

# THE Epiphany OF OUR Lord

ROMAN  
CATHOLIC  
CHURCH



A PENNSYLVANIA CHARITABLE TRUST  
A PARISH OF THE DIOCESE OF GREENSBURG

**JANUARY 24, 2016—THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**618 KNOX AVE • MONESSEN, PA 15062**

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## 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–3:30 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 23—Vigil**

4:00 pm +Don Moore by Wife & Family

**Sunday, January 24—3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

**Monday, January 25—Conversion of St. Paul**

8:00 am +Anthony Mascetta by Wife & Children

**Tuesday, January 26—Ss. Timothy and Titus**

8:00 am +Josephine Rajakovic by Adela Alvarez

**Wednesday, January 27—St. Angela Merici**

No Mass Today

**Thursday, January 28—St. Thomas Aquinas**

8:00 am +Frank Pullion by Drew & Suzanne Pullion

**Friday, January 29**

8:00 am +Mark Zupan by Ron & Kerry Ickes

**Saturday, January 30—Vigil**

4:00 pm +Mary Jo Bludis by M/M Leroy Dastolfo

**Sunday, January 31—4th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

10:30 am +Shaun Minniti by Family

**CHAPEL**

**Sunday, January 24—3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

**Sunday, January 31—4th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:30 am +John & Mary Turkovich, Sr. by Rita Cocca

**Sunday offerings—\$4,732.89**

*Eternal Rest—Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently: DOROTHY JOZWIAK, LAWRENCE SCARRY and LAWRENCE ELYANICH. We commend their souls to rest in the peace of Christ.*

**Ministry Schedule**

**Saturday, January 30, 2016 and Sunday, January 31, 2016**

<u>Time</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Eucharistic</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
4:00 pm	J. Buggy	S. Beneccio A. Frolo L. & J. Dudas	K. Chavez B. Rizzuto
8:30 am	J. Sepesky	J. Petritis K. Zimmaro L. DeFelices	M. Blatnik D. DeFelices
10:30 am	J. Olup	J. Elias N. & S. Campus V. Saunders	K & S. DeCurtis

**Money Counters - Monday, January 25, 2016**

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

**Mardi Gras**

Ready or not, in just a couple weeks we will be celebrating our Mardi Gras for this year. 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 and music for all ages. Please mark your calendars, and 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 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Special Collection**

We received a request from Bishop Malesic to respond to the needs of those in our country that have been affected by severe weather conditions...

Severe weather has recently impacted states in the South and Midwest regions of the country. Recently, Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz, President of the USCCB, requested the U.S. bishops to consider taking up a special collection for relief from these recent storms and possible future domestic calamities.

The funds collected in this one-time special appeal for the 2015-2016 storms and other natural disasters will be used to support the efforts of Catholic Charities USA, the official domestic relief agency of the U.S. Catholic Church, as they and their member agencies respond to immediate emergency needs for such necessities as water, food, shelter, and medical care, as well as to the long term need to rebuild and recover after widespread destruction, and to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops for pastoral and reconstruction needs of the Church.

The Diocese of Greensburg will respond to this appeal with a special collection to support these relief efforts. A special collection will be taken up for this worthy cause at all Masses in the Diocese next weekend, January 30 and 31.

Working together, we can do so much to advance God's Kingdom on earth, and most especially in these troubled times.

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.

## *The Power of the Spoken Word*

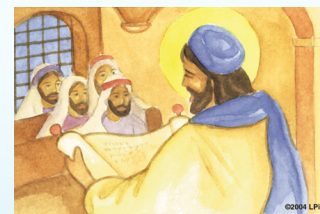
There are many things in life that we often overlook or take for granted. The “spoken” word is one of those things. We do not realize how powerful the spoken word really can be. If we look back over our lives we can remember those times where words have incredible power and they can hurt – deeply. Words spoken on a playground can often leave children with feelings of unworthiness and low self esteem. Gossip as we all know can destroy ones character in a heartbeat. Words spoken in anger can do lasting damage to a relationship. Cutting or sarcastic words can demean another and hurt very deeply. Just as words can hurt another and cause pain, words can also heal us and nourish us spiritually and emotionally. Words of encouragement can bring success to a failing task. Words can provide moral guidance as well as challenge one to mend their ways. So, we all should agree that the spoken word carries with it an awful lot of power.

