

THE *Epiphany* OF OUR Lord

ROMAN
CATHOLIC
CHURCH



A PENNSYLVANIA CHARITABLE TRUST
A PARISH OF THE DIOCESE OF GREENSBURG

FEBRUARY 8, 2015—FIFTH 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 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, 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

Monday, February 9
8:00 am +Pierre Luti by Mary Desua & Marlene Anders

Tuesday, February 10—St. Scholastica
8:00 am +William Bielawski by Wife, Ruth & Sons

Wednesday, February 11—Our Lady of Lourdes
No Mass Today

Thursday, February 12
8:00 am +Antoinette Ditta by Adele Romasco & Son, Justin

Friday, February 13
8:00 am +James & Mary Zimmaro by Ken & Linda

Saturday, February 14—Vigil
4:00 pm +John & Jay Torok by Joan Torok and Kristy & Kaylene Chavez

Sunday, February 15—Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:30 am +Louis Greco by Family

CHAPEL

Sunday, February 15—Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 am +Gary Cope by Knights of Columbus

Last Sunday's Offerings: \$ 6,015.00

Central & Eastern Europe Offering: \$438.00

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 1:1-19; Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35c; Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday: Gn 1:20 — 2:4a; Ps 8:4-9; Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30; Mk 7:14-23
Thursday: Gn 2:18-25; Ps 128:1-5; Mk 7:24-30
Friday: Gn 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 7:31-37
Saturday: Gn 3:9-24; Ps 90:2-6, 12-13; Mk 8:1-10
Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11; 1 Cor 10:31; 11:1; Mk 1:40-45

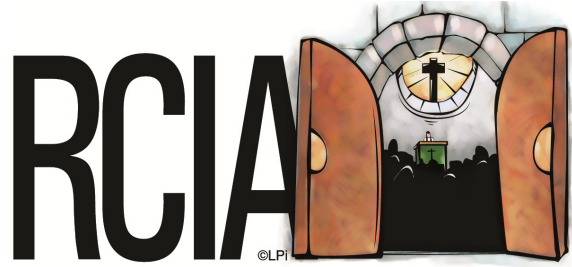
Ministry Schedule

Saturday, February 14, 2015 and Sunday, February 15, 2015

<u>Time</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Eucharistic</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
4:00 pm	S. Surdyn	R. Kozar S. Stein R. Croushore L. Henry	K. Chavez B. Rizzuto
8:30 am	D. Jozwiak	L. DeFelices K. Imbrescia J. Petritis	B. Speicher D. DeFelices
10:30 am	J. Buggy	W. White P. Francowic P. Fantauzzi M. Hasch	K. & S. DeCurtis

Money Counters - Monday, February 9, 2015

V. Saunders—Finance Council Member
W. Anders, G. Ezzo, P. Jackson



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

We live in a world where faith and church have taken on different dimensions. Fifty years ago, we would believe a truth simply on matters of faith, today however, we need to be a little more clear on what we believe and why we believe. It is a lot more involved than simply sitting down and learning from a Catechism. There are many people who are truly searching for ways to help them meet their spiritual needs, and to identify with a church or community of faith. For all of those who feel the need to explore the life of our church, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a way of making them feel welcome.

When we look at how we all learned our faith, we can readily agree that we probably all went about it differently. Whether we went to a Catholic school or learned during religious formation classes, the most memorable faith sharing moments came from our family. It was by watching, experiencing and living our faith that we truly learned about the ways of God and how God operates through the Church. People become the most effective means of communicating the love of God. We simply cannot learn that from a book of any kind.

People sharing their faith and their experiences of God are the instruments of learning when we talk about God. By our example and by our faith sharing we can help others learn about the wonder and presence of God in their life. This is living evangelization and what evangelization is all about. The RCIA is the process by which our Catholic Faith was first learned by the early church. It was the example and sharing of faith done by the first Christians that brought about conversion in others. People can more readily learn and know about God and the Catholic Church by the example of others. This is what the RCIA tries to do or accomplish. Through faith sharing, those who are learning about our church do so by re-living the experiences of others.

