

# THE *Epiphany* OF OUR Lord

ROMAN  
CATHOLIC  
CHURCH



A PENNSYLVANIA CHARITABLE TRUST  
A PARISH OF THE DIOCESE OF GREENSBURG

**TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—JUNE 21 2015**

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

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

**Monday, June 22—St. Paulinus of Nola; Ss. John Fisher & Thomas More**  
8:00 am +Ann Organ by Janet & Olga

**Tuesday, June 23**  
8:00 am +Nick, Irene & Nick Jr. Mascetta by Elmer & Peggy Paulina

**Wednesday, June 24—Nativity of John the Baptist**  
No Mass Today

**Thursday, June 25**  
8:00 am +Katherine Pakish by M/M Ronald Danko

**Friday, June 26**  
8:00 am In Honor of the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Ron & Barbara Croushore by Family

**Saturday, June 27—Vigil**  
4:00 pm +Louis & Barni Greco by David, Lois & Jill

**Sunday, June 28—Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
10:30 am +Gemma Dalfonso by Sisters

**CHAPEL**

**Sunday, June 27—Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
8:30 am +Living & Deceased Fathers

**Sunday, June 28—Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
8:30 am +Angeline Crisi by Crisi & Martin Families

**Sunday Offerings: \$6,679.56**

**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 27, 2015 and Sunday, June 28, 2015**

<u>Time</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Eucharistic</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
4:00 pm	M. Sacco	S. Stein S. Beneccio J. & L. Dudas	M. & J. Sacco
8:30 am	D. Jozwiak	L. Micenko J. Petritis L. DeFelices	D. DeFelices Volunteer
10:30 am	R. Godla	T. Billick R. Sassak M. Hasch L. Mandarino	M. Germinario K. Bachinski

**Money Counters - Monday, June 22, 2015**

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

**Happy Father's Day**

Today we recognize and celebrate our Fathers. It is a time to be grateful to the men who have helped form our lives. The gift of a father is one that is beyond any treasure. For the many sacrifices that our dad's have made let us all be grateful and give thanks. Spend some time showing your father how grateful you are to him for all that he has done for you. A very special prayer of gratitude to all of our Fathers, and here's wishing you all a Blessed Fathers Day!

**Brown Bag Sunday**

This week end we are designating our Brown Bag Collection to help those special needs people living in group homes here in Monessen. Know that your generosity will be greatly appreciated and I am sure it will make the lives of many people happy. Thank you for your generosity not only with this venture, but with all of our efforts here at Epiphany Church.



**Rain or Shine**, next week we will celebrate our picnic at Cedar Creek Park and we will be in pavilion #1. Mass will start at 1 o'clock with our "Picnic Luncheon" to follow. There will be games and activities throughout the day. As we prepare for the

picnic, we are asking you to bring one of your delicious side dishes, and could you bring it in a throw away container. This way we will not have to worry about washing and returning dishes. Also, you will not have to bring any serving utensils; we will provide all of those.

Here is a reminder of how we broke up the food:

- A thru H –Desserts**
- I thru O – Hot side dish**
- P thru Z – Cold side dish**

If you have a favorite dish you would like to bring and your name doesn't fall in that category, don't worry, you can bring that instead. Also, if you would like to drop off a case of pop, we could certainly use it. You can simply drop it off anytime at the office or bring it to church and leave it in the back. Once again this year we are going to play bingo. If you have anything lying around that would serve as a good Bingo prize, you can drop them off also.

We will provide a bus this year for anyone who might need a ride. The bus will leave the chapel at 11:30 am and return at 5:00 pm.

There are signup sheets in the church this weekend, if you do forget to sign up, don't worry you are still welcome! There will be plenty of food. I hope that you will be able to come next week and enjoy the afternoon with your parish family.

**Eternal Rest**—Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently: **LEWIS D. RAYMOND, MARY DELARE and MARIE A. VALENTE.** We commend their souls to rest in the peace of Christ.

***We Have Nothing to Fear!***

It has been said fear is the most widely experienced emotion. Everyone is afraid of something. From our Gospel this week we can easily see the terror which the disciples experienced as they sat in a tiny boat while the sea ravaged to swallow them up. Most of us don't have the experience of being in the midst of a body of water during a fierce storm. We can certainly relate to the powerlessness and fear that it could bring. Ancient writings and stories often make reference to the power of the sea detailing the evil dangers that lurk within. It was widely believed through many cultures that the gods were the ones in control of the sea.

Job, our first reading details how God created the great seas and set the boundaries which contained them. From this very short exert, we are left with the knowledge that the God of the Old Testament is in command over the world. The author of the book not only identifies the power and control of Yahweh, it also implies Yahweh's closeness and presence to the world. Only God can control the sea.

Mark picks right up on this notion and is clearly showing that by calming the sea, Jesus was God. Only "God" could do such a thing. Mark wants us to understand and believe in the protection of God in times of fear, distress, confusion or lack of trust. The disciples are privileged with this experience and they come to know who Jesus was, or at least they begin to put the pieces together.

The storm that we read about today is a metaphor for many things in life. Whether it refers to the church with the many difficulties it encounters, or our own personal lives as we try to live out our discipleship. In either case we see that Jesus is always in the midst of our confusion and fears; urging us forward. He is drawing them into a deeper faith and awareness of God's protection and love. We too easily forget this when faced with situations that bring fear and doubt into life. Just as Jesus responds to the fear and terror of the disciples; He also responds in kind to ours. We are able to see in a real way that it is the love and care of Jesus that will always be there with power and care.

It becomes our challenge to always rely and trust in the protective care that is before us. We are never alone even in the midst of the turbulence in life. The storming sea in the gospel symbolizes the unruly forces of chaos in life. It reminds us that the calming presence of the Risen Lord will always be in our heart, calling us to trust. It is this love of Christ dwelling within us that becomes the model for our own human experiences. As St. Paul tells us, anyone who has died with Christ no longer lives to satisfy his or her own ego, only to be for others. If we are able to forego our own fears in life we will be free to live for others. We actually have become a new creation, one that lives under the protective veil of God's love and care. Jesus is that hidden, silent God who is always there to calm the storm and still the waters.

**PREPARING FOOD FOR THE PARISH FESTIVAL—**

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

**DCCW DEANERY MEETING**

The Greensburg Diocesan Council of the National Council of Catholic Women will be holding a meeting for all Diocesan Deanery's on Tuesday, June 30th, at Saint Rose Church, Latrobe beginning at 6:00 PM with "Rosary For Priests." Meeting to follow. All women of the diocese are invited to attend. All ladies organizations in the parish are encouraged to come to hear this special presentation on NCCW / DCCW. For more information please contact Millie at 724-537-2064. Our acting president, Mrs. Denise Pencola will be making a special presentation.

**CPBW**—The Catholic Professional Business Women's group will not meet this summer. The next meeting will be September 24, 2015. More information will be provided at that time.

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.

**Family Fun Night**

- All parish families invited
- Next Sunday, June 27, 2015
- \$2.50 per person  
(2 years old & under free)
- St. Sebastian Parish Hall
- 6:00 p.m.
- Enjoy a movie, pizza and popcorn. Bring a blanket/pillow to get comfy!

**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.