

# THE *Epiphany* OF OUR Lord

ROMAN  
CATHOLIC  
CHURCH



A PENNSYLVANIA CHARITABLE TRUST  
A PARISH OF THE DIOCESE OF GREENSBURG

**ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—JUNE 14, 2015**

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## PARISH STAFF

**Pastor** ..... Reverend Michael J. Crookston  
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**Music Director** ..... Toni Lynn Salvino  
**Parish Secretary** ..... Evelyn Winn  
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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, June 13—Vigil**  
4:00 pm +Anthony Volpe by M/M Franklin Silko

**Sunday, June 14—Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
10:30 am +Maria Bragano and Saverio Gigliotti by Family

**Monday, June 15**  
8:00 am +Comoglio & Moncini Family by Rene Moncini

**Tuesday, June 16**  
8:00 am +John Billy by Mon Valley Slovak Cultural Society

**Wednesday, June 17**  
No Mass Today

**Thursday, June 18**  
8:00 am +Joseph & Theresa Arabia by Family

**Friday, June 19—St. Romuald**  
8:00 am +Greg Pro by Bob & Myra Maisano

**Saturday, June 20—Vigil**  
4:00 pm +Living & Deceased Fathers

**Sunday, June 21—Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
10:30 am +Living & Deceased Fathers

**CHAPEL**

**Sunday, June 14—Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
8:30 am +Helen Kamenicky by Alex Kukler & Betty Nash

**Sunday, June 21—Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
8:30 am +Living & Deceased Fathers

**Sunday Offerings: \$7,366.50**

**ATTENTION ALTAR SERVERS:**

The Holy Name Society has a Gift for each altar server. Gifts may be picked up at the Church Rectory during regular business hours.

**Ministry Schedule**

**Saturday, June 20, 2015 and Sunday, June 21, 2015**

<u>Time</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Eucharistic</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
4:00 pm	M.A. Gallo	R. Kozar P. Francowic D. & B. Mandarino	A. & A. Mauro
8:30 am	J. Sepesky	K. Zimmaro K. Imbrescia B. Hughes, Jr.	B. Zboyovsky Q. Zboyovsky
10:30 am	J. Buggy	K. Byron J. Elias W. White P. Fantauzzi	K. & S. DeCurtis

**Money Counters - Monday, June 15, 2015**

V. Saunders—Finance Committee Member  
W. Anders, G. Ezzo, P. Jackson

**Congratulate our Graduates**

On Sunday we honored the graduates for 2015, it was nice for those who came. I would like to thank the Epiphany Ladies for providing once again a wonderful luncheon. We certainly are proud of the class of 2015, and congratulate all of this year's graduates wishing them the very best in their future endeavors.

**Parish Picnic**

Remember that on the 28<sup>th</sup> of this month we will celebrate our Parish Picnic at Cedar Creek Park. We have most areas of the picnic covered, however we are still looking for people to work with the children with a few games. We will be having a magician for the kids at 3:00, so we will not need a lot of games. If you think you can help with this, please give me a call in the office.



**Clearances still needed**

I still have a number of people who have not turned in all of their clearances to comply with the new laws in Pennsylvania. All of our Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors and choir members are to turn in clearances. If you have any questions about these, please let me know so that we can get this matter finished. I am grateful to all of you who have completed your clearances and have turned them in. I know that this is a lot to ask but we really have no choice, so if you have any issues with this matter, please let me know.

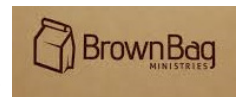
**Knights of Columbus** will pray their monthly rosary this Wednesday, June 17, at 7:00 p.m. in the Knights Council Hall. Light refreshment will follow. All are invited to come and pray.

**CDA NEWS:**

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court #776 will meet on Tuesday, June 16, 2015, at the Epiphany Chapel Hall at 7:00 p.m. The Meeting will open with the recitation of the Rosary. All Catholic women are welcome to attend and learn about the purpose of the Organization. For additional information contact Regent Pat Godla at 724-684-7235.

**Brown Bag Sunday**

Our next Brown Bag Sunday will be next weekend, June 20 – 21. This weekend will be dedicated to helping the people living in group homes here in Monessen. It has been suggested that they will be able to use gift cards. If you have any gift cards for restaurants or Wal-Mart, they will be able to put them to good use. This gives us another opportunity to help people in our community with our generosity.



