan High School Youth Ministry Retreat**

All youth of the Diocese in grades 9 -12 are invited to join the Diocesan High School Youth Ministry Retreat sponsored by the Diocese of Greensburg Office for Evangelization and Faith Formation. Pray, share, and experience God while being surrounded by new friends who share the same faith. This year's retreat will take a closer look at the Beatitudes and how they relate to our own faith journey. Be part of the Youth Ministry the weekend of February 27 through March 1, 2015 at Laurelville Retreat Center in Mt. Pleasant. Register now by calling Christopher Manderino, Youth Ministry Coordinator at the Faith Formation Office. For more information, visit [www.dioceseofgreensburg.org](http://www.dioceseofgreensburg.org). The deadline to register is February 15, 2015.



At first glance our readings for this Sunday of Ordinary time seem to reflect in an exact way what we celebrated last week with the Baptism of our Lord. However, there is an important distinction which sets our readings apart from focusing solely on Baptism. The readings for this week move us to reflect on Jesus' identity and mission. John calls Jesus the "Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world." We know these words from mass, but what is the real significance of the title?

The sacrifice of animals to remove guilt for wrongs committed was part of the religious landscape of Israel. The sacrifice of the Passover lamb originally belonged to liturgy celebrated in the home. In time, the Passover liturgy and the sacrifice of the lamb formed a part of the annual Passover liturgy of the temple. Part of the significance attached to this liturgy was the removal of the people's sin and guilt accumulated during the preceding year.

John places the crucifixion of Jesus one day before the Passover, the Day of Preparation. It was on this day that the Passover lamb would have been sacrificed in the temple. John wants his readers to think of Jesus as the true Passover sacrifice. He would like his readers to understand Jesus, and not the lamb slaughtered in the temple precincts, as the lamb that takes away the sins of the world.

Our baptismal task is continually to deepen our own understanding of who Jesus is and to make him known, and to deepen our own understanding of our Christian identity as the beloved daughters and sons of God, as the Body of Christ. Like John, we go from not knowing to seeing to testifying. More than likely, we are not called to testify to the Son of God by going out and baptizing or doing great things. We testify to Jesus' identity and carry forth his saving mission by being faithful to the ordinary things in life, by doing God's will. The revelation of Jesus' identity and how he is made known in the world is mediated by the way we die and rise every day.

Thus we also must become more fully the "Lamb of God." This means that like Jesus, we must be willing to die to ourselves for the sake of others. Like John the Baptist, to whom "Jesus came toward," opportunities to die to self come to us every day. Like John, we simply need to open our eyes to recognize and respond to opportunities to carry forward Jesus' ministry to others. Our own understanding of who Jesus is and our own testimony to Jesus' presence is manifested through the good we do for others.

### March for Life

This Thursday, January 22, is the 42nd anniversary of the Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion in our nation. Since then, each year, many persons take part in the March for Life in Washington D.C. to promote a respect for human life and to oppose abortion.

Take some time today to pray for those who are attending the March, for a reversal of the Supreme Court decision and for a respect of human life in all its stages.

### Mardi Gras

February 17<sup>th</sup> is closer than we think, so mark your calendars and keep your schedule free. We will start the evening at 6:00. In preparing for the evening we are going to ask that you once again bring something. Since Mardi Gras or Fat Tuesday is all about "junk food" we will need lots of that. This year I am going to ask that if your last name begins with letters: A – M could you bring one of your delicious deserts. If your last name begins with: N – Z bring a salad. If you are able and choose to do so, you can bring a case of pop or water. Remember that our celebration closes with a parade leading to the burning of our old palm. Don't forget to bring in all of your old palm branches from last year so that we can burn them. The ashes from the palms will be used the next day on Ash Wednesday. If you have any questions about our celebration this year, please give me a call at the office.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c; Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: Heb 7:25 — 8:6; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Mk 3:7-12, *or any of a number of readings for the Day of Prayer*

Friday: Heb 8:6-13; Ps 85:8, 10-14; Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Mk 3:20-21

Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

### CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS EDUCATION CONTEST

Students in Grades 4-12 are invited to join the C.D. of A. Education Contest. The themes of the contest are: "Love your neighbor as yourself" or "Be a good neighbor". Categories include: Art, Essay, Poetry, Computer Art, Music, and Photography. For further information call Mary Ann Gallo at 724-684-6379 by Thursday, January 22, 2015.

### Epiphany Ladies News:

**CAPS OF LOVE CAMPAIGN:** The Epiphany Ladies, CD of A and CBPW are joining the National Council of Catholic Women to collect HARD PLASTIC CAPS. Recycling plastic caps raises money to buy wheelchairs for disabled children. Place the caps in containers in the back of the Church/Chapel.