

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

### MAIN CHURCH

#### Saturday, June 11—Vigil

4:00 pm +Edward Kovach by wife, Pat

#### Sunday, June 12—Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30 am +Tressa Spadafore by Spadafore Cousins,  
Michael, Nancy, Shirley, Jean

#### Monday, June 13

8:00 am St. Anthony

#### Tuesday, June 14

8:00 am +Lewis Arabia by Sophia Janol

#### Wednesday, June 15

No Mass Today

#### Thursday, June 16

8:00 am + Anthony Volpe by Lou Gigliotti

#### Friday, June 17

8:00 am + Edward Stark by Mrs. Shirley Reardon

#### Saturday, June 18—Vigil

4:00 pm Living and Deceased Fathers

#### Sunday, June 19—Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30 am Living and Deceased Fathers

### CHAPEL

#### Sunday, June 12—Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am +Chris Campana by Mom & Dad

#### Sunday, June 19—Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am Living and Deceased Fathers

### Weekly Offerings

Week of May 29: \$6,662 Week of June 5: \$7,686

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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. June 18 & Sun. June 19

Time	Lector	Eucharistic	Altar Servers
4:00 p.m.	L. Micenko	B. Mandarino D. Mandarino L. Henry A. Frolo	B. DuBreucq B. DuBreucq
8:30 a.m.	J. Sepesky	B. Hughes, Jr. S. Stein J. Elias	M. Blatnik S. Billy
10:30 a.m.	W. Vlasic	T. Mazzei V. Saunders L. Mandarino T. Billick	S. DeCurtis K. DeCurtis

### Money Counters - Monday, June 13, 2016

V. Saunders—Finance Committee Member

W. Anders, G. Ezzo, P. Jackson

## The Power of Forgiveness



Today our focus once again is on forgiveness, however with a little different twist. We are not so much dealing with our need to forgive one another; rather we are looking at our need for forgiveness from God. On the surface we all will admit that we are sinners, at least in the generic sense, and that we all need God's loving forgiveness. However, it becomes a whole different matter when we stop to think about what we need to be forgiven for. In both the gospel and first reading we are reminded that God is the one who forgives and we are the sinners.

We are presented with that giant of a person from the Hebrew Scriptures, King David, as he is spoken of in our reading from 2 Samuel. Our reading puts us after David has sinned grievously against God. David, who must have been drunk with success and power and, like so many men in history, went the way of seduction and adultery. David uses his power and authority as king to entice the wife of Uriah, a soldier of unimpeachable loyalty, into adultery. After learning that she was pregnant with his child he further abuses his power and authority by having Uriah killed. Life for David went on as if nothing wrong happened. It was only through the words of the prophet Nathan that David is reminded of his sin. Nathan understood how much easier it is to condemn someone else than to take a good look in the mirror. He cleverly weaves a story so that David himself is faced with his guilt. When David faces his guilt he repents for his wrong and is forgiven by God.

A vital part to this story is how much the prophet reminded David of just how blessed he was. God had certainly taken care of him and given him gifts in abundance. Once David realized just how blessed his life was, he became repentant for the wrong he had done. We all need to learn from this.

In the gospel we are given another example of just how forgiving God is. Jesus is invited to have dinner at the house of a Pharisee named Simon. We really don't know much about what the occasion was or for that matter how Jesus even knew this man. However in the course of the meal we are again presented with an example of just how powerful God's forgiveness is. A woman who was a sinner came in and began to wash the feet of Jesus with her tears and dry them with her hair. Simon the Pharisee, and host of the evening, was quick to point out what a terrible sinner this woman was. Jesus simply constructs a parable and shows Simon how much hypocrisy was a part of his life.

Most of us are more like Simon than like the woman. It's far easier to see what is wrong in another than it is to see what is wrong in ourselves. Nathan's work as a prophet was to help David see his sinfulness. Because David acknowledges his sin he is met with forgiveness. Like David, sometimes we need a "prophet" to help us look deeply into our own hearts and see what needs healing and forgiving.

Our liturgy this week serves as a challenge to all of us who may be too quick to judge others. Who stands redeemed before God? The one who feels he or she has no need of forgiveness or the one who needs it and receives it? Just as Nathan points out all of David's blessings, maybe if we keep our eyes turned toward all the good God has given us, we ourselves might more easily overcome whatever temptations to sin come our way.

## Anniversary Message

This weekend we will celebrate a dinner in thanksgiving for the 25 years that we have been the Epiphany of Our Lord. It is a good thing to come together and share memories and stories, but it is an even greater blessing that we have a parish that has stuck together, weathered the storm and have been given the opportunity to recognize 25 years. I have only been here for 4 years but in that time I have come to see what a warm and welcoming parish we can be. Sometimes we overlook the good that we have and we get sidetracked on many other issues.

As a parish family we have much to be thankful for and many wonderful gifts to appreciate. I share in your joy for 25 years of blessings and growth, and I know that our future has only good things in store for us as the Epiphany of Our Lord.

### Ministries

#### Prayer Shawl

Those interested in knitting or crocheting Prayer Shawls will meet at the Chapel Hall on Wednesday, June 15 at 1:00 p.m. and Monday, June 20 at 6:00 p.m. Even if you can not meet with the group, do come and choose yarn and patterns. If you're new to the craft, someone will be able to help you.

### Group News

#### Epiphany Ladies

The Epiphany Ladies will hold their covered dish dinner on Tuesday, June 14 at 6:00 p.m. in the church hall. All ladies are welcomed. Members are encouraged to bring a guest.

All members are asked to bring a hot or cold side dish. The committee will provide dessert.

### Faith

#### Evangelization

We have had a group of people meet twice now, and it seems that we have a plan in place and we are moving forward. We will meet again on **Thursday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of June**. You are welcome to join us. At some point in time we will be needing help from you, our parish family. We will keep you advised as we progress with our plans. It is a wonderful thing to see so many people come together and talk about the good of our parish; we have all certainly been blessed.

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**Eternal Rest**— Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently: MARIE DiPIAZZA AND ESTELLE BIANCHI. We commend their souls to rest in the peace of Christ.

### Stewardship

#### DLA

I think that we finally have our last report for this year's DLA. I have to say that I am very proud of our parish and pleased to let you know that our pledge amount came to \$50,112! This is the highest we have been since I have been here. We heard from 452 people which are also up. This speaks extremely well of our parish family. Again, I am grateful to all of you who were a part of this year's campaign and I thank you all for your generous spirit.

### Around the Diocese

#### Fortnight for Freedom

FORTNIGHT FOR FREEDOM OPENS JUNE 21 WITH CATHEDRAL PRAYER SERVICE

Bishop Edward C. Malesic will preside at an ecumenical prayer service Tuesday, June 21, at 7 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral to open the Fortnight for Freedom in the Diocese of Greensburg. The USCCB-organized event opens on the vigil of the Feasts of St. John Fisher and St. Thomas More, two martyrs for religious freedom, and concludes July 4, Independence Day. The fortnight focuses on the many threats to religious liberty in our country, as well religious freedom concerns in other areas, such as immigration, adoption and humanitarian services. We are encouraged to urge members of Congress to represent us on these issues, as well as to pray fervently that the rights of all believers will be respected in our country.

### Congratulations to Our Graduates!



Bayley Clark, Alec Tezner, Hunter Basista