Rite of Welcome

This week we celebrate the Rite of Welcome with William Brown. This is the first rite that we as a parish will experience with Bill as he continues on towards the Easter Sacraments. We welcome, and support him through our prayers.

CATHOLIC BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL WOMEN

There will be a meeting of the CBPW on Tuesday, February 24, at 6:00 p.m. at the New Alpine Club on Grand Blvd. The program subject is "How the Liturgy Came About". If you are a member, mark your calendar and plan to attend.

Keeping Life and it's suffering in perspective!

Keeping a good perspective on things in life can be a most rewarding gift. We make little things into such big issues that it literally overshadows everything; we feel overwhelmed and at times even lost. Today we are given a gentle reminder of what we can do to avoid such feelings.

We start our Liturgy of the Word with a reading from the book of Job, which is a book that captures the dilemma of what it means in life to suffer. It is through Job's misery that we can see the amazing healing work of Christ in the gospel. Job reminds us all that evil does not have to be disease or possession or even systemic evil, but can include the drudgery and burdens of daily life. It is the far reaching power of Jesus to save, that can help us to cope and keep us from allowing our suffering to grow out of perspective until that is all we are able to see.

St. Paul in the second reading reminds us that he is free to choose to live the gospel or not, and once he freely chooses to preach the gospel then all of life takes on a new meaning. St. Paul informs us that what he does is for the glory of Christ; everything that he speaks and all the works that he does is for the wonder of God. The question that Paul gives us is one that needs to be repeated every day. How do we in our personal lives accommodate ourselves to the needs of others and far more importantly, what is our motivation for even caring for others? If what we are and what we do is not rooted in the love that God has for us, then we need to rethink our motivations. This brings us right smack into the ministry that Jesus invites us all to be a part of.

Like those in the gospel who come to Jesus for healing, we all come to Jesus with expectations. The challenge is to move beyond our expectations to what Jesus really wants to give us – the Good News of salvation. Jesus' presence to us today and His healing hand do not assure us that we will never suffer. Human life is full of suffering and it is the Good News of Jesus that assures us of having the strength to keep our suffering in perspective. Jesus assures us that suffering belongs to this life but this is not all there is to life.

We can seek out Jesus because He is a wonder-worker, and we can try to have Him stay with us because we so enjoy His presence. We can call Him Lord, Savior, and Brother. **But we must also live the full implications of those terms.** In this case it means the necessity of sharing the good news with others. Otherwise, we are fashioning a new messiah to our own tastes and liking, and failing to achieve that prayerful appreciation of who Jesus really is and what He challenges us to be. It is when we are able to recognize and embrace the healing gift of Jesus that is with us always that we are able to keep a perspective on all of life.

Mardi Gras

A week from Tuesday 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.** We can also use pop and water if you are able to donate some. Whatever we don't use for the Mari Gras we will make good use of during the Fish Fry. 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. There will be a sign up sheet in the church this week and next for you to indicate how many people you will be bringing.



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.

Eternal Rest—Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently: CHARLES SALIZZONI and MARY MALEZIJA. We commend their souls to rest in the peace of Christ.

Lenten Fish Fry

Beginning Wednesday, February 18, Ash Wednesday, and continuing through the Fridays in Lent (except Good Friday when there will be take-outs only) we will hold our weekly Fish Fry from 11:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. in the Main Church Hall. Fish or Shrimp Dinners, Fish Sandwiches, Pierogi and many a la carte items as well as desserts and beverages will be served. All are most welcome. Take out orders will be available by calling ahead to order (724-684-9199).



Middle School Youth Lock-In March 7 & 8

Grades 6-8 at St. Vincent College." Don't be the Walking Dead." Lenten Retreat. 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 Feb. 22.

Pierogi Making—We are making pierogi in the Main Church Hall beginning at 7:30 a.m. Helpers are always needed. The dates are: February 9, 23; and March 2, 9, 16, and 23.

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.