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Epiphany OUR *Lord*



A PENNSYLVANIA CHARITABLE TRUST
A PARISH OF THE DIOCESE OF GREENSBURG

ROMAN
CATHOLIC
CHURCH

Fourth
Sunday
of Lent

MASS INTENTIONS—MAIN CHURCH

Saturday, March 14—Vigil
4:00 pm +Herman Alvarez by Family

Sunday, March 15—Fourth Sunday of Lent
10:30 am +William Venneri by Knights of Columbus #954

Monday, March 16
8:00 am +Taylor & Razum Family by Lil Taylor Family

Tuesday, March 17—St. Patrick
8:00 am +Joe Vernet by Fred & Dolores Kernisky

Wednesday, March 18—St. Cyril of Jerusalem
No Mass Today

Thursday, March 19—St. Joseph
8:00 am In Honor of St. Joseph
7:00 pm Penance Service
Epiphany of Our Lord Chapel

Friday, March 20
8:00 am +Don Moore by Wife & Family
6:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 21—Vigil
4:00 pm +Casimir & Amelia Zawicki by Son, John

Sunday, March 22—Fifth Sunday of Lent
10:30 am +Calvin & Adeline Smith by Smith Family

CHAPEL

Sunday, March 15—Fourth Sunday of Lent
8:30 am +Tilda Reda by Sam & Ida Dalfonso

Monday, March 16
6:00 pm Taize Prayer Service

Sunday, March 22—Fifth Sunday of Lent
8:30 am +Gerry Elyanich by Mary Gustin

Last Sunday's Offerings: \$9,433.45

Eternal Rest—Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently: PHILLIP ANTHONY TROZZI. We commend his soul to rest in the peace of Christ.

Epiphany of Our Lord Church

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Ministry Schedule

Saturday, March 21, 2015 and Sunday, March 22, 2015

<u>Time</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Eucharistic</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
4:00 pm	L. Micenko	L. Henry A. Frolo B. & D. Mandarino	B. & B. DuBreucq
8:30 am	D. Jozwiak	J. Petritis S. & N. Campus	M. & M. Blatnik
10:30 am	V. Saunders	W. White T. Mazzei S. McCarthy R. Sassak	M. Germinario K. Bachinski

Money Counters - Monday, March 16, 2015

B. Geis—Council Member
K. Byron, B. Mandarino, C. Martucci

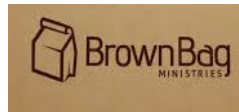
First Holy Communion Workshop

The workshop for the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist will be held on Saturday, March 21 at 9:00 a.m., in our Chapel Hall. Please make every effort to attend the workshop as it is the only one in preparation for the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist. This workshop is for of all students and their parents.



Penance Services

We are already in the fourth week of Lent and the Penance services are starting. I hope that you will make the effort and take the time to come and share in this sacrament of God's forgiving love. Our service will be on Thursday at 7:00 in the Chapel. Next week we will be at St. Anne's on Tuesday, St. John's on Wednesday and the last service will be on Thursday at St. Sebastian's. There are ample opportunities to come and share in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.



Brown Bag Sunday

Remember that next Sunday is our designated day to bring your items for the nursing homes. You can bring them to church with you and we will see that they get delivered to the nursing homes here in Monessen. This is just one more way that we are able to share our goodness with people who can use the items donated. If you have any questions about this project please give a call to the office and we will help you.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ROSARY—The Knights will pray their monthly rosary at the Knights of Columbus Council Hall this Wednesday, March 18, at 7:00 p.m. All are invited to attend. Light refreshments will follow. The rosary is held the third Wednesday of every month.

CD of A MEETING will take place on Tuesday, March 17 at the Epiphany Main Church Hall at 7:00 p.m. For more information call Regent, Pat Godla at 724-684-7235.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54
 Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
 Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30
 Thursday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rm 4:13:16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
 Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
 Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53
 Sunday: Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-15; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

The Presence of God's Mercy

As we hear the Word of God on this Fourth Sunday of Lent we are reminded of redemption and God's mercy. In the first reading we hear about the political situation of the Jewish people who are reminded of the warnings spoken by the prophet Jeremiah that unless the people repented, they would have to pay the price for their infidelities. As a result, Israel was taken into captivity and the people were the servants of the people of Persia. St. Paul in the second reading reminds us that "God, who is rich in mercy," is always with us. Then the gospel gives us the famous line, "God so loved the world that He gave His only Son." In all three readings we see that God's incredible love for all people will never be undimmed.

