

THE Epiphany OF OUR Lord

ROMAN
CATHOLIC
CHURCH



A PENNSYLVANIA CHARITABLE TRUST
A PARISH OF THE DIOCESE OF GREENSBURG

JANUARY 25, 2015—THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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OFFICE HOURS

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

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 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

Monday, January 26—SS. Timothy & Titus
8:00 am +Edward A. & Ann Organ by Melvin J. Matty

Tuesday, January 27—St. Angela Merici
8:00 am +Florian Fedorchik by Carl T. Ornot

Wednesday, January 28—St. Thomas Aquinas
No Mass Today

Thursday, January 29
8:00 am +Nancy Gigliotti by Lou, Jenine & Jason

Friday, January 30
8:00 am +Shaun Minniti by Kelly Sepesky

Saturday, January 31—Vigil
4:00 pm +Dwayne Koget by Marlene Koget Thorpe & Brigitte

Sunday, February 1—Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:30 am +Barb & Zedo Mayernik by Mayernik Grandchildren

CHAPEL

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

Sunday, February 1—Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 am +For the Epiphany Parish Family

Last Sunday's Offerings: \$6,129.55

Second Collection next Sunday is for the Church in Eastern Europe.

Tax Statements

By now, all of our parishioners should have received a copy of their financial statement in the mail. If you did not get one, please let us know by calling the office.

Eternal Rest—Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently: **GARY COPE** and **PAUL PETRUSKY**. We commend their souls to rest in the peace of Christ.

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, January 31, 2015 and Sunday, February 1, 2015

<u>Time</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Eucharistic</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
4:00 pm	G. Pesi	S. Stein B. Anders S. Beneccio L. Micenko	B. & Q. Zboyovsky
8:30 am	B. Hughes, Jr.	D. Jozwiak J. Petritis L. DeFelices	M. & M. Blatnik
10:30 am	J. Olup	J. Elias K. Byron L. Mandarin P. Fantauzzi	M. Germinario K. Bachinski

Money Counters - Monday, January 26, 2015

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



Prayer Chain

Sometimes in life we do forget the power that prayer can bring to all of our lives, especially in times of need. We are in the process of developing or putting together a prayer chain for our parish family. With the help of the Epiphany Ladies we are hoping to get this ministry started. If you would like to be a part of this ministry which would involve a few phone calls, please know that your assistance would be most welcome. I am asking that you think about it this week, and next week I will have a tear off in the bulletin where you will be able to sign up and volunteer your help. Remember that the Power of Prayer truly can change lives!

Evangelization Meeting

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, there will be a meeting on the January 29 at the Chapel Hall at 6:00 p.m.. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the office.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Holy Name Society will sponsor a pancake & sausage breakfast on Sunday, February 8 at the Main Church Hall. Breakfast will be served from 8:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. The cost of the breakfast will be \$6.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children. Because of the breakfast, Mass will be at the Main Church at 8:30 am. There will be NO Mass at the Chapel that day.

Lenten Stations—It was brought to my attention that there are some people who might want the afternoon stations on Friday's during Lent. If there is someone who would be willing to lead these stations, there would be no problem in having them. If you are interested, please give me a call at the office.



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 26; February 2, 9 (not 16) 23; and March 2, 9, 16, and 23.



Fish Fry

Our parish family as always been known for its great Fish Fries during the season of Lent. We are currently working on getting the Fish Fries off the ground for this year. Unfortunately, we have lost a number of people this past year who have been very helpful. We are in need of some more help in order to provide this service, not only to our parish family, but also the larger community as well. There are many areas that we are in need of people to help. **We are in need of people to help with the frying of fish, and cooking the perogies. We can also use people to sit and work the cash register as well as waiters and waitresses. We can always use more dishwashers and people to stay and help clean up at the end of the evening.** If you think you might be able to lend a hand this year, your help and your presence will be greatly appreciated.

No Compromising Discipleship

The message from our readings this week is very clear and yet in spite of its simplicity, it is difficult to make a part of our lives. We are reminded of the centrality of Jesus in the mission of the church, and our call to discipleship. If we all looked at our lives as individuals and then looked at our community, we would have to admit that there are many distractions that keep us from following the demands Jesus puts on us.

