

THE *Epiphany* OF OUR Lord

ROMAN
CATHOLIC
CHURCH



A PENNSYLVANIA CHARITABLE TRUST
A PARISH OF THE DIOCESE OF GREENSBURG

JANUARY 17, 2016—SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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PARISH STAFF

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday–Thursday 8:30 am–12 pm & 1 pm–3:30 pm
Friday 8:30 am–1:00 pm

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—MAIN CHURCH

Saturday, January 16—Vigil

4:00 pm +Irma Vivio by Helen Vivio

Sunday, January 17—2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30 am +Joseph Feehan by Armand Mori & Family

Monday, January 18

8:00 am +Pearl Hunter by Patty Bisceglia

Tuesday, January 19

8:00 am +John & Ann Petritis by Family

Wednesday, January 20—St. Fabian; St. Sebastian

No Mass Today

Thursday, January 21—St. Agnes

8:00 am +Josephine Nicksich by Alleshor Family

Friday, January 22

8:00 am +Marianna Maiolini by Mary DeVito

Saturday, January 23—Vigil

4:00 pm +Don Moore by Wife & Family

Sunday, January 24—3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30 am +Geary Elyanich by Leon & Liz Karol

CHAPEL

Sunday, January 17—2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am +Esther Bucci by Connie Sadler

Sunday, January 24—3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am +Pearl Walko by Mrs. Joan Tegel

Sunday offerings—\$6,737.26

TAX STATEMENTS

You will be getting a statement from the church listing all of your contributions. We will have this mailing go out about the third week of January. If you would need a copy sooner, please give us a call and we will get one to you.

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, January 23, 2016 and Sunday, January 24, 2016

<u>Time</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Eucharistic</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
4:00 pm	R. Kozar	L. Henry L. Micenko S. Stein R. Croushore	A. & A. Mauro
8:30 am	R. Godla	K. Imbrescia F. Petrosky B. Hughes Jr.	B. & Q. Zboyovsky
10:30 am	G. Pesi	W. White R. Sassak S. McCarthy M.A. Kostolansky	K. Bachinski T. Blatnik

Money Counters - Monday, January 18, 2016

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

Mardi Gras

After meeting last week, this year's Mardi Gras is well under way. Our **FAT TUESDAY** will run pretty much as it did last year. In getting final preparations wrapped up, we do need help. We will start to decorate the Chapel Hall on Sunday, February 7th at 12:30. There is a lot to get done so we will need all of the help we can get. **Mardi Gras will start on Tuesday the 9th at 6:30.**

This year we are asking that if your last name begins with letters: **N – Z could you bring one of your delicious deserts. If your last name begins with: A – M bring a salad.** As part of the evening's celebration you can also B.Y.O.B. We are hoping to put together a real Parish Family celebration. There will be food and fun for all ages. Please mark your calendars so that you can come and be a part of the activities. Don't forget to bring in your old Palms from last year. There will be a box at the entrance of the church, or you can just bring them with you on the 9th.

CDA Monessen Court #776 will be meeting on Tuesday, January 19th, at the Epiphany of Our Lord Church, Chapel Site beginning with the Rosary at 7:00 p.m. All Catholic Women are invited to our court meeting to learn what CDA is all about. Call Regent Pat Godla for additional information at 724-684-7235.

Pierogi / Fish Fry

We will start to make pierogi this week on Monday morning. Since Lent is coming up so quickly, we can use all of the help we can get. If you are available on Monday morning, please know you are most welcome.

Making pierogi is just one part of getting ready for our Fish Fry's during Lent. Offering these dinners is a wonderful service we provide not only to our parish but also to the community. We can use all of the help that we can get! If you have not worked the Fish Fry, why not give it a try. We can use help in the kitchen or out in the hall taking orders and serving. If you are interested in helping this year you can give us a call at the office.

You're Invited to Come and Help!!

Pierogi making for the Lenten fish fries will start **TOMORROW**, Monday 1/18/16 and continue on Mondays 1/25, 2/1, 2/8, 2/15, 2/22, 2/29 and (3/7 & 3/14 - if needed). We start at 7:30 am, but you can come at any time. All are welcome.

Religious Education Class

In observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, there will be no Religious Education classes tomorrow, Monday, January 18. Classes will resume next Monday, January 25, at 6:15 p.m. in the Saint Sebastian School building.

