

THE *Epiphany* OF OUR Lord

ROMAN
CATHOLIC
CHURCH



A PENNSYLVANIA CHARITABLE TRUST
A PARISH OF THE DIOCESE OF GREENSBURG

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—AUGUST 16, 2015

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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, August 15—Vigil
4:00 pm +Gertrude (Barni) Greco by Pierogi Crew

Sunday, August 16—Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:30 am +James Lipari by Lipari, Elias, & Durante Families

Monday, August 17
8:00 am +Lewis Raymond by Bob & Beverly Mascetta

Tuesday, August 18
8:00 am +Dolores Nescot by Joe & Mary Ann Gallo

Wednesday, August 19—St. John of Eudes
No Mass Today

Thursday, August 20—St. Bernard
8:00 am +Chris Campana by Kay & Frank Ciccarelli

Friday, August 21—Pope St. Pius X
8:00 am +Peter C. & Gloria Hazy by Victoria House

Saturday, August 22—Vigil
4:00 pm +Barbara Shosky by Daughter, Barbara

Sunday, August 23—Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:30 am +William & Florence Hughes by Hughes & McIntosh Families

CHAPEL

Sunday, August 16—Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 am +Anthony Crisi by Donna Bitonti

Sunday, August 23—Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 am +John F. Billy by Madelyn Billy

Sunday Offerings: \$7,170.00

Festival Results

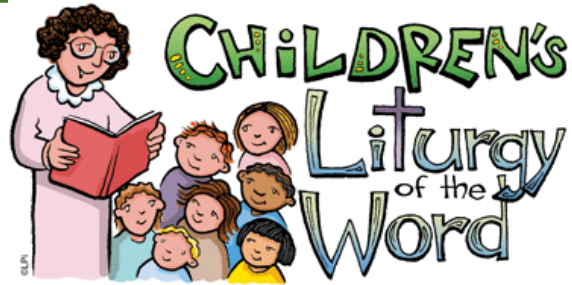
I have the final results for this years festival. Each year we go up a little bit more! This is a good thing. I know that I thanked everyone for their help last week, but again it can't be said enough that the festival would be nothing without all the people who came and enjoyed the day.

Below are listed the expenses and profit for this year's festival:

Final Report for Festival 2015

Income:	
Parish Raffle:	\$ 6,000.00
Sponsors:	\$ 3,975.00
Ticket:	\$ 1,400.00
Festival:	\$ 20,313.38
Total:	\$ 31,688.38
Expenses:	
Food: (inside, outside, corn)	\$ 3,509.52
Other Expenses: (Giannini, Fun Services, Pirate tickets, signs, raffle tickets, entertainment)	\$ 5,912.78
Total Expenses:	\$ 9,422.30
Total Profit:	\$ 22,266.08

We will have our wrap up meeting on Monday evening at 6:30 in the Chapel Hall.



Liturgy of the Word for Children

As September gets closer and closer we begin to think about getting back to school and fall into a routine. A part of that routine is the Liturgy of the Word for Children. We have dismissal during the 10:30 liturgy, and the children will leave right after the opening prayer and they will return during the offertory procession. While they are gone, they will hear the readings and a teaching on the readings. This is a wonderful opportunity for the children to learn something from the readings at Mass. In order to provide this service to our children, we need people to assist in this ministry. You will be given all of the training and information you will need. If anyone is interested in being a part of this ministry, please give me a call at the office.

Sharing your Time and your Talents



During the month of September you will have the opportunity to offer your time by being a part of one of our ministries at church. I will be speaking about these various ministries and how you can help in the coming weeks. In the meantime, think about how you might be able to contribute to the celebration of our Liturgies, serving in a ministry of the church is both a blessing and a gift.

Knights of Columbus will pray their monthly rosary this Wednesday, August 19, at 7:00 p.m. in the Knights Council Hall. Light refreshments will follow. All are invited to come and pray.

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, August 22, 2015 and Sunday, August 23, 2015

<u>Time</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Eucharistic</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
4:00 pm	S. Stein	A. Frolo L. & J. Dudas S. Surdyn	A. & A. Mauro
8:30 am	D. Jozwiak	R. Sassak N. & S. Campus	B. & B. DuBreucq
10:30 am	M. Sacco	J. Elias K. Byron T. Billick L. Mandarinio	J. & M. Sacco

Money Counters - Monday, August 17, 2015

S. Kostelac—Finance Committee Member
K. Byron, B. Mandarinio, C. Martucci

Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebration

Bishop Malesic invites all couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary during the calendar year 2015 to participate in a special Golden Jubilee Mass to be held at the Blessed Sacrament Cathedral on Sunday, October 18, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. The Jubilarians, their children, relatives or friends *should contact their local parish office to register couples for this celebration.* Even though they may not be able to attend the Mass, they will receive a scroll signed by the Bishop commemorating their anniversary.

