

# THE *Epiphany* OF OUR Lord

ROMAN  
CATHOLIC  
CHURCH



A PENNSYLVANIA CHARITABLE TRUST  
A PARISH OF THE DIOCESE OF GREENSBURG

**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—AUGUST 23, 2015**

**618 KNOX AVE • MONESSEN, PA 15062**

**Parish Office:** 724-684-7661 • **Fax:** 724-684-8981

**Church Hall:** 724-684-9199 • **Chapel Hall:** 724-684-5512

**Religious Education:** 724-930-8504

**Parish Website:** [www.eolparish.weebly.com](http://www.eolparish.weebly.com)

## PARISH STAFF

*Pastor* ..... Reverend Michael J. Crookston  
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*Music Director* ..... Toni Lynn Salvino  
*Parish Secretary* ..... Evelyn Winn  
*Bulletin/Faith Formation Secretary* ..... Darleen Koury  
*Maintenance* ..... Patrick Frederick

## 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 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

**Monday, August 24—St. Bartholomew**

8:00 am +Mary Mandzok by Joann Matush & Phil Mikan

**Tuesday, August 25—St. Lois; St. Joseph Calasanz**

8:00 am +Betty Greco by Betty Manderino

**Wednesday, August 26**

No Mass Today

**Thursday, August 27—St. Monica**

8:00 am +Joanne & August Galante, Sr. by Carol & Angelo

**Friday, August 28—St. Augustine**

8:00 am +Mildred Tunney by Ramona Sapone

**Saturday, August 29—Vigil**

4:00 pm +Daniele Family by Gene & Janet

**Sunday, August 30—Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

10:30 am +Edward Monaghan by Rita Cocca

**CHAPEL**

**Sunday, August 23—Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:30 am +John F. Billy by Madalyn Billy

**Sunday, August 30—Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:30 am +Michael Lupoli & Family by Frank & Lucille Biseda

**Sunday Offerings: \$6,528.18**

**Parish Records**

It is difficult to maintain an accurate listing of addresses and phone numbers because they seem to keep changing. If you have a new phone number or a new address, all you need do is give us a call in the office and we will make the changes so that you will be up to date on the census.

Ministry Schedule

**Saturday, August 29, 2015 and Sunday, August 30, 2015**

<u>Time</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Eucharistic</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
4:00 pm	G. Pesi	R. Kozar L. Henry D. & B. Mandarino	K. Chavez B. Rizzuto
8:30 am	J. Petritis	K. Imbrescia L. Micenko B. Hughes, Jr.	M. Blatnik Volunteer
10:30 am	J. Sepesky	W. White T. Mazzei M. Gigliotti M.A. Kostolansky	T. Blatnik K. Bachinski

**Money Counters - Monday, August 24, 2015**

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



**Bishop Malesic Coat of Arms**

**Bishop Malesic at St. Sebastian's.**

The Bishop will celebrate Mass at St. Sebastian's this Thursday, August 27, at 7:00 p.m. A social open to the public will follow the Mass in St. Sebastian's Parish Hall. All are invited to attend.

**Brown Bag Sunday**

Once again, the people of our parish Family outdid themselves with their generosity with this month's Brown Bag Sunday. We collected many backpacks and a lot of supplies to go inside them. I know that many children will be happier starting off this school year because of your kindness.

**Good Stewardship....**

By virtue of our Baptismal promises, we are all called to fully participate in the life of the church. This call invites us all too fully participate in the Sacramental life of our faith. The Liturgy with the Body and Blood of Christ is the summit of our Roman



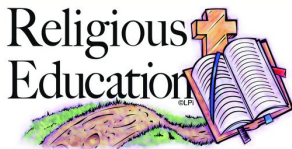
Catholic Faith. In trying to make it possible for all too fully participate in the Eucharist, it takes the help of many people. Sometimes we do not think about all the people involved with a liturgy, we just come and expect things to happen. But they don't happen on their own. We need many people working together to create an environment for good Liturgy. Every one of us has something that we can add. We come to Mass anyway, shouldn't we offer to help!

There is always room for people to serve as: Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion, Altar Servers, Ushers, Children's Liturgy of the Word, helping with Formation with our youth and adults, singing with our choirs, Cantors and any other talent you may wish to share. There is certainly something that you can share. I am asking that you consider the possibility of helping with one of these ministries. During the Month of September you will have the opportunity to sign up. The training and any pertinent information will be given to you. If you have any questions about any of our ministries, please feel free to call me.

