

THE Epiphany OF OUR Lord

ROMAN
CATHOLIC
CHURCH



A PENNSYLVANIA CHARITABLE TRUST
A PARISH OF THE DIOCESE OF GREENSBURG

FEBRUARY 1, 2015—FOURTH 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 31—Vigil

4:00 pm +Dwayne Koget by Marlene Koget Thorpe & Brigitte

Sunday, February 1—Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30 am +Baba & Zedo Mayernik by Mayernik Grandchildren

Monday, February 2—Presentation of the Lord

8:00 am +John Sr. & Mary Turkovich by Family

Tuesday, February 3—St. Blaise/St. Ansgar

8:00 am +Jeanne Bennati by Angeline Belsar Weathers

Wednesday, February 4

No Mass Today

Thursday, February 5—St. Agatha

8:00 am +Florian Fedorchik by Lisa, Mark & Rebecca Tabacco

Friday, February 6—St. Paul Miki & Companions

8:00 am +William Marino by Family

Saturday, February 7—Vigil

4:00 pm +Ann Spadafore by Diane Ferrari

Sunday, February 8—Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am +Ann Organ by Rene Moncini
10:30 am +Nick Smerilli by Wayne & Kathy Vlasic

CHAPEL

Sunday, February 1—Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am +For the Epiphany Parish Family

Last Sunday's Offerings: \$4,177.00

Second Collection this Sunday is for the Church in Central & Eastern Europe.

Eternal Rest—Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently: MARY MANDZOK and ROBERT V. CHUNKO. We commend their souls to rest in the peace of Christ.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]
Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4; Ps 22:26b-28, 30-32; Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a; Mk 6:1-6
Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Ps 48:2-4, 9-11; Mk 6:7-13
Friday: Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9; Mk 6:14-29
Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-6; Mk 6:30-34
Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147:1-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, February 7, 2015 and Sunday, February 8, 2015

| <u>Time</u> | <u>Lector</u> | <u>Eucharistic</u> | <u>Altar Servers</u> |
|-------------|---------------|---|---------------------------|
| 4:00 pm | M. Sacco | L & J. Dudas D. & B. Mandarino | M. & J. Sacco |
| 8:30 am | E. Lefevre | D. Jozwiak N. & S. Campus | B. Speicher S. Billy |
| 10:30 am | C. Manderino | A. Frolo V. Saunders T. Mazzei S. McCarthy | T. Blatnik B. DuBreucq |

Money Counters - Monday, February 2, 2015

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

First Holy Communion Workshop

The first workshop for the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist will be held on Saturday, February 21 at 9:00 a.m. at the Chapel Hall. All students who will receive the Sacrament of First Eucharist and their parents are to attend this workshop.



HOLY NAME SUNDAY

Next Sunday, February 8, is Holy Name Sunday. Corporate Communion will be at the 8:30 a.m. Mass at the Main Church. There will be NO meeting in February.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Holy Name Society will sponsor a pancake & sausage breakfast next 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 next week.

Blessing of Throats



Each year the Church commemorates the feast of Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr. He is the patron of protection against throat diseases. His feast falls on Tuesday so we will be blessing throats after the 8:00 am liturgy.

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

Fish Fry

As I mentioned last week in the bulletin we are going to need some help to put this year's Fish Fry together. Our parish family as always been known for its great Fish Fries during the season of Lent. If you are able to give of some of your time, know that it will be most welcomed and appreciated.



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 are able to lend a hand with this year's fish fry, please fill out the form below and get it to us by putting it in the collection. If you have any questions about the Fish Fry, please give us a call.

Name: _____

Phone # _____

I would like to help with:

We are all Blessed!

The gospel of Matthew recounts the Beatitudes; Paul writes to us of God's generosity and Zephaniah commands us to "seek the Lord." Putting these readings together can help us to prepare for the celebration of the entire Paschal Mystery of Lent, Easter, and Pentecost. We are simply reminded to: repent, follow Jesus, proclaim the Gospel by good and just deeds and heal the unfortunate. If we were able to accomplish all of that during this Lenten season, we would be more than prepared for the great feasts that follow.

In our society, when asked about ourselves, we tend to respond with what we do – I am an accountant, a teacher an assembly-line worker, a missionary. Yet, what is most important about us is who we are, and the answer to that question is simply: blessed by God. Jesus saw the crowds in a way that others did not. Jesus looked at the people and saw the poor in spirit, the mournful, and the meek as blessed. It is blessing that makes all these different people the same; all are blessed by God. This is our deepest identity, a people God has freely, generously, and readily blessed. Our following Jesus is a response to blessing.

Zephaniah clearly tells us that if there is hope for the future, it must reside in "a people humble and holy." The very key to moral reform and religious renewal of any kind is for people to seek after justice. This search for justice will be at the very heart of the religion and spirituality of those who are called in the gospel of today "the poor in spirit" and "the meek." St. Paul picks up on this by telling us that God chooses the foolish, the weak, the lowly, and the despised of the world to shame the wise and the strong. Paul wants to remind us that God is a humble God who has no affinity whatsoever with the mighty, the proud, the pretending or the self-sufficient. God allows that humble and divine nature to be found by the humble and the lowly of our world. God's standards are not human standards, for God looks at the heart and not the social status and prestige of people.

Humility then becomes the key to our liturgy today. Although humility has always been an important part of any spirituality, it is not always understood. Humility should be handled with care and precaution. When humility is thought of as self-humiliating and self-despising, there is something wrong. In a way, there is no need to make special efforts to "become humble." Humility should come naturally, not as a deliberate effort to look humble. Otherwise, we might find ourselves imitating the Pharisees.

There are many great and famous people who are indeed truly humble. They don't feel the need to show off, to pretend, to boast about their own accomplishments or to belittle others. They are not full of themselves and they sure know about their own limitations, but they are comfortable with themselves and they do not feel threatened by the accomplishments of others. If we listen to the words that are given to us today, this is our task, to become humble before God and one another.

Mardi Gras—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 desserts**. 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.

Middle School Youth Lock-In March 7 & 8
Grades 6-8 at St. Vincent College. "Don't be the Walking Dead". Lenten Retreat. There is recreation and spiritual renewal. This is organized by the Diocese of Greensburg. See the flyer in the vestibule of the Church and Chapel, please take an information sheet for details or registration contact. Registration is due by February 22.

CATHOLIC BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL WOMEN

There will be a meeting of the CBPW on Tuesday, February 24. The subject is "How the Liturgy Came About". Watch for details in next week's bulletin.

EPIPHANY LADIES will meet next Sunday, February 8 after the 10:30 a.m. Mass in the Main Church Hall. All women who are members of the Epiphany of Our Lord Parish are welcome to attend and members are always encouraged to bring guests.

25th Anniversary

Next year we will commemorate 25 years as The Epiphany of Our Lord parish, and it will be an occasion to come together and celebrate. In order to prepare for this occasion, I am having a meeting on Thursday the 5th of February at 6 o'clock in the Chapel Hall. I am asking that every organization in the parish send a representative to help with the planning. Please know that anyone who wants to be a part of this celebration is most welcome. Come and bring your ideas!



PRAYER

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. Below is a tear off where you will be able to sign up and volunteer your help. Remember that the Power of Prayer truly can change lives!



I would like to volunteer for the Prayer Chain

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____