

# THE *Epiphany* OF OUR Lord

ROMAN  
CATHOLIC  
CHURCH



A PENNSYLVANIA CHARITABLE TRUST  
A PARISH OF THE DIOCESE OF GREENSBURG

**DECEMBER 28, 2014 • FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY**

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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, December 27—Vigil**  
4:00 pm +Edward Monaghan by wife, Ginny, Jason, Melanie, Quinn & Brecklynn

**Sunday, December 28—Feast of the Holy Family**  
10:30 am +Ted Capuano & Lynette Capuano Kouche by Marie Capuano and Keven & Cindy Conner

**Monday, December 29—St. Thomas Becket**  
8:00 am +Ann Kurey Pettko by daughter, Patty

**Tuesday, December 30**  
8:00 am +Michael Maisano by Chuck & Becky Cardinale

**Wednesday, December 31—Vigil**  
4:00 pm +For the Epiphany Parish Family

**Thursday, January 1—Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**  
9:00 am +Agnes Molinatto by Frank & Kay Ciccarella

**Friday, January 2—Ss. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen**  
8:00 am +Albert Kovatich by Edward J. Laatu

**Saturday, January 3—Vigil**  
4:00 pm +Walter & Stella Anders by Sons

**Sunday, January 4—Solemnity of the Epiphany of Our Lord**  
10:30 am +Edward Monaghan by M/M Nathan Campus

**CHAPEL**

**Sunday, December 28—Feast of the Holy Family**  
8:30 am +Herman Alvarez by Nate & Susan Campus

**Sunday, January 4—Solemnity of the Epiphany of Our Lord**  
8:30 am +For the Epiphany Parish Family

*Due to the early transmission of this bulletin the Christmas and last Sunday's offerings will be in next weeks bulletin.*

**Tax Statements**

Since we are beginning a new year, it is time to start thinking about those dreaded "Taxes." As you prepare all of your paperwork necessary to file this year, know that you will be getting a statement from the church listing all of your contributions. We will have this mailing go out about the third week of January. If you would need a copy sooner, please give us a call and we will get one to you.

Ministry Schedule—Wednesday, Dec. 31, 2014 & Thursday, Jan. 1, 2015

Time	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Servers
4:00 pm	L. Micenko	L. Mandarino D. & B. Mandarino	B. & B. DuBreucq
9:00 am	S. Surdyn	S. Benecio R. Sassak W. White	Q. & B. Zboyovsky

Ministry Schedule—Saturday, Jan. 3 & Sunday, Jan. 4, 2015

Time	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Servers
4:00 pm	R. Kozar	S. Stein L. Micenko D. & B. Mandarino	B. & Q. Zboyovsky
8:30 am	J. Sepesky	D. Jozwiak J. Petritis K. Imbrescia	M. & M. Blatnik
10:30 am	J. Buggy	K. Byron P. Fantauzzi M. Hasch M. Gigliotti	K. & S. DeCurtis

Money Counters - Monday, December 29, 2014

J. Petritis—Finance Council Member  
A. Daniele, L. Taylor, R. Cocca

**Another Blessed Christmas!**

Once again this year as I look back over the season of Advent and Christmas it is wonderful to be able to recognize the many blessings of God's love that we have been given. In celebrating the feast of the Holy Family this weekend, it is easy to recognize that as a parish we do live like the "Holy Family," in God's grace and love.

The generosity of all our parishioners is overwhelming. I cannot begin to thank you enough for the many gifts and cards that you gave to me; I am both humbled and blessed!

As we watch the news on television or read it in the newspapers we are always shown how people don't seem to care what happens around them. The stories of how people ignore the hardships of others and not want to get involved are sometimes all we hear. However, as I look at what wonderful and kind people that makes up our parish, this is hardly the truth. Your generosity of not only your treasure, but also of your time and talent, speak for themselves. It is good to clearly see that we do get the message Jesus was born to teach us!

