

THE *Epiphany* OF OUR Lord

ROMAN
CATHOLIC
CHURCH



A PENNSYLVANIA CHARITABLE TRUST
A PARISH OF THE DIOCESE OF GREENSBURG

APRIL 26, 2015—FOURTH 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.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MAIN CHURCH

Saturday, April 25—Vigil

4:00 pm +Ann & Alfred Spadafore by Children
Sacrament of First Eucharist

Sunday, April 26—Fourth Sunday of Easter

10:30 am +Pegi Guzzie by Patty Bisceglia
Sacrament of First Eucharist

Monday, April 27

8:00 am +Pete Minniti III by Mom & Sister

Tuesday, April 28—St. Peter Chanel; St. Louis Grignion de Montfort

8:00 am +Delores Nescot by M/M Stanley Matinsky

Wednesday, April 29—St. Catherine of Siena

No Mass Today

Thursday, April 30—Pope St. Pius V

8:00 am +Mary Louise Young by Dr. & Mrs. Joseph Young

Friday, May 1—St. Joseph the Worker

8:00 am +Reno Moncini by Wife, Rene



Sunday, May 3—Fifth Sunday of Easter

10:30 am +Veronica Bellicini by M/M John Billy

CHAPEL

Sunday, April 26—Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:30 am +Mascitelli Family by Family

Saturday, May 2—Vigil

4:00 pm +Peter & Catherine Hazy by Family

Sunday, May 3—Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:30 am +Helen Kamenicky by Dr. Martin & Madeline Dudas

1:00 pm Mass to Celebrate Parish Seniors Age 90+

Sunday's Offerings: \$5,500.00

Eternal Rest—Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently: ANTHONY A. CRISI, MARGARET GIRA, and STEPHEN C. MENZLER. We commend their souls to rest in the peace of Christ.

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, May 2, 2015 and Sunday, May 3, 2015

<u>Time</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Eucharistic</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
4:00 pm	R. Kozar	S. Stein A. Frolo L. Henry S. Beneccio	B. & B. DuBreucq
8:30 am	J. Sepesky	R. Sassak D. Jozwiak L. DeFelices	D. DeFelices
10:30 am	M.A. Gallo	J. Elias L. Mandarino L. & J. Dudas	Q. & B. Zboyovsky

Money Counters - Monday, April 27, 2015

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



First Eucharist

This Saturday, April 25, during the 4:00 p.m. Mass,

Joel Surdyn, will be celebrating his First Holy Communion and on Sunday, April 26, during the 10:30

a.m. Mass, **Kendall Veschio & Nicholas Diaz**,

will be celebrating their First Holy Communion. I ask that you keep Joel, Kendall, Nicholas, and all the children who are making their First Holy Communion, in your prayers and as their parish family we offer them our support!

Child Protection Clearances

Liturgical Ministers / Choir Members

Because of the new laws concerning the protection of children in Pennsylvania, it is required that all of our liturgical ministers as well as choir members attain clearance papers. Thus far I have less than half of the required clearances turned in. Please know that these need to be completed. I have made available an opportunity this week to get one of the clearances needing a notary to be signed after the Masses.

If you have any questions about these clearance papers, please contact me in the office. I know that this is a lot to ask, but it is now law in Pennsylvania that we conform to the requirements.

Brown Bag Sunday

Our next Brown Bag Sunday will be on the weekend of June 20 – 21. We have designated this weekend to be dedicated



to helping the people living in group homes here in Monessen. It has been suggested that they will be able to use gift cards. If you have any gift cards for restaurants or Wal-Mart, they will be able to put them to good use. This gives us another opportunity to help people in our community with our generosity.

CONGRATULATIONS!
TO FATHER MIKE
AS HE CELEBRATES THE
35th ANNIVERSARY OF HIS ORDINATION
TO THE PRIESTHOOD
THIS SUNDAY, MAY 3rd.
FATHER MIKE WAS ORDAINED ON
MAY 3, 1980.