St. Paul moves from his comforting prayer and support of the people of Corinth to a sharp criticism of their behavior. He is very specific in addressing the unity and the divisions that were present in the community. Paul was much saddened by the reports about these divisions in the community of Corinth. He quickly addresses the people about how they need to realign their priorities and focus on what really is important, namely the mission of Jesus.

We are all aware of the challenges posed to our Christian communities today. There is certainly a decline in church attendance in some places, shortage of priests and ministers in many places, internal problems of divisions between conservatives and progressives, loss of exposure and influence of Christian discourse and leadership, and the increasing number of religious groups and the rise of other major religions, like Islam and Buddhism. Even though there are many problems facing us today, we all need to put into perspective what our call is really all about.

To recognize the kingdom in our midst reveals our ongoing need for repentance and invites us to enter ever more fully into the kingdom by following Jesus. The good news is that the light begins shining here, among us. The way out of darkness is to hear the cry for repentance and we cannot hear it often enough, for this is the way to living in Christ's light. This is how God's kingdom is established: faithful disciples hear Jesus' call repent, and faithfully follow!

Ultimately the question we all need to be asking ourselves is: what is the gospel in which we believe and where do we stand, for the sake of the gospel, on major issues today? Are we taking enough risks, or are we satisfied just to follow the crowd? If we are Disciples of Christ, we should have something to propose concerning vital issues for everyone: environment, equitable salary and use of resources, immigration, refugees, military disarming, peace and justice, humanitarian assistance, human rights, dialog between cultures and between religions.

The gospel has no readymade solutions for such huge problems. Yet the life of Jesus and his message make no compromise whatsoever when it comes to justice and compassion for the poor and the little ones. These are non-negotiable gospel values that could change a lot in the world of today. Instead of withdrawing into our own internal problems, we Christians should be committed to joining all men and women of good will to attend the needs of the world, so that the message and the life of Christ "might not be emptied of their meaning."

We practice following Jesus in the simple, everyday things that come our way: the friend who needs a listening ear, the elderly parent who needs a comforting phone call, the sick child who interrupts our sleep. In all of these instances, do we hear Jesus' call to repent? Jesus invites us to turn from ourselves toward those in need. Turn from darkness to light. Repentance is the condition for following Jesus to the fullness of the kingdom. It is the condition for taking up his saving work.



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

St. Sebastian Middle school students will be holding their second annual "Night at the Museum – Biblical Edition" It will be held Thursday, January 29th 6:30-7:30 in St. Sebastian school social hall. Each student will be their own exhibit of a saint or biblical character who comes to life to share important facts about themselves when approached by the audience. The kids did a GREAT job with this last year and we would love to share it again this year.

Mardi Gras

In just a little over three weeks, on the 17th of February, we will celebrate this year's Mardi Gras. The evening will begin at 6:00 pm. In preparing for this celebration 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.

Committee for 25th Celebration

In 2016 we will celebrate 25 years as a parish family. It is fitting that we celebrate this anniversary in a "grand" way. I will have a meeting for anyone interested in helping on February 5th in the Chapel Hall at 6:00 pm; it would be nice if all of our parish organizations be represented.

From the Question Box,

I found a question that was put in the question box which asks: *Why does the priest only pour water in one chalice and not all of the cups used for Holy Communion?* In answering this question, we go way back to customs of ancient Roman world. The Greek people would always pour a little water into their wine because it was too strong. The Romans picked up on this practice and it simply became a part of the early liturgy. As early as the 4th century catechists explained that the water represented humanity and the wine divinity, and once mixed, they could never be separated. Since the priest's chalice is the one used in the elevation (rising of the chalice) it is the one that the water is poured into.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk 3:22-30
 Tuesday: Heb 10:1-10; Ps 40:2, 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11; Mk 3:31-35
 Wednesday: Heb 10:11-18; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 4:1-20
 Thursday: Heb 10:19-25; Ps 24:1-6; Mk 4:21-25
 Friday: Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mk 4:26-34
 Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 1:69-75; Mk 4:35-41
 Sunday: Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28