I would like to recognize and thank you all for what you do for your church. During this busy time of the year the way you shared your precious time speaks so well of God's grace in our midst. I would like to recognize and thank in a special way the following:

- All of our Liturgical ministers: Altar Servers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, and Ushers, you showed us all what a gift it is to serve in the Lord's service.
- Our Adult choir, for all of the many hours put into practicing to make our Liturgies so memorable.
- Toni Salivino for the direction she has given to our choir and Jeff Olup for accompanying.
- For our decorating committee and the "many" people who came to help decorate the church, without your presence it wouldn't have happened!
- And most important of all I want to thank our parishioners for helping to make this season one to remember!

**New Years Day**

On Thursday we will celebrate New Years Day which is a Holy Day of Obligation, Mary the Mother of God. We will celebrate Mass at 4:00 PM on Wednesday and 9:00 AM on

*Little Family Christmas*

On Sunday January 4<sup>th</sup> we will celebrate our feast day with a family celebration. We will have a luncheon/dinner after the 10:30 liturgy. It will be a "Pot Luck" celebration and we are asking that you bring the following:

- A thru H Hot Side Dish
- I thru O Cold Side Dish
- P thru Z Desserts

We will provide all of the meat and beverages. Hope you will be able to come and celebrate our Parish Family that

***We are all Holy Families!***

Our celebration this weekend concentrates on the “Holiness” of our families. Holiness is not a misty-eyed, otherworldly mode of living. Rather it is a realistic engagement in the difficulties, struggles, and tensions of human life and relating. Our own modern families are like the Holy Family in that, as they did, we too all face challenges in responding to God faithfully and obediently. The holiness of a family is not dependent upon perfection or an easy road. As Mary and Joseph showed us, holiness is dependent on faithfulness and obedience to God’s message. What makes Jesus, Mary, and Joseph a holy family is their faithful, obedient response to God’s message. Our families (and the family of the church) are also holy in our responding faithfully to God’s will for us.



Today it is difficult to define what a family should be; in fact I believe that family life today is beyond defining. None of us can be completely free from assumptions about families and a “well intended” list of family values that we should follow. Sometimes these values are sincere but sometime they are cynical. When we look at the holy family we do not look at them for the sociological model that they provide, rather they become a model of faith for us. So, the issue on this day is not that we should try to read into this feast a proposal for how to live as a family, but how each of us should remain open and obedient to the word of God.

We spend a lot of time in life looking around and seeing what we want in life. Every one of us is guilty of making so many “comparisons” to what others have or how they live. In the process we are completely missing out on what we have. Family life in our society today has gone through so many drastic changes that none of us fit very well into a defined role, and I don’t think that is such a bad thing. If we are honest with each other, we all live with some sort of dysfunction in life, there is no such thing as a perfect family.

Today we are reminded that we ought to be grateful for the people we have in life and most especially our families. Whether we are a traditional family or a single parent family, whether we have biological or adopted or foster children or no children, whether we live in an expensive home or a subsidized rental unit makes no difference for living as a holy family. What does make a difference is hearing God’s message and doing God’s will. Hearing God’s message and responding to God’s will made the Holy Family holy, it makes our families holy, too!

This is what living Christ’s message is all about: responding to both hardships and God’s wonderful gifts of grace with fidelity and obedience. Sometimes it is the very hardships that help us put our priorities straight and realize how dependent on our loving God we really are.

**Mardi Gras**

I know that we are still enjoying the season of Christmas, but like it or not, Lent is not that far off, the 18<sup>th</sup> of February. As we prepare to celebrate yet another season of the Church we do what we can to prepare and help one another appreciate the seasons of the Liturgical Calendar. To start the season off right we will have a Mardi Gras celebration on the 17<sup>th</sup> of February beginning at 6:30. Along with food and lots of “Sweets,” we will have crafts for the children and much fun for all. The evening will conclude with a Mardi Gras Parade where we will burn the Palm from last year and use the ashes on Ash Wednesday.

Last year we had a wonderful celebration and I am looking forward to a repeat this year. So, mark your calendars and there will be more information in the coming weeks.

**Getting “Real” About Drugs**

Reality Tour (RT) is a national parent and child drug education and prevention program. For more information, 724-797-0955 or email [bellevnonarearealitytour.org](mailto:bellevnonarearealitytour.org).

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35  
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40  
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18  
 Thursday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21  
 Friday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28  
 Saturday: 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34  
 Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

**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. So, save your caps and place them in the containers which you will find in the back of the Church as well as the chapel.