

THE *Epiphany* OF OUR Lord

ROMAN
CATHOLIC
CHURCH



A PENNSYLVANIA CHARITABLE TRUST
A PARISH OF THE DIOCESE OF GREENSBURG

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—JULY 5, 2015

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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 4—Vigil
4:00 pm +Norman Gilotty by Wife, Donna & Family

Sunday, July 5—Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:30 am +Mary Mandzok by Jules Deniece & Kalan

Monday, July 6—St. Maria Goretti
8:00 am +John Zupan by Steve & Sylvia Beck

Tuesday, July 7
8:00 am +Rose Cocciolone by Turkovich Family

Wednesday, July 8
No Mass Today

Thursday, July 9—St. Augustine Zhao Rong & Companions
8:00 am +Pat Dondaro & Evelyn Kowell by Family

Friday, July 10
8:00 am +Mary & Silvio Garofalo by Family

Saturday, July 11—Vigil
4:00 pm +Lancas & Panepinto Family by Angela Lancas

Sunday, July 12—Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:30 am +Angeline & Ben Tenuta, Oscar Picardi & Amelia Ruffolo by Tenuta Family

CHAPEL

Sunday, July 5—Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 am +Deceased Members of the Doty, Paytas, & Coulter Families by Charles & Dorothy Urbanowicz

Sunday, July 12—Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 am +Lois, Virginia & Carol Naccarato by M/M Fred J. Naccarato

Sunday Offerings: \$5,152.77

Peter's Pence: \$669.00

Parish Anniversary

Tomorrow, Monday, July 6th we will have a meeting for anyone interested in helping with our 25th Anniversary. We will meet in the Chapel hall at 6:00 pm.

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, July 11, 2015 and Sunday, July 12, 2015

<u>Time</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Eucharistic</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
4:00 pm	G. Pesi	L. & J. Dudas D. & B. Mandarino	B. & B. DuBreucq
8:30 am	J. Sepesky	W. White J. Petritis L. Micenko	B. Speicher Volunteer
10:30 am	J. Buggy	K. Byron J. Elias T. Mazzei P. Fantauzzi	M. Germinario K. Bachinski

Money Counters - Monday, July 6, 2015

P. Pettko—Finance Committee Member
R. Aguilar, R. Sowko, H. Veschio

Parish Festival

This week end we celebrated our Parish Picnic, and now that it is over, we need to focus our attention on the upcoming Festival. It is hard to believe that the festival will be here in less than a month! The Festival will be on Saturday evening the 1st of August and Sunday afternoon the 2nd of August. There are many ways that you can give of your time for the festival, I just ask that you consider helping out in some way.

Our Bake sale will only be on Sunday, so we are going to need many of our wonderful bakers to donate their prize baked goods! You will be able to drop off your baked goods on Saturday or on Sunday morning.

We are getting ready to mail the tickets for the festival so you should be getting them in the mail soon. In planning for the festival, it goes without saying that we will need lots of help. I am just asking you to consider giving of your time in some way to this year's festival. I will have a listing of ways that you will be able to help in next week's bulletin. This is a major fundraiser for our parish so I hope we can all pull together and make it a huge success!

FCSLA Sr. Branch 88 will sponsor a bus to Kennywood for Slovak Day on Thursday, July 16, 2015. Interested members and guests should contact Dorothy Urbanowicz at 724-684-8243. Mass will be celebrated by our newly installed Bishop, Edward Malesic.

A Wonderful Parish Picnic!

Last week we celebrated our picnic at Cedar Creek and it was a marvelous day, in spite of the weather! I am so grateful to everyone who helped to put the day together, and worked so hard at the picnic itself. These are the celebrations that speak volumes of who we are as members of The Epiphany of Our Lord Parish. I want to thank everyone who came and brought your delicious food. Now that this is over, we turn our thoughts and attentions to the Festival which will be held on the 1st and 2nd of August. You will be hearing much more on this in the next few weeks.

Eternal Rest—Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently: **GILDA M. WELSH** and **CAROLINE P. POST**. We commend their souls to rest in the peace of Christ.

PREPARING FOOD FOR THE PARISH FESTIVAL—

Next Monday, July 13, at 7:30 a.m., help is needed to make perogi and halusky in the main church hall. All volunteers most welcome.

HOLY NAME SUNDAY

Next Sunday, July 12, is Holy Name Sunday. Corporate Communion will be at the 8:30 a.m. Mass at the Chapel. There will be NO MEETING in July.