The words that we hear proclaimed in the first reading had such a powerful impact of the people of Israel that they became a tradition that sustained Israel’s life and identity. Jesus uses those same words to describe His own identity. The words that Jesus reads describe a vision of a world that God has long desired; a world of freedom and wholeness. We see in the person of Jesus that He had been chosen to fulfill those words and visions of God. We also are called to bring God’s vision to fulfillment in our service of the poor, the oppressed, and those in need. The Word of God is given for the life of the community.

From the first reading we get an image of a community gathered in faith to hear the Word of God. They were gathered to rededicate themselves to the Covenant. We are told that the people were brought to tears, but they were tears of joy because of their liberation from exile. They were moved by the words of peace that were spoken to them. The words gave them a new hope as they continued rebuilding their lives. St. Paul gives us another image of the power of the spoken word. He relates God’s presence to us as being the head of the body. The people in Corinth did not have much respect for the body. They were interested in the “spiritual” gifts. So, Paul through the spoken word makes them aware of the importance of the body as it is made up of many parts. The people of Corinth are reminded that they are all Christ’s body and must behave accordingly. We too are given this reminder as we listen to his words.

As Jesus in the Gospel made reference to Himself and His identity He stresses God’s love for the lowly and afflicted people of society. He presents a face which reveals the compassionate, forgiving, gentle face of God. His heroes are the handicapped, poor, forgotten people of society. He comes to bring them “glad tidings.”

The crowd of people who were listening to Him suddenly became angry because of his suggestions. Again, we are reminded of the power of the spoken word. When we say what people want to hear, they are with us. However, if we speak about things that they don’t want to hear or admit to, they become angry and turned off. They no longer “hear” the spoken word. Just as we have the power to proclaim the spoken word, we also have the responsibility to listen to it as well. We make so many judgments about one another based on what we hear. We all need to think before we speak. We must remember the power that the spoken word does indeed have!



### *Lenten Fish Fry*

The ladies have already begun to make pierogies in preparation for the Lenten Fish Fry’s which means that we all better get started. It is hard to believe but in just a few short weeks the season of Lent will be upon us. One of the greatest gifts I think that we offer as the Epiphany of Our Lord parish is our weekly Fish Fry. I am always amazed at the turn out we get not only from the parish but also from the community.

Our Holy Father Francis has certainly made his intentions on Evangelization well known, and this is one of the best ways to evangelize our church. What better way to touch people than through sharing a meal together. As successful as our Fish Fry’s may be, they don’t just happen on their own; there are many good and generous people who work very hard to make it so. I am asking that you consider becoming a part of this crew. There are many ways that you can help, and every little bit does make a difference. **We need people to work in the kitchen as well as to wait on tables. If you think you might have some time to share, please give us a call at the office.**

### *You’re Invited to Come and Help!!*

Pierogi making for the Lenten fish fries is on the following 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.

### *Holy Family Prayer Program*

On Sunday February 7<sup>th</sup> at the 10:30 Liturgy we will pay tribute to the Holy Family of Jesus as well as our own Holy Families. “The future of the world and of the Church passes through the family,” observed St. John Paul II, whom Pope Francis called “the Pope of the Family.” Recognizing the vital role of families in the world, the Knights of Columbus has dedicated its 17<sup>th</sup> Order-Wide prayer program to the Holy Family, with the intention of strengthening Catholic families and their prayer lives.

The image that will be present in our church during the 10:30 liturgy is an etching of the Holy Family by Giovanni Balestra (1774-1842) It was blessed by Pope Francis on June 29, 2015. The picture will be in our church that Sunday morning only. We will have special prayers during the liturgy focusing on the gift of Family.

### *C.D. of A. Education Contest*

All students in grades 4—12, regardless of Faith, are invited to join the C.D. of A. Education Contest. The themes of the contest are: “We Are Stewards of God’s Creation” or “How Do We Care for the Environment?” Categories include: Art, Computer Art, Essay, Music, Photography, and Poetry. For further information call Mary Ann Gallo at 724-684-6379 or Beverly Mascetta at 724-684-5198 by Monday, January 25.