

THE *Epiphany* OF OUR Lord

ROMAN
CATHOLIC
CHURCH



A PENNSYLVANIA CHARITABLE TRUST
A PARISH OF THE DIOCESE OF GREENSBURG

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—AUGUST 9, 2015

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PARISH STAFF

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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 8—Vigil

4:00 pm +Jose & Della Alvarez by Family

Sunday, August 9—Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30 am +Lena & Pete Salotti by Mike & Donna Apostolakis

Monday, August 10—St. Lawrence

8:00 am +M/M John Billy & M/M John Jankura by M/M John Billy & Family

Tuesday, August 11—St. Clare

8:00 am +Nicholas Vaccaro by Family

Wednesday, August 12—St. Jane Frances deChantal

No Mass Today

Thursday, August 13—Popes St. Pontian & Hippolytus

8:00 am +Alfred Miceli by Wife & Children

Friday, August 14—St. Maximilian Kolbe

8:00 am +Joseph Mondy by Gary & Doreen

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

CHAPEL

Sunday, August 9—Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am Samuel Dalfonso by M/M Donald Hayes

Sunday, August 16—Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am Anthony Crisi by Donna Bitonti

Sunday Offerings: \$6,584.00

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, August 15, 2015 and Sunday, August 16, 2015

<u>Time</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Eucharistic</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
4:00 pm	L. Micenko	L. Henry R. Kozar S. Beneccio Volunteer	B. DuBreucq B. Rizzuto
8:30 am	R. Godla	K. Imbrescia K. Zimmaro L. DeFelices	D. DeFelices
10:30 am	C. Manderino	W. White V. Saunders M. Gigliotti S. McCarthy	S. & K. DeCurtis

Money Counters - Monday, August 10, 2015

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



Although this week had been designated as our Brown Bag Sunday, because of all the activities with the festival, we will move it to next week the

15th and 16th. So, please bring your items for Brown Bag Sunday (school supplies: back packs, tablets, pencils, pens, glue, crayons, etc) with you to church and we will see that they get donated to needy children in our community. There are many ways that we can help our children grow into viable and successful adults, this is just one way and it does help them to be more productive in school. I do thank you in advance for your generosity.

School Mass

Next Sunday during the 10:30 a.m. liturgy we will pray for all of our children who will be returning to school soon. If your children would like to be a part of this liturgy, please give us a call at the office. Also, bring with you your own school supplies and we will bless them at Mass.



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.

ATTENTION ALL MINISTERS:

The *Ministry Schedule* for **September thru December** will soon be prepared. Please email Darleen Koury at: dkoury@dioceseofgreensburg.org or call the Parish Office if you will not be available for any of the dates in the Fall/Winter schedule.

Eternal Rest—Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently: **DOLORES L. DeSTEFANO** and **SANTO MINNITI**. We commend their souls to rest in the peace of Christ.

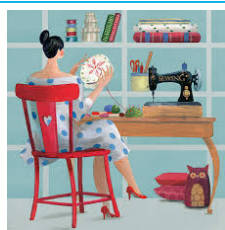
THIS WEEK**AUGUST 10 until****AUGUST 14****6:15 PM—7:30 PM****CHAPEL HALL****KINDERGARTEN****thru 4th GRADE****Parish Festival**

Who could have asked for a more beautiful weekend than what we had last week for our festival! We certainly did luck out. This year's festival was a wonderful success, and it is because so many of our parishioners came out and made it so. Once again I am grateful to Robert Sassak for being the general chairman. Robert certainly did make sure that every detail was covered and for that I am thankful. Betty Geis along with her many helpers did a bang up job with preparing and serving such delicious food. Doreen Smith along with her crew maintained the preparations for food outside. I do not believe that anyone left the festival hungry that is for sure. Lillian Taylor along with all of the baked goods that were donated added that special touch that made for a successful bake sale. Ron Godla for the delicious corn and Lisa Blatnik for the efforts she put forth with all of the games made for a truly festive environment. All of the people who helped to set up and tear everything down made for short work.

Although our festival is a much need fund raiser for our parish, it serves as a vehicle for all of us to just come together and socialize. For each and every person who had anything to do with this year's festival, know that I am very grateful.

Steeler Tickets

Someone donated "6" Steeler tickets for the pre season game, Carolina Panthers vs the Steelers for September 3rd. We are going to raffle them off on a ticket which will cost \$1.00. If you are able to sell any tickets, that would be great. They will be available after all of the masses this weekend.

**Epiphany Ladies Sewing Bee!**

The Sewing Bee ladies are making Prayer Shawls, shrugs, hats and scarves to be given to hospital patients.

The group meets in the Chapel Hall on the second Thursday of the month at 1:00 p.m. (August 12 this month)

and on the fourth Thursday (August 27 this month) at 6:30 pm. Donations of yarn and monetary donations are graciously accepted. For more information call Barb Mandarin @ 684-5547, Betty Geis @ 684-5037 or Evelyn Yatchyshyn @ 684-9294.

We are called to become the "Bread of Life"

Today we as we listen to our readings, we are reminded of how necessary food is for life. We are all aware that we need to eat if we want to live. However, we also know that we need less food to sustain us in life than we are used to eating. Jesus likens Himself to the Bread of Life in the gospel; this opens for us a new dimension on eating and sustaining life. I think that we would agree with the notion that we certainly cannot live a full life simply by eating food. It is everything else about life that helps to sustain us and nourish us for the journey. Try to imagine what your life would be like if you lived in total isolation. No people around you, no stimulation, nothing! Life would not be worth much. Jesus is reminding us that we need more than just food for the journey.

Elijah in the first reading is literally running for his life. He was being pursued by Jezebel who had a decree out for his death. His life seemed to have no more meaning and he just wanted to lie down and die. How many times have we all felt like that? The problems of life and living sometimes can become so overwhelming that all we want to do is lie down and die, just like Elijah. However, he doesn't get that chance. It is an angel from God who brings him food for his journey; he is given what he needs to get up and continue his life's journey. Jesus offers to us the food of His teaching as well as His own flesh for the journey to eternal life. This bread that comes down from heaven gives us life, but only when we surrender ourselves to listen.

The Bread of Life refers to the word that is taught. Moreover, the word is bread that sustains us on our journey and calls us to belief. The way to God and to eternal life is through Jesus. This is why He is the bread of life. In this gospel, word, belief, bread, and life all converge in the person Jesus.

Sometimes our dying to self can lead us, like Elijah, to say "Enough; take my life!" It's no easy task to be faithful disciples, to live the gospel message. It's an even more difficult task for ourselves to teach as Jesus did. If we are to be true to what we are to live and teach, we need the bread that revives us and keeps us from despair. Jesus' words of life bring us such hope and strength. Our challenge in life is not to get discouraged, but to hand ourselves over to the nourishment of word and sacrament that God offers, a nourishment that carries us surely on our life's journey toward eternal life. Jesus assures us that we have all we need to come to eternal life. It becomes our task to put into action the words Jesus offers. Like St. Paul tells the Ephesians we too must remove from our lives "all bitterness, fury, anger, shouting, and reviling." As we take that Bread of Life, we must become what it represents.