SHROUD OF TURIN

You are welcome to attend a presentation by Rev. Don Chor-tos on the Shroud of Turin at Our Lady of the Valley Social Hall on July 9 at 7:00 p.m. Refreshments will follow.

MONESSEN TRI-SPORT GOLF CLASSIC

Due to rain, the July 10 Golf Classic has been rescheduled. For more information contact George Pesi at 412-951-6829.

Family Fun Night



- All parish families invited
- Saturday, July 25, 2015
- Epiphany Chapel Hall
- 6:00 p.m.
- Bring your favorite game

We'll have games too
Inside and outside playing

RSVP by July 23, 2015

For more information & to RSVP call Christy Cabaniss at 724-929-9300.

Vacation Bible School Son Treasure Island

- Kindergarten—4th grade
- August 10 thru August 14
- Epiphany of Our Lord Chapel Hall
- 6:15 P.M.—7:30 P.M.



Registration forms can be found on our parish website.

Volunteers Needed: If you would like to help with VBS this year, please call Christy Cabaniss at 724-929-9300.

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. (July 9 this month) and on the fourth Thursday (July 23 this month) at 6:30 pm. Donations of yarn and monetary donations are graciously accepted.

For more information call Barb Mandarino @ 684-5547 , Betty Geis @ 684-5037 or Evelyn Yatchyshyn @ 684-9294.



CD of A 27th ANNUAL OUT-DOOR ROSARY

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Monessen Court #776, will be hosting their 27th Annual Outdoor Rosary. It will be held at Mary's Garden located at the Epiphany of Our

Lord Chapel Site on Tuesday, July 14th, 2015, starting at 7:00 p.m. This event is open to the public, members are asked to invite friends and family. Bring your lawn chairs. In case of rain, the rosary will be held in the Chapel Hall. For additional information, please contact Regent Pat Godla at 724-684-7235.

No Prophet is Without Honor...

Have you ever found it to be true that when you are at your lowest point in life you are able to find your greatest strength? It seems that when we have nowhere to go but up, that is exactly what we do. Today our readings speak to us about the role of the prophets, and the struggles they are faced with in life. Generally when we think of any sort of prophet our minds drift towards what we know about the prophets from the history of the Jewish People. Our first reading tells us of the grief that Ezekiel had to endure. He was the first prophet to preach outside of the Holy Land. His mission was to reach the hearts of the people in exile and bring them back home. He showed the people of Israel that their God was extremely mobile and not just found in one place. The people didn't want to be reminded of their transgressions and as a result they gave him a pretty rough time.

In spite of the hardships that the prophets endured, they did complete the tasks God gave them. We hear the same to be true for St. Paul. He speaks of his own personal sufferings which he endured for the sake of Christ. Jesus also in the Gospel endures hardship in delivering His message. The people of His own town were not able to see beyond what they knew of Jesus to hear His message. As a result, their lack of faith prohibited Jesus from working any miracles there. The people lacked faith in Jesus so He went somewhere else. Often we are as unbending in our opinions as were the people of Nazareth. What is our response to people who tell us things we do not want to hear?

A true prophet is one who looks at the world and comes up with solutions and new visions to bring about change and hope in a church or the society in general. The problem is that whenever someone speaks of change no matter how great or small, we usually resist the impulse to change. Their message either goes unheard or unheeded. As we approach our readings for today we can recall the many prophets in our time that were met with opposition and derision. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Fr. Dan Berrigan come to mind during the crucial civil rights movement and the Vietnam War. Mother Teresa is remembered now for her saintly love of the poor, but it is important to remember that, when she first arrived in Calcutta and spoke loudly against ingrained attitudes toward the poor, people stoned her and shouted abusively against her as she would leave her home each day. Prophetic voices warned against going to war in Iraq, among them Pope Saint John Paul II. They were discounted, and the war became a witches' brew of violence and terrorism. So the world has not changed that much since Ezekiel's time.

Our church likes to define itself as a community that is always reforming. Yet sometimes it is difficult to see our spiritual leaders moving in that direction. Those who speak out for bold measures are not usually very popular. As a result, they usually do not move up the ladder of leadership. Saint John XXIII, before he became pope, was exiled by the Vatican to Bulgaria because he was considered too progressive. He was removed from the seminary faculty for teaching "unorthodox" theology.

Prophets are often ordinary people so we ought to be careful about silencing those who speak courageously and boldly in religion and politics. Let's not send them into exile. The Holy Spirit is not always in the status quo. Each of us can be a prophet speaking out from our ordinary stations in life and made a difference. It might mean being a prophet without honor in one's own land, but it is worth the risk.