

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday:

4:00 p.m.

Sunday:

8:30 a.m.; 10:30 a.m.

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
& Friday:

8:00 a.m.

Wednesday: NO MASS

February 4, 2018

THE *Epiphany* OF OUR Lord

ROMAN
CATHOLIC
CHURCH



A PENNSYLVANIA CHARITABLE TRUST
A PARISH OF THE DIOCESE OF GREENSBURG

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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.

PARISH STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Michael Crookston
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BULLETIN DEADLINE

Any article for the bulletin must be in the office by Monday noon.

5th

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He told them, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come." - Mk 1:38

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, February 3—Vigil

4:00 PM † Caroline Post by Mr & Mrs Barto Ferrara

Sunday, February 4—Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM † William Marino by Randall Marino

10:30 AM † Florian Robert Fedorchik by Daughter Roberta, Ron, Hilary & Monica Wavrek

Monday, February 5

8:00 AM † Patsy Martucci by His Family

Tuesday, February 6

8:00 AM † Fernando DeMarco by The Gus August Family

Wednesday, February 7

No Mass

Thursday, February 8

8:00 AM † Micahel Kozar by Barbara Kozar

Friday, February 9

8:00 AM † William Marsden by Chovan Family

Saturday, February 10—Vigil

4:00 PM † Bill Bielewski by Wife, Ruth, & Sons, Jeff & Bill

Sunday, February 11—Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM † Gilda Tegnalia by CD of A Court 776

10:30 AM † Connie Swalin by Rose Sowko

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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. Feb. 10 & Sun. Feb. 11

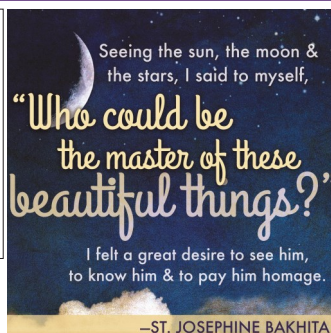
Time	Lector	Eucharistic	Altar Servers
4:00 p.m.	D. Harkins	R. Croushore M. Gallo L. Henry	A. Mauro A. Mauro
8:30 a.m.	J. Petritis	L. DeFelices N. Campus S. Campus	D. DeFelices B. Speicher
10:30 a.m.	W. Vlasic LWC- S. Beneccio	W. White K. Byron M. Germinario	J. Sacco M. Guilliford

Money Counters - Monday, January 29, 2018

Team # 1 P. Pettko

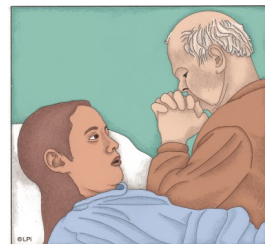
Weekly Collection January 28

Accent	21
Utility & Energy:	55
Votive Candles:	192
Children & Adult Collection:	6446
Total:	\$6714



Keeping life & its suffering in perspective!

Keeping a good perspective on things in life can be a most rewarding gift. We make little things into such big issues that it literally overshadows everything, we feel overwhelmed and at times even lost. Today we are given a gentle reminder of what we can do to avoid such feelings.



We start our Liturgy of the Word off with a reading from the book of Job, which is a book that captures the dilemma of what it means in life to suffer. It is through Job's misery that we can see the amazing healing work of Christ in the gospel. Job reminds us all that evil does not have to be disease or possession or even systemic evil, but can include the drudgery and burdens of daily life. It is the far reaching power of Jesus to save, that can help us to cope and keep us from allowing our suffering to grow out of perspective until that is all we are able to see.

St. Paul in the second reading reminds us that he is free to choose to live the gospel or not, and once he freely chooses to preach the gospel then all of life takes on a new meaning. St. Paul informs us that what he does is for the glory of Christ; everything that he speaks and all the works that he does is for the wonder of God. The question that Paul gives us is one that needs to be repeated every day. How do we in our personal lives accommodate ourselves to the needs of others and far more importantly, what is our motivation for even caring for others? If what we are and what we do is not rooted in the love that God has for us, then we need to rethink our motivations. This brings us right smack into the ministry that Jesus invites us all to be a part of.

Like those in the gospel who come to Jesus for healing, we all come to Jesus with expectations. The challenge is to move beyond our expectations to what Jesus really wants to give us – the Good News of salvation. Jesus' presence to us today and his healing hand do not assure us that we will never suffer. Human life is full of suffering and it is the Good News of Jesus that assures us of having the strength to keep our suffering in perspective. Jesus assures us that suffering belongs to this life but this is not all there is to life.

We can seek out Jesus because he is a wonder-worker, and we can try to have him stay with us because we so enjoy his presence. We can call him Lord, Savior, and Brother. **But we must also live the full implications of those terms.** In this case it means the necessity of sharing the good news with others. Otherwise, we are fashioning a new messiah to our own tastes and liking, and failing to achieve that prayerful appreciation of who Jesus really is and what he challenges us to be. It is when we are able to recognize and embrace the healing gift of Jesus that is with us always that we are able to keep a perspective on all of life.