We are all the Good Shepherd

Traditionally this Sunday has come to be known as “Good Shepherd” Sunday. The gospel for today portrays Jesus as the Good Shepherd who was willing to lay down His life for His sheep. The notion of sheep and shepherd has profound meaning for the people of Israel and throughout the Hebrew and Christian scriptures they have taken on a very spiritual and profound meaning. The leaders of the church were often referred to as shepherds of the people. This concept was readily understood by the nomadic and agricultural tribes of the Hebrews. For those of us who are not associated with the raising and the importance of sheep, we lose some of the deep personal connections to such images.

If we look at all of the readings for today’s liturgy, we are immediately struck with the conviction that the people had in their beliefs. There was no doubting the love that God has for all people. Sometimes this can be a difficult concept to grasp because we often lose what it means to really be loved. The entire Easter mystery is directed toward bringing home to us how much we are loved, how faithful God is in that love, and how far God goes to show us that love – even to the Son’s laying down His life. This Sunday’s gospel of the Good Shepherd is an incredibly reassuring one in which we hear in the metaphor of the good shepherd Jesus’ pledge to continue to care for us and love us just as He loves God and God loves Him.

For many people love is a hard emotion to deal with. There are so many people living among us who feel that they just do not deserve to be loved. It is hard to imagine living one’s life without ever knowing what love can mean. Love can transform our lives to a new level, one in which we feel confident and secure. It is that confidence that we hear coming from the disciples as they defend their beliefs.

If we absolutely believed how much we are loved in spite of who we are and what we might be doing in life, it could make all the difference with the choices we make. The twist of the gospel is that Jesus’ being our Good Shepherd doesn’t save us from the hard work of the gospel call – to lay down our lives for the good of others. Today’s gospel is a reassuring one but it also challenges each of us to be good shepherds for each other. When we, like Jesus, lay down our life, then we, like Jesus, come to new life. The way of the shepherd is the way of the sheep.

The gospel also spells out for us how, as disciples of the risen Christ, we are to lay down our life; by leading, protecting, guiding, knowing, loving. Our Christian living, then, is about relating to others as the Father and Good Shepherd have related to us. This is how we are all “one flock.” This is how we share in bringing salvation to others: by knowing others with the same intimacy and self-giving as God and Jesus know us.



Super Senior Sunday!

Next Sunday, May 3rd, beginning at 1:00 pm, we are going to have a celebration honoring everybody who was born in 1925 or earlier.

This is going to be a wonderful opportunity to honor all of our parishioners who are 90 years or older. The afternoon will begin with a Mass at 1:00 pm at the Chapel then we will go down into the hall to continue our celebration with a reception. To all of our invited guests, please feel free to bring along anyone that you want.

In getting ready for this *Super Senior Sunday*, we would like to have a count of people, so if you are planning on being a part of the celebration, could you give us a call at the office to let us know how many people you are bringing.

CBPW Meeting

The Catholic Business & Professional Women meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 28, 2015 at the The New Alpine Club, 1295 Grand Blvd. Monessen, PA at 6:00 PM. All reservations are binding. The month's program will center on "Personal Devotions".



Diocesan Lenten Appeal

We have only a few more weeks to respond to this year’s Diocesan Lenten Appeal. Remember that as a parish our Diocesan goal was \$40,000 and we added an additional \$25,000 onto that to make our goal for the year at \$65,000. Thus far we have heard from only 329 people which is only 23% of our total parish. From the people who have responded we have surpassed our Diocesan goal and have a total of \$43,000 which is 65% of our total goal. At this point all dollars pledged or given will be returned to our parish and used here. If you haven’t made your gift, please prayerfully discern your gift and return your pledge card at Mass next weekend or return it to the Parish Office. In addition, you can make your pledge online at DLA.dioceseofgreensburg.org.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday: Acts 12:24 — 13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Jn 12:44-50

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; Jn 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6 or (for the memorial)

Gn 1:26 — 2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Ps 90:2-4, 12-14, 16; Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14

Sunday: Acts 9:26-31; Ps 22:26-28, 30-32; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8