**Eternal Rest**—Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently: *Elvira Marie Altomari, Caroline Terrana and Joseph D. Mondì.* We commend their souls to rest in the peace of Christ.

## *The Mystery of Life*

All of life is a mystery and it changes right before our very eyes every day without our being aware of it. Today we look at the Mystery of God's presence throughout all of history and try to understand how God works. We are left with the reality that the Kingdom of God is the greatest mystery of all.

Our Liturgy of the Word starts out with God asserting His sovereignty leaving no doubt about the power God has over the earth. If we let our imagination run with the first reading, try to imagine the image of a majestic tree which brings shelter for all the birds of heaven. In a land that is arid, this image brings a sense of comfort and peace. Ezekiel is relating to the people of Israel a message of hope for restoration in this exiled nation. Ezekiel wants to impress upon the people that God will do everything that is promised.

Ezekiel's message of God fulfilling the promise with the sheltering of majestic trees aligns itself with the parable we find in today's gospel. It seems significant that, when Jesus wanted to speak of the great mystery of the kingdom of God, what He turned to were these same every day, taken-for-granted, mysteries of growth and fruitfulness. So often, the stories Jesus tells are drawn from the world of planting, harvesting, shepherding, pruning. It is a wonder how "timeless" these parables are. As the story today of the man scattering the seed touched the minds of its first listeners, so too do we get the same message, two thousand years later. Jesus wants us to know that like the mysterious growth of new life happening without our understanding, so too is the Kingdom of God ever growing in our midst. It is the humble, almost unnoticeable beginnings, resulting in fruitful harvests, that get our attention. To preach the kingdom, as Jesus did, always carries with it an element of risk. Indeed, in Jesus' own time it sounded to some – both friends and enemies – like a call to action, even a call to arms. But this constant referring to the mystery of life itself warns against such an action-oriented reading of the kingdom. Just like the prophets before Him, Jesus urges His followers to trust not in their own efforts or plans, but in the mystery of God's powerful, ever-creative love for them. The sower still has to prepare the land, and sow the seed; but the real work of new life happens in God's secret ways, while the sower sleeps, and gets on with the rest of life.



### **RCIA – What is it?**

Over the past few months I have ask for volunteers to help start an R.C.I.A. program in our parish. Maybe it isn't clear what the RCIA is all about or what it entails. Below is an explanation of the program and where it came from.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the usual way that adults and children over the age of about 7 are brought into full communion with the Catholic Church. Although it may seem new, this practice actually dates back to the very first days of Christianity, when those who had been Jews or pagans became Christian. The idea was that those who wished to join the Christians in this new way of life would live and pray with them, and in this way learn to be one of them. This process could go on for several years, while the catechumens as they were called, gradually became familiar with the ways of praying, celebrating, and sharing with the community. Finally, after the community leaders were satisfied that they had sufficiently become familiar with this new life in Christ, they were initiated at the Easter Vigil, then for the entire Easter Season, until Pentecost, they were identified with great celebration by wearing their white baptismal garments for the entire 50 days.

The ancient way of bringing people into the community gradually gave way over the years to a more individualized model, whereby those who wished to become Catholic were given instruction by a priest or religious; and while this was fine in terms of the information they received, it really did not give the new person the sense of belonging to a community of faith. Oftentimes, those who joined the Church really didn't get to know others, and as a result, the sense of belonging to a group was lost.

If you think that you might be interested in such a ministry, please give me a call in the office.

### **Family Fun Night**

All parish families invited

June 27, 2015

\$2.50 per person (2 years old & under free.)

St. Sebastian Parish Hall

6:00 pm

Enjoy a movie, pizza and popcorn.

Bring a blanket/pillow to get comfy!



### **Vacation Bible School**

Son Treasure Island

Grades K—6

Aug. 10 thru Aug. 14

Epiphany of Our Lord

Chapel Hall, Monessen

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.

**In a Troubled Marriage?** On a Retrouvaille Weekend you don't have to share your troubles with anyone. You learn how to overcome problems by hearing how three couples got beyond the problems that almost ended their marriage and were able to mend their marriage. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on July 10, contact Retrouvaille at 412-277-3434 or e-mail [3041@retrouvaille.org](mailto:3041@retrouvaille.org). More information is available at [www.rertrouvailleofpittsburghinc.org](http://www.rertrouvailleofpittsburghinc.org).