We can see from our readings today that history has a way of repeating itself. There are so many times in life when God might be telling us something, or at least trying to tell us something and we just are not paying attention. Hindsight might help us to see what we should have been seeing all along. We have many prophets in our world today that are trying to get us to see God's hand in creation, but we are so caught up in our own lives, our own issues that we just aren't seeing what we should be seeing or hearing. In spite of the many mistakes we might make in life, in spite of the many things that go wrong in our world, we are being told today that God restores all things and brings back to life. When all seems hopeless and lost, it is when we learn to trust in God's care that we are given hope and situations get better.

As we look back to the people of Israel, one of the greatest lessons that can be learned is that God's mercy is always with us in life. The Jewish people often felt that they had to earn that mercy and love. They believed that when they did wrong God would take that mercy away and only when the people earned the love of God was it returned to them. St. Paul is quick to remind us that God's mercy is always there, we could never earn it. He tells us that we do not earn God's grace or mercy, and salvation is not something we can boast about. It has been said that "Christ is the savior of sinners rather than a rewarder of the sinless." Christian holiness and the good works we do are not the cause of salvation. They are the result of it. The Lenten season is a time when we respond more deeply and generously to the grace that inspires us to perform the good works of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

The gospel shows us that eternal life comes from Jesus being lifted up on the cross. We simply cannot earn that ourselves, God freely gives us that gift through Jesus. It is through the death of Jesus that we are given life. We need to remind ourselves that the salvation that God brings to us is belief in Jesus accompanied by good deeds done in His name. God's mercy is always there, even when it is hard for us to see and recognize it. It is good for us to look back over our life and recognize how our lives have been changed by God's grace and mercy without any effort on our part. It is only when we realize how gifted we are with God's mercy, freely given that we are able to be lifted up and freely embrace this life that we have been given.

Prayer Chain

The Epiphany Ladies have put the prayer chain together and it is now ready to be used. If you have anyone that you want us to pray for, simply call the office with the request and before you know it, many people will be praying. If you would like to be a part of the prayer chain, you can call Betty Geis and she will put you on it. If you have any questions about this prayer chain, please feel free to call the office.

EASTER PASKA BREAD will be MADE this year by the Epiphany Ladies. Orders may be placed by using the order form below, placing it in an envelope marked "Paska Bread" and depositing it in the collection basket. Phone orders are also being accepted by Betty Geis (724-684-5037), Evie Yatchyshyn (724-684-9294) and Barbara Mandarino (724-684-5547). Persons ordering bread will be notified when to pick up their bread.



PASKA BREAD ORDER

_____ Plain Paska Bread—\$8.00

_____ Raisin Paska Bread—\$9.00

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Order Deadline is March 15, 2015.

Diocesan Lenten Appeal—DLA

Our Lenten appeal is going rather well. You will find in the pews envelopes that you can use to make your donation if you haven't already done so. Keep in mind that we are trying to raise \$65,000 so that we can work on some projects here at Epiphany. One of the big goals that I would like to see us achieve is the participation by our parishioners. Last year we had only about 30% of the people in our parish participating. I would like to at least double that amount so that we can proudly say that 60% of our parishioners participated. Please remember that I am grateful for anything that you are able to give this year, but if you are not in a position to make a gift, can you at least give \$1.00. This way you will at least be participating and you will be a part of the process. I pray that our campaign in the parish is a success this year. Again, if you have any concerns or questions about DLA, know that I am here to answer them.

CBPW MEETING—The next CBPW meeting is **March 24, 2015**. More details in next weeks bulletin.

If you have a concern about sexual abuse of a child or young person by anyone in a parish or diocesan position - clergy, volunteer or paid staff - please contact Bishop Brandt's delegate for matters of sexual misconduct. He may be reached at 724-837-0901, Ext. 1221.