

# THE *Epiphany* OF OUR Lord

ROMAN  
CATHOLIC  
CHURCH



A PENNSYLVANIA CHARITABLE TRUST  
A PARISH OF THE DIOCESE OF GREENSBURG

**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—JULY 19, 2015**

**618 KNOX AVE • MONESSEN, PA 15062**

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## PARISH STAFF

*Pastor* ..... Reverend Michael J. Crookston  
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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, July 18—Vigil**

4:00 pm +Joseph & Mary DeLuca by Family

**Sunday, July 19—Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

10:30 am +Joe & Stella Reda and Russell & Adeline  
Sherred by Children

**Monday, July 20—St. Apollinaris**

8:00 am +Mascetta & Tarquinio Family by Family

**Tuesday, July 21—St. Lawrence of Brindisi**

8:00 am +Joseph Gladys by Jarabeck & Campus  
Family

**Wednesday, July 22—St. Mary Magdalene**

No Mass Today

**Thursday, July 23—St. Bridget**

8:00 am +Mary E. McGovern George by Jean Evans  
Family

**Friday, July 24—St. Sharbel Makhluif**

8:00 am +William Marsden by Knights of Columbus

**Saturday, July 25—Vigil**

4:00 pm +Theresa & Frank Dominico & Carmen by  
Marie & Betty

**Sunday, July 26—Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

10:30 am +Fred, Lenore, Mary Lou, & Virginia  
Campana by Linda Campana & Family

**CHAPEL**

**Sunday, July 19—Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:30 am +Jeffrey Billy & John F. Billy by Bob &  
Debbie Kuzynski

**Sunday, July 26—Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:30 am +Barbara & John Shosky by Daughter,  
Barbara

**Sunday Offerings: \$6,135.00**



*Rest In Peace*

*Eternal Rest—Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently: DELFORD MENCARELLI. We commend his soul to rest in the peace of Christ.*

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, July 25, 2015 and Sunday, July 26, 2015

<u>Time</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Eucharistic</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
4:00 pm	S. Stein	B. Mandarino D. Mandarino J. Dudas L. Dudas	K. Chavez B. DuBreucq
8:30 am	C. Manderino	J. Petritis N. Campus S. Campus	M. & M. Blatnik
10:30 am	M. Sacco	L. Micenko V. Saunders M. Gigliotti M.A. Kostolansky	M. & J. Sacco

Money Counters - Monday, July 20, 2015

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

**Parish Festival**

**August 1 & August 2**

Festival News!

It is hard to believe but in just two weeks we will be celebrating our parish festival. Although we have been meeting throughout the summer, we still can use some people to help with different aspects of the festival.

Set up Thursday 6:00 pm, Friday 9:00 am.

Tear down after the festival on Sunday

Game Booths / Money Wheel

Food Booths inside and outside

Please know that if you are able to help, we will certainly find a place for you. If you need to sit or stand, inside or outside, we will find a place for you to help. If you have any questions you can call the office at any time.

**Pathways 2015-2016: Adult Faith Formation and Basic Catechist Certification**

Pope Francis says that we need to “be faithful to the Spirit, to proclaim Jesus with our lives, through our witness and words.” He calls this “a great responsibility.” Ask yourself: “How well prepared am I for this responsibility?” “How can I do this in my busy life?” In the Year of Mercy, ignite your imagination of what it means to follow Jesus Christ. Join us for Pathways and discover how together we are called and gifted by God for others. Our host sites are: St. Agnes Church, North Huntingdon on Tues. evenings and at St. John Baptist de La Salle Church, Delmont on Thurs. evenings. Brochures and information cards are available at your parish. Registration is now open. Financial assistance is available. For more information or to register online, visit us at: <http://goo.gl/QdAWsg> or contact the Office for Lay Ecclesial Ministry, 724-552-2598; [pathways@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:pathways@dioceseofgreensburg.org)

**St. Sebastian Travel Group**

**December 4, 2015—“Christmas of Yesteryear”**

**There are still seats available!**

Come along with the Travel Group to Ohio where the trip will begin with lunch at a historic mansion with an on-site restaurant, then a visit to Amish farmlands and from there, go on to enjoy a display of 700 Nativity Scenes as you listen to the sacred Christmas Music in the background. The cost is \$106. There is a non-refundable deposit of \$25. For more information contact Sandy Wawro at 724-938-0865 or email Sandy at [samiam2@zoominternet.net](mailto:samiam2@zoominternet.net).