Changing Water into Wine

As we embark into the season of Ordinary Time, we once again get to revisit the life and ministry of Jesus. We get to hear the stories of His ministry all over again as we try to apply their meaning to our lives. This church year we hear the readings from the gospel of St. Luke. Today however, we revisit the beginning of Jesus' ministry as we hear from John's gospel.

The liturgy of the Word for this week starts out reminding us of the joy the people of Israel felt as they returned to their homeland. For a long time the chosen people had been humiliated and persecuted but now the God of their Fathers was leading them back home. They refer to their relationship to God as a bride groom welcomes his bride. God refers to His people as "My Delight and Espoused." Isaiah gives us a reading that is filled with hope and promise for the people.

It is interesting that the people of Israel felt that God punished them for their sins. It was because they were not faithful to the covenant that they had to suffer. I believe that we can relate to that notion for there always seems to be that idea weaving its way through religious beliefs that God punishes people for their sins, either individually or collectively. During the hurricanes that devastated Florida, the Eastern Shore and New Orleans, and the 9/11 attacks on the World Trade Center, there were powerful voices from the Religious Right who claimed God was punishing the victims of these natural disasters because they had sinned. This idea certainly does not do justice to a loving God like the one we hear about in the first reading. We would all do well to emphasize the joy and rejoicing that comes into all of our lives when we experience God's saving power and love rather than blaming God for the wrongs in life.

It is because of this hope and promise that we are able to relate to God through one another. Our second reading reminds us that we are all given gifts in various degrees to work for the betterment of society. It becomes our responsibility to work together sharing our gifts to help one another. We could never emphasize enough the importance of building up the community through the shared gifts of individual members. Even though there is an ever present notion of "individualism" permeating our society, we must always trust that there will be people of good heart and will to come forward whenever needed.

The Gospel blends the joy of the first reading with the responsibilities of the second reading to a conclusion with the miracle at Cana. The miracle of changing water into wine is probably one of the more popular miracles of Jesus, at least most people (even non Christians) are aware of it. But, what we don't realize is how this miracle pertains to us. Wine in Jewish religious rituals meant life, blood, spirit and divinity. It was the sign of the Kingdom of God. The water symbolized life. The water jars that are part of the story represent the Old Law because jugs were used at Jewish ceremonial rites. In changing the water and making it wine Jesus is telling us that He is the new law which will give spirit and life. We are all transformed into abundance with Jesus and we are to become that wine to others. Jesus shows us how social He is and that He cares about the simple things of life. We are called to use that miracle in our own lives to share our gifts beyond measure to touch the lives of others. We are called to be social in the same way by being the presence of Jesus to others and helping to work this miracle every day.



Drugs Kill Dreams Day

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has designated Sunday, January 24, as "Drugs Kill Dreams Day" in recognition of the Drugs Kill Dreams program's 15th anniversary. Founded by Ford City Magistrate J. Gary DeComo, a parishioner of Christ, Prince of Peace Parish, the program works with schools, churches and other community organizations to share educational material and prevention messages to combat drug addiction and crimes committed by drug users. As drug use and overdose deaths rise to record levels in south-western Pennsylvania, we are asked today to pray for people who have died from an overdose and those who are in recovery programs, as well as their families, and for everyone participating in community prevention programs.

Getting "Real" About Drugs

Reality Tour (RT) is a national parent and child drug education and prevention program. For more information, call 724-797-0955 or email bellev-ernonarearealitytour.org. The Reality Tour group meets the second Monday of the month.

Night at the Races

St. Edward Parish in Herminie will sponsor a "Night at the Races" on Saturday, February 6th at 7:30 pm in the church hall. Doors open at 7:00pm. Horses are \$25 each and entitles the owner to 2 free admission tickets. The winner of each winning horse will receive \$40. Only 100 horses will be sold. The evening includes free food, beverages, beer, BYOB, and much more! (Must be 21 to attend). Raffle Baskets will also be available. Admission at the door will be \$15 per person. Please call Dawna Kavel at 724-446-1802 for information.

*Eternal Rest—Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently:
PEARL HUNTER and IRENE DiGIACOMO. We commend their souls to rest in the peace of Christ.*