Pastoral/ Finance Meeting

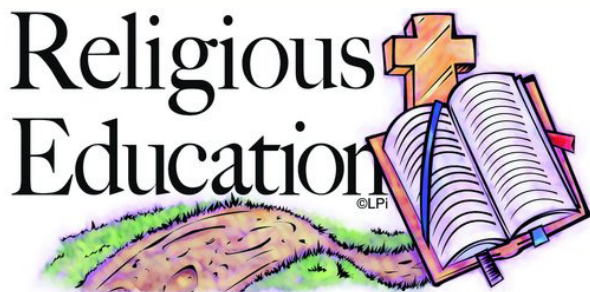
There will be a combined meeting of the Pastoral and Finance Councils on Tuesday the 18th at 6:30 in the Chapel Hall. Also...

On Thursday the 20th we will have an informational meeting for anyone interested in the R.C.I.A for our parish. This meeting will be at 6:30 in the Main Church Hall.

F.Y.I

This Sunday the 16th there will be a Spaghetti Dinner held at the American Legion in Donora. This dinner is to benefit Abbey Zuraw (the granddaughter of Bill Hughes) who is suffering with cancer. It would be nice if you are able to stop by and not only enjoy a delicious dinner but also help a child in need.

Annita Garibaldi Society is sponsoring a bus trip to Bloomfield for Little Italy Days. A Mass will be celebrated in Italian at St. Maria Goretti Church. There are a limited number of seats available. For more information call Sue Ann Edwards at 724-929-7677.



Parents—Do you have a child entering Kindergarten or the 1st Grade this coming school year?

All Catholic parents promised, on the day of their child's Baptism, to raise their child in the Catholic Faith. Your child should be prepared to receive the Sacrament of First Eucharist by attending formal Religious Education. If your child is entering kindergarten or the first grade and is not attending a Catholic School, please call the Faith Formation Office (724-930-8504) that we may enter his/her name to the class roster. Registration forms are available on the parish webpage: www.eolparish.weebly.com, or in the Church and Chapel vestibule.



A Life of Wisdom

On this 20th

Sunday of Ordinary time our readings speak to us about the life of wisdom. When we think of wisdom our thoughts normally turn to an intellectual or moral attitude. However, for our

purposes today we are looking at wisdom as portrayed in a person who does good things for people. Proverbs portrays wisdom in our first reading as a gracious woman who invites us to a meal after careful preparation. The image that we are left with is one of gentleness, serenity and hospitality. St. Paul in the second reading picks right up on this idea and tells us: "watch carefully how you live." We are to live in a manner worthy of those who have been called by Christ. Jesus picks right up with personifying wisdom by reminding us that wisdom does not just refer to those who worship, pray, and give alms. He gets into the idea of someone becoming who he is, his very flesh and blood.

We are all being invited to a way of living; one that leads to life and life eternal and one that will lead to death. Wisdom from Proverbs invites the simple and lost souls of the world to the table; Jesus invites us all to eat of His flesh and blood. As with all things in life, the choice is ours to make. Jesus is telling us that to be part of my flesh is to share in my very life. Jesus as food transforms us into energy and strength. Since we have been offered such a wondrous choice we must ask ourselves: how high a priority is the proper celebration of the Eucharist? How much preparation do we put into what we do when we come to liturgy? Are we really giving of ourselves when we partake of the Eucharist, or do we simply sit back and watch?

Eucharist is not simply a passive obsession. Eucharist must become a choice that we freely make for a life of wisdom. What we need to determine for ourselves but also for our parish community; where is the wisdom of God expressed in our gathering, listening, singing, eating and going forth? Do we take the food that we eat and allow it to transform us? Do we make an effort to be an active part of the celebration we gather each week to be a part of? Are we as individuals in actuality sharing who we are as members of the Body of Christ? Once again, we need to ask the questions of ourselves, and when we find the answers they must be grounded in the fact that the Eucharist is the gift of God's food and love for us, but it is given so that we, too, may become food for one another.

If coming to the Table is a priority in our life, then we like the woman personifying wisdom must go to great lengths to prepare for such a banquet. Not only by our presence but also by our full participation in every aspect of the liturgy, do we embody what we eat? Jesus tells us in no uncertain terms: to be part of my flesh is to share my very life. If Jesus is to be the source of our life, we must partake of his flesh and blood as an intimate bond with God, and then share that same intimacy with others.