

THE Epiphany OF OUR Lord

ROMAN
CATHOLIC
CHURCH



A PENNSYLVANIA CHARITABLE TRUST
A PARISH OF THE DIOCESE OF GREENSBURG

THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST—JUNE 7, 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, June 6—Vigil

4:00 pm +Leo Janol by Wife, Sophia

Sunday, June 7—Corpus Christi

10:30 am +Julius & Josephine D'Alfonso by Daughters
Graduation Mass

Monday, June 8

8:00 am +Rena Guiducci by Mary Todaro

Tuesday, June 9—St. Ephrem

8:00 am +Shaun Minniti by Kelly Sepesky

Wednesday, June 10

No Mass Today

Thursday, June 11—St. Barnabas

8:00 am +In Honor of St. Anthony

Friday, June 12—Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

8:00 am +Chris Campana by Mom & Dad



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

CHAPEL

Sunday, June 7—Corpus Christi

8:30 am +John F. Billy by Alice Kotch

Sunday, June 14—Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am +Helen Kamenicky by Alex Kukler & Betty
Nash

Sunday Offerings:

May 24—\$6,841.11

May 31—\$5,426.00

FEAST OF ST. ANTHONY—Our parish will celebrate the Feast of St. Anthony this Thursday, June 11, with Mass, special prayers and flower in his honor.

Eternal Rest—Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently: MILDRED "MIDGE" TUNNEY and JOSEPH A. VILLELLA. We commend their souls to rest in the peace of Christ.

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, June 13, 2015 and Sunday, June 14, 2015

<u>Time</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Eucharistic</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
4:00 pm	S. Surdyn	S. Stein S. Beneccio L. & J. Dudas	B. DuBreucq B. Rizzo
8:30 am	G. Pesi	N. & S. Camppus L. Micenko	S. Billy B. Speicher
10:30 am	V. Saunders	A. Frolo L. Henry S. McCarthy M. Gigliotti	K. Chavez T. Blatnik

Money Counters - Monday, June 8, 2015

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



**We Congratulate Our
2015 Graduates
at the 10:30 am Mass
today, Sunday, June 7.**

Brown Bag Sunday

Our next Brown Bag Sunday will be on the weekend of June 20 – 21. We have designated this weekend to 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.

HOLY NAME SUNDAY—Next Sunday, June 14, is Holy Name Sunday. Corporate Communion will be at the 8:30 a.m. Mass at the Chapel. There will be NO meeting in June.

Epiphany Ladies will meet this Tuesday, June 9, with a covered dish. The meeting will begin at 6:00 pm in the main church hall. Ladies, remember to bring a lottery ticket!

Epiphany Ladies Sewing Bee!

Remember that on Thursday of this week ladies will gather at the Chapel Hall at 1:00 pm to begin making throws, hats (and whatever else) for patients going through Chemo Therapy. If you would like to learn how to Knit or Crochet, this is the place to do it. All are welcome, so if you have an interest, please come!

Parish Picnic



On the 28th of this month we will be celebrating our parish picnic. Remember that the picnic will be at Cedar Creek in Pavilion #1. Last week

Church Picnic

we had a meeting for anyone interested in helping and we came up with this year's game plan. In getting ready for the picnic this year we are asking that when you bring your delicious side dish, 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 breakdown of what we are asking you to bring:

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

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 laying 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. More details will be in the bulletin in the coming weeks. For now, simply reserve the date and get ready for a wonderful time together!

The Body and Blood of Christ

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ is the very heart of what our Church is about. Everything we are, all that we do and everything that we are to become as a people of God is focused in the gift of the Eucharist. The Eucharist becomes the very heart of what we are as a sacramental church. This is the greatest gift that God has given us as people to share in. Sometimes we don't appreciate what a gift the Eucharist is.

Today our liturgy connects the sacrifices of the Hebrew Scriptures to Jesus. The Hebrews believed that blood is life; the sprinkled blood joins them to the blood splashed on the altar which symbolizes God. Thus a holy union or covenant is created with God. The author of our second reading makes the connection from the sacrifices of the Old Testament to the blood shed by Jesus for our eternal redemption. Jesus was a pure, unblemished sacrifice. While Old Testament sacrifices required the yearly sprinkling of blood on the people by a priest, Jesus, now the high priest, offers Himself a sacrifice only once and for all a sin offering for all peoples.

In our gospel, Jesus connects the bread and wine of the final meal He shared with His friends and disciples with His impending death and interprets them in light of the Old Testament tradition of sacrificial blood described in the first reading.

The honor that Catholics show to the sacrament of Christ's body and blood is not a narrow expression of shallow piety. It is, rather, an expression of our recognition of the presence of God in all that is created, especially as God appears to the little ones whom the world does not recognize. The Eucharist is at the core of social justice. As we share in His Body and Blood, we surrender ourselves to be like Christ – a Passover lamb for our world today. For the most part we don't need to look for opportunities for total self-giving; the circumstances of daily life generously present them to us. The difference is that followers of Christ see self-sacrifice not simply in terms of an inconvenience that cannot be avoided but the means to fullness of life. This gift becomes a sign and symbol of a new covenant of God's love which is taken up by the disciples as a pledge of the fullness of life God offers to us all.

As members of the Body of Christ who share in this miraculous event, we are given the strength and courage to go into our world and become the martyrs for faith and human dignity. Taking the strength we receive from the Body and Blood of Jesus to work for peace and justice for all of God's creation.



MONESSEN TRI-SPORT GOLF CLASSIC

A golf fundraiser to benefit the Boys & Girls Basketball and Football teams will take place on Monday June 15 at Cedar Brook Golf Course. Registration is at 8:00 a.m. Cost is \$360 per foursome/\$90 per person. Includes: 18 holes golf & cart, buffet, beer & refreshments, complimentary gift and skill prizes & door prizes. For more information contact George Pesi at 412-951-6829.

St. Sebastian Travel Group

Don't miss out on the August 27 & 28 trip to see "Joseph" at the Sight & Sound Theatre. The sign-up deadline is extended to Monday, June 15. For more information, call Sandy Wawro at 724-938-0865.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: 2 Cor 1:1-7; Ps 34:2-9; Mt 5:1-12
- Tuesday: 2 Cor 1:18-22; Ps 119:129-133, 135; Mt 5:13-16
- Wednesday: 2 Cor 3:4-11; Ps 99:5-9; Mt 5:17-19
- Thursday: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 5:20-26
- Friday: Hos 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9; Is 12:2-6; Eph 3:8-12, 14-19; Jn 19:31-37
- Saturday: 2 Cor 5:14-21; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Mt 5:33-37
- Sunday: Ez 17:22-24; Ps 92:2-3, 13-16; 2 Cor 5:6-10; Mk 4:26-34

Family Fun Night

All parish families invited

June 27, 2015

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

St. Sebastian Parish Hall

Following their 4:30 pm Mass

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.

Correction: Last week in the bulletin we announced the winner of this year's student of the year. The winner was Mark Blatnik and not his brother Matthew. We apologize for this oversight and we congratulate Mark and wish him only the very best as he continues his education beyond High School.