

# FESTIVAL

Epiphany of Our Lord Church

**August 5 & 6**

44 Pennsylvania Blvd., Monessen

**Saturday: 5 p.m.—10 p.m. Sunday: 11:30 a.m.—8 p.m.**

**The place is here!**  
**The time is now!**

**We're dancing, laughing, talking....**

**And deciding which food is next on our list!**

**New this year:**

**Shuttle from the lower parking area**

**Iceburgh (5:00 p.m. Sunday)**

**Mini-Escape Room**

**Country Music & Comedy Skit**



**Games**

**Chinese Auction**

**Rock out to music of the  
60's, 70's and 80's**

Details on our website: [www.eolparish.com](http://www.eolparish.com)

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

### Saturday, August 5—Vigil

4:00 pm +Dolores Bucci by Steve & Valerie Beck  
10:30 pm

### Sunday, August 6—The Transfiguration of the Lord

8:30 am + Josephine & John Pallini by Children & Family  
10:30 am +Joe & Stella Reda & Russel & Adeline Sherrd by Children

### Monday, August 7

8:00 am Thanksgiving to God

### Tuesday, August 8

8:00 am +Campana Family by Rosemarie Smith

### Wednesday, August 9

NO MASS

### Thursday, August 10

8:00 am +Josephine Cipriani by Terri & Dale Crandall

### Friday, August 11

8:00 am +Andrew L. Terensky by Smith Family

### Saturday, August 12—Vigil

4:00 pm +Sam Dalfonso by Family

### Sunday, August 13—Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am +Dorothy Jarabeck by Ann Wojtowich  
10:30 am +Bill Hopkins by Wife & Daughter

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#### OFFICE HOURS

**Monday –Thursday: 8:30 a.m. –12; 1 p.m.– 3 p.m.**

**Friday: 8:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.**

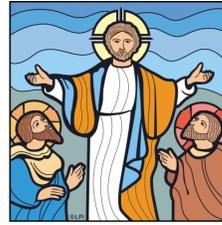
### Ministry Schedule — Sat. Augus 12 & Sun. August 13

Time	Lector	Eucharistic	Altar Servers
4:00 p.m.	R. Kozar	A. Frolo L. Henry M. Gallo	B. Rizzuto B. DuBreucq
8:30 a.m.	K. Miller	S. Campus N. Campus J. Todd	T. Todd Volunteer
10:30 a.m.	J. Olup	P. Fantauzzi W. White T. Mazzei	M. Sacco J. Sacco

### Money Counters - Monday, August 7, 2017

Team # 1 P. Pettko

## Give Them Some Food Yourselfes...



This week we get yet another glimpse into the humanity of Jesus. Most of us have experienced the death of someone close to us, we know that the immediate grief is deep, and there are no words to make it go away. At times like this we just want to be left alone, we need to be left alone. In the Gospel we are told that John the Baptist has just been killed. He was a cousin and friend of Jesus. Because Jesus is one like us, he needed to get away to a deserted place and be by himself. When the crowds go out to meet Jesus, they are not concerned about his grief or his need; instead, it is Jesus whose heart is filled with pity for their needs. Even in this most private of moments Jesus finds the inner strength to reach out to others in need. This is a sign of the Kingdom: “he cured their sick.”

Jesus compassionately and willingly meets the crowd’s needs and does so with superabundance: he cures their sick, he feeds them with loaves and fish, and he does so with “twelve wicker baskets” left over. The abundance of the food is a measure of his abundant compassion. Isaiah in the first reading invites all who are in need to be nourished by God’s loving generosity. The story of the multiplication of the loaves is a Eucharistic symbolism. As at the Last Supper: “taking the loaves... (Jesus) said the blessing...gave them to the disciples...” But while the crowd at the Last Supper was seemingly restricted to the Twelve, the crowd whom Jesus satisfies corresponds to the intended audience of Isaiah’s reading: all those “who have no money,” and whose satisfaction comes ultimately from listening carefully to the word of God and keeping God’s covenant.

As we hear the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and how Jesus provided for those who were poor, one cannot help but reflect on the situation we find in our world today. We are facing a dreadful food crisis, one that is causing uproar and rioting in populations mostly from developing countries. In our own country we are seeing the cost of food rising almost daily. So, what are we to carry with us from the message we get from Jesus this week? He clearly told the disciples to “Give them some food yourselves.” He ordered them to care for the weak and the poor.

How do we make this message a part of our own experiences? What are we called to do? Well, like the disciples we will probably plead our own inadequacy. But are we really facing our own responsibilities? At Mass we thank God for providing us with heavenly food. But do we still realize the urgency of Jesus’ command: “Give them some food yourselves”? How long can we as a nation sit back tolerating so much waste, while people struggle to get minimal food just to survive? Don’t we need to change our own attitudes towards want and waste?

We celebrate the Eucharist “in memory of” Jesus and do receive great spiritual nourishment. But, shouldn’t this motivate us to do something to help change our world. Like the disciples we cannot do it alone, but we can do it with Jesus’ blessing. The Eucharist should keep us in tune with the needs of our world and, on the other hand, with Jesus’ compassion for the crowds and with his command to us to be servants to one another.

**With Deepest Sympathy** — Condolences are extended to the family of ROSE M. ALTOMARI. May God grant her eternal rest, and comfort to her family. We commend her soul to rest in the peace of Christ.



## Stewardship

### The Festival is Here

This Week is our Parish Festival and I hope you will be able to stop by and enjoy the event with your parish family. Sometimes we don't stop to think about just how blessed we are as a parish. We get caught up into whatever is going on and we busy ourselves with so many things that we do not often enough stop and appreciate what is around us. Epiphany parish has been given so many wonderful gifts and blessings. We have many gifted and talented people who share their goodness in more ways than you can count. All of the people who come just to visit, to eat and support is a treasure we must never take for granted. All in all, we have been given much, let's take a moment this weekend and be thankful!

### New Attractions!

This year, be sure to look for Iceburgh at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday. We will also be running a mini-escape room — Test your break out skills!



### Brown Bag Sunday

It is about time to start getting ready for our Brown Bag Sunday with **school supplies**. We will have our Brown Bag Sunday the Weekend of **August 19-20**. So...if you see any back packs or school supplies on sale pick them up now for the collection. Many students from our area have benefited from this collection in years past, know that you will be helping needy children with your generosity.

### Groups

**Holy Name Sunday** is next Sunday, August 13. Coporate Communion will be at the 8:30 a.m. Mass. There will be **no** meeting in August.

**New Piano Dedication** will be next Saturday, August 12. There will be a 25 minute mini-recital by James Smith immediately following the 4:00 p.m. Mass. Plan to attend, and bring a friend.



### Festival Sponsors

I am grateful to all of the businesses and people who have sponsored our festival this year. Below are the names of the sponsors for this year. If you are able, patronize their businesses or simply say thank you to them for their generosity!

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*Live interaction with a crowd is a cathartic, spiritual kind of exchange, and it's intensified at a festival.*

*~Trent Reznor*