**Catholic Daughters of the Americas  
Fall Luncheon**

CDA members are reminded to make their reservation for the Fall Luncheon/Reception of New Members being held at the Bishop Connare Center in Greensburg on Saturday, September 12, 2015. The Greensburg Diocesan Committee will be hosting the event with registration beginning at 10:15 a.m. followed by Rosary, Mass and Lunch. Cost \$20.00. CDA members who are interested in attending, please contact Regent Pat Godla at 724-684-7235 by August 31st. Court Monessen #776 will meet on Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, at the Epiphany Chapel Hall. Women of the Parish are welcome to attend.

## 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](http://www.eolparish.weebly.com), or in the Church and Chapel vestibule.

## Vacation Bible School

Last week we celebrated our Bible school for this year, and it was a wonderful experience for all who came and took part. I am grateful to the many people who worked all week to make it happen. Last Sundays 10:30 Liturgy was a real treat, to hear the children sing. I am looking forward to next year's excursion, I hope you will be able to come and be a part of it.

## Parish Festival

Last week we had our final wrap up meeting for this year's festival. I was grateful that so many people came and offered their suggestions. In looking back at this year's festival as well as anticipating next years, there were many ideas brought forth that we all need to consider. First of all the dates for next year's festival will be August 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>, that is the first weekend of August. As we look to next year's celebration we will take into consideration that it is our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary so we will incorporate that into the festival somehow. Discussion focused around the same issue that we deal with all of the time and that is more help! We really do need to start getting more help if we are to continue with the festival. All in all there are many good ideas to think about for next year, and I know that we will all come together and make it another success. Again, I thank you all for what you did this year.



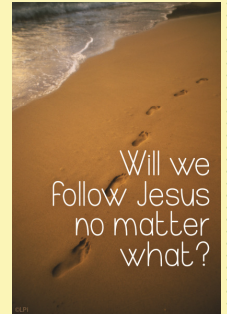
### EPIPHANY LADIES SEWING BEE

The time for this Thursdays Sewing Bee session is changed from 6:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. due to Bishop's Mass at St. Sebastian's church.

If you have any suspicion about the sexual abuse (or any other type of abuse) of a minor child by anyone — please contact PA Childline immediately at 1-800-932-0313. If the alleged abuser is functioning in a parish, school or diocesan position as clergy, religious, paid staff or volunteer you are also requested to contact the Bishop's Delegate for Matters of Sexual Misconduct after you have called the Childline number and made the report. The Bishop's Delegate may be reached at 724-837-0901, Ext. 1221.

## Are you as good as your word?

Everything in our Church is somehow related to our Baptismal commitments. Our commitments to those promises become the very principles from which we live our lives. Every minute of each and every day we are faced with choices that need to be made. Most of the time we choose based out of habit or need. Once in a while we deal with decisions that might take more time and effort. However, all of our decisions should be based on the fact that we are rooted into the life of Christ. This should be the basis and foundation from which all of our choices are made.



Our readings for this Sunday are about commitment in life. A commitment is a statement that I will be there for you, a statement that you can trust my love and support. I'll keep my word for you. Why is it that something so basic and simple can be so difficult to make a part of our lives? Commitment is hard and takes a lot of work. Every one of us can relate to a time in life when it was difficult if not impossible to be true to our commitment. Joshua in the first reading has the Israelites renewing their commitments. Many of them had fallen away from fidelity to Yahweh and had placed their trust in idols. It is easy for us to look back and judge those people for straying from their covenant relationship with Yahweh. We find it difficult to understand how they could possibly find refuge in strange gods. However, the idols that we deal with in our world are every bit as real as the ones the people had to face thousands of years ago. We must not be too judgmental of the ancient Israelites who fell prey to their own idols. Look at some of the idols we face today: power, money, possessions, body image, books, television, bigger and better homes, cars, boats, etc. etc. This list could certainly fill the space that is available for this article, but I think you get the idea.

It is not that we do not live up to our commitments; rather we keep our commitments and live them out only 50 percent of the time instead of being 100 percent committed. Once again we can see how easy it is to make a commitment but it becomes an entirely different matter to be true to them.

Jesus asks the disciples if they want to leave; he also asks us the same question. Everyone of us need to look again at what our Baptism is asking of us. We all should re-evaluate those commitments and determine just how true we are to them. It is hard to give 100 per cent to our commitments, but that is what we are professing to do. Just how good of a parishioner are you, how attentive are you to the needs of your church, family and friends, are you faithful to the commitments you have made in serving a ministry, promises made to family and friends? These questions are all affected by our ability to be true to our commitments. Are we as people, as good as our word? If not, what do we have to do to change? Today we are reminded that God is ever faithful and true to a committed life of love and support. As we embrace that love, we need to be aware of the promises and commitments we have made, and with the presence of God and the gift of the Eucharist be strong enough to be true to them.