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.



### Vacation Bible School

There are many opportunities that we have today to help our children grow up with a good understanding of their faith. Learning about God and our church can be a fun experience for our children. This year we are going to sponsor a Vacation Bible School in

August. VBS can be a fun experience for your children to come and learn more about their faith. As their parents, as well as leaders in the church, we all share in the responsibilities of providing for our children opportunities to learn about God.

There are registration forms in the back of the Church and Chapel and on our parish webpage. If you would like to help with this year's adventure, know that you are most welcome! Our Vacation Bible School will be held from August 10<sup>th</sup> to the 14<sup>th</sup> in our Chapel hall from 6:15 pm – 7:30 pm. I hope that you will be able to bring your children to this wonderful experience!



We live in a world where it seems that everybody has a schedule to follow, and it can be difficult, if not next to impossible to find time just to come together as a family. We have lost a lot in our world, and all in the name of

progress, but we still need to focus on things that are important, even if it means sacrificing our precious schedules.

We are trying something new to help bring families together. On Saturday July 25<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:00 PM we are going to sponsor a **"Family Fun Night."** The event will take place at our Chapel Hall and we are hoping that this can be the beginning of something exciting for all of our families. If you think that you might be able to squeeze this into your schedules please give us a call. Please RSVP by July 23<sup>rd</sup>. For more information call Christy Cabaniss at 724-929-9300.

### Pennsylvania Child Protective Clearances

Time is running out and there are many people who have not turned in their clearance papers. If you are uncertain as to what papers are needed, please give me a call at the office. These papers need to be turned in if you wish to continue with your volunteering at the church. If you have any questions or concerns about these papers, please know that I am here to answer them. Right now it is law that we have these clearances completed. I know that this is an added burden for you, know that I will do whatever needs to be done to help you.

### EVENING OF PRAYER FOR WOMEN

*Greensburg DCCW invites all women of the parish over 21 years of age to an Evening of Prayer on Tuesday, July 28, 6:30 pm at Church of the Good Shepherd, Kent. There will be prayers for Priests and Bishop Malesic, followed by fellowship with wine and cheese. Please come and pray with us and discuss your feelings about Diocesan Council of Catholic Women and where we are heading.*

## Responsible Shepherding

Today our Liturgy speaks to us about the many shepherds we have in life.

We usually think of shepherds as being religious leaders; however Jeremiah quickly reminds us that the kings and all the leaders of Israel were also shepherds, and they were the ones directly responsible for scattering the sheep, or the children of Israel. Jeremiah bemoans that everywhere



he looked all he saw was spiritual, moral, social and political decay. It was the greed of the power hungry shepherds that was directly responsible for the fate of so many people.

It is easy for us to sit down and look back over history and recognize the "bad shepherds." It is an entirely different matter to look into our own hearts and see how we may have led people astray. It is easy to look at political leaders and see the neglect of justice and truth that some of them have. It is a whole different matter to look into our own hearts and see these same flaws and weaknesses. Every society and family is fractured and split at times, losing hope, tense and nervous about the future. But like Jeremiah, God promises to bring about justice and save us. We need to be thankful to all of the prophets who, though unpopular most of the time, remind us of our own failings, but inevitably call us to live hopefully with the possibility of a new life in which our shepherds will reflect God's own shepherding care.

The gospel shows us how enthusiastically the people were in learning from Jesus. They couldn't get enough of his gentle wisdom on life and living. The people were starving to learn about God's mercy. This enthusiasm however, would not allow the disciples to take a minute and rest. There is a valuable lesson for all of us to get from this scene. Unlike the self serving shepherds that Jeremiah speaks of, those who want to shepherd in Jesus' name must learn to put the needs of others ahead of even their own need to rest. How well we shepherd is directly proportionate to how effective we are in meeting the needs of others. It becomes our task to help people to be faithful to their covenant relationship with God. We are reminded of the importance of hearing and receiving Jesus' teaching as a first step and essential ongoing aspect of our journey to salvation.

St. Paul in the second reading brings up another issue that is so much a part of our world. He speaks of the separations of people, specifically making reference to the differences between the Jews and the Gentiles. This is a call to each of us to do whatever we can to seek unity and peace between people of all faiths. Being a good shepherd takes a lot of work. We all must be aware of how we show ourselves to the people in our world understanding that it is our mission to be the goodness of Jesus to others.