

THE *Epiphany* OF OUR Lord

ROMAN
CATHOLIC
CHURCH



A PENNSYLVANIA CHARITABLE TRUST
A PARISH OF THE DIOCESE OF GREENSBURG

APRIL 12, 2015—SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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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.



MAIN CHURCH

Saturday, April 11—Vigil

4:00 pm +Joanne LaPresti by Family
Sacrament of First Eucharist

Sunday, April 12—Second Sunday of Easter

10:30 am +Anthony & Angelina Manderino &
Deceased Members by Family
Sacrament of First Eucharist

Monday, April 13—St. Martin I

8:00 am +Mary Mandzok by Jim & Kit Dzatko

Tuesday, April 14

8:00 am +Chris Vaccaro by Family

Wednesday, April 15

No Mass Today

Thursday, April 16

8:00 am +Veronica Bellicini by Chuck & Dorothy
Urbanowicz

Friday, April 17

8:00 am +Nazareth & Susan Victoria by Jim & Carol
Sepesky Family

Saturday, April 18—Vigil

4:00 pm +Ted Zelinsky by Wife, Jackie & Sons,
Wayne & Michael

Sunday, April 19—Third Sunday of Easter

10:30 am +M/M Patsy Bisceglia & Son, Anthony by
Patty
Sacrament of First Eucharist

CHAPEL

Sunday, April 12—Second Sunday of Easter

8:30 am +Marie Bilski by Sisters, Dolores & Donna

Sunday, April 19—Third Sunday of Easter

8:30 am +Sheri & George Turner, Jr. by Mom,
Betty Nash

Easter Sunday's Offerings: \$10,500.50

Palm Sunday Offerings: 7,335.50

Holy Thursday Offerings:1,018.00

Good Friday Offerings:1,315.00

Meals on Wheels: 1,102.88



First Holy Communion

Two of our young parishioners will make the First Holy Communion this weekend.

On Saturday, April 11 during the 4:00 p.m. Mass

Kendall Veschio celebrates her First Holy Communion and April 12, during the 10:30 a.m. Mass,

Danica Land celebrates her First Holy Communion. I ask that you keep these children in your prayers, and as their parish family we offer them our support!

CD OF A meets next Tuesday, April 21 in the Chapel at 7:00 p.m. For more information contact Regent Pat Godla at 724-684-7235.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS meet this Wednesday, April 15, at the Knights of Columbus Council Hall at 7:00 p.m. The rosary is prayed every month. All are invited to attend. Light refreshments follow.

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, April 18, 2015 and Sunday, April 19, 2015

<u>Time</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Eucharistic</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
4:00 pm	S. Stein	L. Dudas J. Dudas L. Henry A. Frolo	A. & A. Mauro
8:30 am	J. Olup	R. Sassak B. Hughes, JR. K. Zimmaro	M. & M. Blatnik
10:30 am	M. Sacco	T. Mazzei S. McCarthy N. Campus S. Campus	M. & J. Sacco

Money Counters - Monday, April 13, 2015

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

Resurrection Today

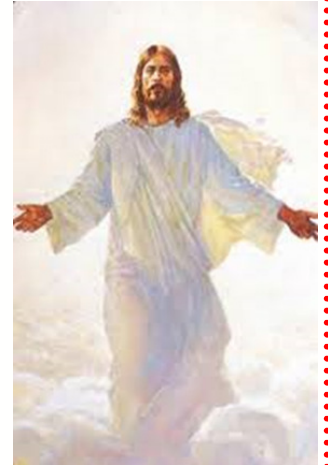
Today we celebrate the octave of Easter which reminds us that for eight days now we have celebrated the great occasion of Jesus' resurrection. The readings throughout the Easter Season tend to have a familiar theme, so much so that it almost appears repetitious, and they focus on a single moment that happened over 2000 years ago. One of the reasons for that is to help us shift our understanding to see that Easter is not simply a onetime event. Easter is an ongoing revelation that happens within the church every day.

The full meaning of the resurrection does not stop with the empty tomb; rather the resurrection leads us to an entirely new way of living. One that shows us that peace, forgiveness, believing and love can and should be expressed within the community and fidelity to our Baptismal promises. We are shown a new way of life within the community which is predominately relational in nature. We hear from Acts today as to how we should live out our commitment to Christ through service and love to one another, in other words living a life of justice for all.

This new order of life through resurrection gives us an opportunity to overcome our own fears and doubts in life through the "peace" Jesus brings to our world. This peace leads us directly to God's love. In our second reading John is telling us that God is love and wherever love is lived and shared we find God. For John this love is found in our belief in Jesus. When we find this kind of love it becomes the very essence of all of our choices in life. No matter what we do or think, no matter how we relate to one another, if we live in this love we become the presence of the risen Lord to the people in our world. By living lives through basic human compassion we are living the love that Jesus made real for us. It is in the caring and tending to the basic needs of the individuals in our community that we live the resurrection of Jesus.

Along with the examples we find of the early Christian community by living in love with compassion and mercy, we also can see the reality of human doubt and failure. In the Gospel for this week we find that Thomas is the one who doubts. In spite of all the things that he saw and experienced, he still had doubt. Jesus tells us that we are blessed because we believe and have never seen. We live our lives out of the love of Jesus trusting in that divine goodness. By sharing the gifts we have received we show our belief in spite of our own doubts. There will always be times in life where we will want to know facts before we believe, but the reality that lies beneath our doubts is still rooted in the love that the resurrected Jesus brings to us.

This great season of resurrection challenges each one of us to live as Jesus did. Through the example of Jesus we too are to surrender ourselves to God's will, and in so doing we will be surprised by the new life to which God will raise us. The resurrection took place 2000 years ago in a dark tomb, but the resurrection is still very much alive and active in every baptized man and woman who live the command of love and follow the law of Christ's peace.



D.L.A. 2015

There are only a few more weeks left in this year's campaign. For all of those who did not yet respond you should have received a letter in the mail last week. Thus far we have heard from about 250 people and they have pledged or given gifts that amount to: \$32,704 which is almost exactly 50% of our targeted goal of \$65,000.

I am hoping that we reach our targeted amount so that we will be able to do the things that were mentioned at the start of this year's DLA. If you have not yet responded, I ask that you please consider doing so. The people who have responded only amounts to about 20% of our parishioners. There are a lot of people we have not heard from yet...80%.

I have pledge envelopes in the pews which you can use to fill out. Just drop it into the collection and we will take care of everything else.

LENTEN FISH

FRY—After all of the bills were paid, I am happy to announce to you that throughout Lent with the pierogies and Fish Fry we

made a little over \$20,000.00 profit! This is something to be proud of. There were many people who put in many hours to make this happen, and to all of you please accept my thanks and gratitude! I believe that the Fish Fry is one of those traditions that makes our church such a warm and hospitable place, and it is the good hearts of so many people that make this all happen. Congratulations to everyone who helped this year!

