

# THE *Epiphany* OF OUR LORD

ROMAN  
CATHOLIC  
CHURCH



A PENNSYLVANIA CHARITABLE TRUST  
A PARISH OF THE DIOCESE OF GREENSBURG

**JANUARY 4, 2015—EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD**

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## PARISH STAFF

**Pastor** ..... Reverend Michael J. Crookston  
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**Parish Secretary** ..... Evelyn Winn  
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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 3—Vigil

4:00 pm +Walter & Stella Anders by Sons

#### Sunday, January 4—Epiphany of Our Lord

10:30 am +Edward Monaghan by M/M Nathan Campus

#### Monday, January 5—St. John Neumann

8:00 am +Antoinette Ditta by Frank & Lucille Biseda

#### Tuesday, January 6—St. Andre Bessette

8:00 am +Jeanne Bennati by Angeline Belsar  
Weathers

#### Wednesday, January 7—St. Raymond of Penyafort

No Mass Today

#### Thursday, January 8

8:00 am +John (Jack) Coleman—Dorothy Jarabeck &  
Family

#### Friday, January 9

8:00 am +Patricia (Pallone) Disantis by Anthony Foffi

#### Saturday, January 10—Vigil

4:00 pm +Joe & Ida Dematteo by Grandson, Richard  
& Lucille

#### Sunday, January 11—Baptism of the Lord

10:30 am +Charles Vlastic by Wayne & Kathy Vlastic

### CHAPEL

#### Sunday, January 4—Solemnity of the Epiphany of Our Lord

8:30 am +For the Epiphany Parish Family

#### Sunday, January 11—Baptism of the Lord

8:30 am +Leo Janol by Sarah & Nick

#### 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).

#### Ministry Schedule—Saturday, Jan. 10 & Sunday, Jan. 11, 2015

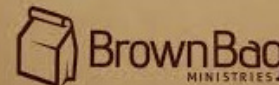
Time	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Servers
4:00 pm	M. Gallo	S. Surdyn A. Frolo D. & B. Mandarinino	A. & A. Mauro
8:30 am	J. Sepesky	K. Zimmaro N. & S. Campus	B. Speicher S. Billy
10:30 am	J. Buggy	K. Byron L. Henry M. Gliotti R. Sassak	M. Germinario T. Blatnik

#### Money Counters - Monday, January 5, 2015

P. Pettko—Finance Council Member  
R. Aguilar, R. Sowko, H. Veschio

### A new ministry...

Our Holy Father has called each of us to become more aware of the New



Evangelization and the many ways we can touch the people we share this world with. We already do many wonderful things throughout the year to help people who are in need, but it seems that we can do more. I am hoping to begin a new ministry called “*Brown Bag Sunday*.” How this will operate is that every other month we will designate a specific Sunday for a specific cause. For example one month we will help a nursing home with personal items, or a school with pencils etc. Everyone will bring in what they are able and we will distribute them to a local organization. We are trying to keep this local so, we will be offering service to people in our own community. This will not take a lot of time to put together so if anyone is interested in helping, please give me a call at the office. I will schedule a meeting towards the end of January for all who might want to be a part of this. This is just one more opportunity for all of us to be a part of this New Evangelization in sharing our faith and our goodness.

**Perogie Making**—We will be making perogies The following Monday’s in the Main Church Hall beginning at 7:30 a.m. Helpers are always needed. The dates are: January 19 & 29  
February 2, 9 (not 16) 23  
March 2, 9, 16, and 23.

### 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.

### HOLY NAME SUNDAY

Next Sunday, January 11, 2015, is Holy Name Sunday. Corporate Communion will be at the 8:30 a.m. Mass at the chapel. The regular monthly meeting will follow the Mass in the Chapel Social Hall. Coffee and doughnuts will be served.

Holy Name Society members are reminded that their Dues for 2015 should be paid at this time. **Please place your (Blue) envelope in the regular church collection.**



## “...but upon you the Lord shines.”

Each of the readings for this celebration of the Epiphany of the Lord echoes both the joy and gratitude that arise when God's light appears in the midst of human cares. Isaiah in the first reading speaks of a people reflecting the joy and enthusiasm of the return to Jerusalem and Judah after some seventy years of exile to Babylon. Epiphany is from a Greek word which means “manifestation.” This reading is filled with references to light, splendor, radiance and glory. God is Light, not only for his own people but also for all nations. The Epiphany is about the universality of salvation, as exemplified by the pilgrim journey of the magi as told in the gospel. Isaiah speaks to us about the joy that can be found when we are able to recognize the light that God brings to the problems of life.

St. Paul in the second reading addresses a community of people who were distraught over many challenges that confronted them in life. They were exposed to many different religious cultures and “mystery cults.” It was difficult to stay true to the message of Jesus. Paul gives us a clear statement on the church and its mission. He looked at the Gentiles as being on equal footing with believers coming from Jewish backgrounds and did not have any problem viewing them as “co-heirs, members of the same body, and co-partners in the promise of Christ Jesus through the gospel.” Like Isaiah, Paul gives us a strong example of the universality of salvation.

The gospel presents us with the all too familiar story of the Three Kings or the Magi. For centuries now people have been fascinated with the story of the Magi. Eastern Rite and Orthodox churches celebrate the Epiphany, rather than Christmas as the time of gift-giving in imitation of the Magi bringing gifts to Jesus. The star, along with the manger, has been the most popular image on Christmas cards. Ultimately this feast points to the wonder of God's plan for all people. It deals with life and all of the divisions we are faced with in our world as well as in our hearts.

Like Isaiah, it is light that guides the Magi to the Christ child, bringing them into the presence of God. These Magi are not ordinary men. The Greek word “magi” refers to a priestly cast known for their wisdom and ability to interpret dreams and decipher astrological phenomena. The gifts that they brought; gold for a king, frankincense which is a symbol of prayer rising to God and myrrh, a symbol of one who will die, suggests that these men have received a special revelation or epiphany from God as to who the child Jesus was. The Magi's journey symbolizes for us our own human experience, our journeys both physical and spiritual. In celebrating this feast today we all give witness to a universal truth based on the experience of all people and their quest to find God. Their journey reflects our own lives, our own stories, our own gifts which we bring to God.

Salvation is meant for all, if we are willing to follow God's signs of the gift. Although we may not abandon everything in life just to follow a star, the story helps us to recognize that in our daily living God does lead us. We just have to have the faith and insight to recognize that guiding light. If we walk by faith following our own stars in life who knows what might be at the end of our journey.



### 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 are in the back of the Church and Chapel.

### 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 18th 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 17th 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.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a;  
Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13;  
Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72: 1-2, 14, 15bc, 17;  
Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10  
or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Acts 10:34-38 or  
1 Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11

If you have a concern about sexual abuse of a child or young person by anyone in a parish or diocesan position - clergy, volunteer or paid staff - please contact Bishop Brandt's delegate for matters of sexual misconduct.

He may be reached at 724-837-0901, Ext. 1221.