~Pastoral Council meeting Tuesday 6:30 p.m.~

With Deepest Sympathy — Condolences are extended to the family of MADELINE V. MYERS. May God grant her eternal rest, and comfort to her family. We commend her soul to rest in the peace of Christ.

Mardi Gras

A week from Tuesday we will celebrate this year's Mardi Gras. The evening will begin at 6:00 p.m. In preparing for this celebration we are going to ask that you once again bring one of your famous desserts. We can also use pop and water if you are able to donate some. Whatever we don't use for the Mardi Gras we will make good use of during the Fish Fry. Remember that our celebration closes with a parade leading to the burning of our old palm. Don't forget to bring in all of your old palm branches



from last year so that we can burn them. The ashes from the palms will be used the next day on Ash Wednesday. Also, I hope you are all busy making your shoebox floats! **There will be a sign up sheet in the church this week and next for you to indicate how many people you will be bringing.**

Reminders

Pierogi Making... February 5, beginning at 7:30 a.m. Come when you can.

Music Workshop... The Seton Hill University Chapter of the AGO (American Guild of Organists) is hosting a Workshop on Saturday, **February 10** from 10 AM to 12 PM at St. Paul's Catholic Church, Greensburg for Keyboardists. The workshop is free and open to all. Inquiries to Marisa Cazden, Dean of the Guild 724 838 9480 ext. 28 or email mcazden@dioceseofgreensburg.org

Around the Diocese

Diocesan Heritage Center Mass & light lunch

The Diocesan Heritage Center is hosting a Lenten program on the **five Saturdays in Lent** (Feb. 17 and 24, March 3, 10 and 17). Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. at the St. Joseph Chapel at the Bishop Connare Center. A light soup lunch will follow, and attendees will be invited to the new Heritage Center exhibit, "Journeying with Jesus: The Passion."

GCC Auction Gala Feb. 23

Greensburg Central Catholic's annual auction is Feb. 23 at 6 p.m. at Stratigos Banquet Center, North Huntingdon. The 2018 Distinguished Centurions will be honored. Tickets, sponsorships and ads can be purchased through Feb. 16 at www.gcchs.org or by calling the GCC Advancement Office at 724-834-0310.

Scholarship Opportunity

The Knights of Columbus are offering a scholarship to a qualified high school senior entering a post-secondary institution. To be eligible to submit an application, students must be a senior, a member of Epiphany or St. Mary's Byzantine Church, or whose father or grandfather is a member of K.O.C. #954; Catholic by faith and practicing member of their church; provide acceptance to a post-secondary academic program; SAT/ACT scores and letters of recommendation, and submit a 500 word essay. **Deadline is April 13, 2018.** You can obtain an application form with specific instructions from the parish office or contacting the K.O.C. #954.

Faith

The Season of Lent

With the celebration of Ash Wednesday next week we begin the season of Lent. This is a period of time set aside by the church to afford us **the opportunity to look at our relationship not only with God but also with one another.** The entire message of Jesus is one of discipleship, being for one another. As we look at what we can do for this season, it would be good to see just how we relate to one another and determine how we can improve. This would be a wonderful way to use these days. There are many church related activities which we can make a part of our Lenten Journey, and it could be beneficial to all of us to try and attend some of these.

- **Ash Wednesday: Liturgy** will be celebrated at 8:00 a.m., Noon and 6:00 p.m.
- Monday evenings during Lent at 6:00 p.m. we celebrate **Taizé Prayer** together
- Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m. we will have an **adult education series** entitled: "For the Life of the World: Letters to the Exiles.
- Fridays during Lent we will pray the **stations** at 6:00 pm.
- **Daily Liturgy** is at 8:00 a.m.
- In addition to these services you can also journey through Lent with an online program called "**Best Lent Ever.**" You can sign up for this at: BestLentEver.com/ParishsignUp. This is a free program that runs throughout the Lenten Season. I am hopeful that you will be able to avail yourselves to some of these events.

Lenten Series

For the Life of the World: Letters to the Exiles is a film series of 7 brief episodes. From Dove Review: "This wonderful series tackles important topics such as love, marriage, wisdom, and retaining a wonder about the world around us. It features humor and down-to-earth people who give practical examples of ways to influence those around us with Christ's love."

No homework required! Come, watch the film, enjoy fellowship and discussion. The series begins on February 19. Details and more information can be found on the website. You can sign up in back of the church or on our website under the Faith Formation tab.

Online Lenten Reflections Feb. 18-21

The Sisters of Charity Federation will offer online Lenten reflections Feb. 18-21. Talks begin each night at 9 p.m. on Facebook live at www.facebook.com/scharityfed. For information, contact the Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill, 724-836-0406, ext. 6613, or Sister Maryanne Tracey at contactus@sistersofcharityfederation.org.

Groups

Epiphany Ladies will meet on Sunday, February 11 after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Members are reminded to bring in the Valentines for the shut-ins. We invite all women of our parish to come and be part of this organization. Please know that you are all welcome!

Holy Name Sunday is next week, February 11. Corporate Communion will be at the 8:30 a.m. Mass. The regular monthly meeting will follow in the social hall. Coffee and doughnuts will be served.