

THE *Epiphany* OF OUR *Lord*



A PENNSYLVANIA CHARITABLE TRUST
A PARISH OF THE DIOCESE OF GREENSBURG

Third
Sunday
of Lent

MASS INTENTIONS—MAIN CHURCH

Saturday, March 7—Vigil

4:00 pm +Targinio, Greco, Reno, Mascetta & Assenat Families and John, Fiore & Angela Sacco by Anthony Mascetta

Sunday, March 8—Third Sunday of Lent

10:30 am +Ida & Giordano Sala by Family

Monday, March 9—St. Francis of Rome

8:00 am +Mike Maisano by Rick & Patty Alcorn

Tuesday, March 10

8:00 am +Walter Cecelia by Family

Wednesday, March 11

No Mass Today

Thursday, March 12

8:00 am +Marie Cicarelli by Bob & Beverly Mascetta
7:00 pm Lenten Penance Service
Holy Family Church, West Newton

Friday, March 13

8:00 am +Leonard Kotch by Family
6:00 pm Stations of the Cross

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

CHAPEL

Sunday, March 8—Third Sunday of Lent

8:30 am +Edward Hasco by Dorothy Jarabeck

Monday, March 9

6:00 pm Taize Prayer Service

Sunday, March 15—Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:30 am +Tilda Reda by Sam & Ida Dalfonso

Last Sunday's Offerings: \$7,051.27

Eternal Rest—Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently: JULIA C. ALTEMARA and MARY GUERRA. We commend their souls to rest in the peace of Christ.

Epiphany of Our Lord Church

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Ministry Schedule

Saturday, March 14, 2015 and Sunday, March 15, 2015

<u>Time</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Eucharistic</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
4:00 pm	M.A. Gallo	S. Beneccio S. Stein B. Anders S. Surdyn	K. Chavez Volunteer
8:30 am	J. Sepesky	K. Zimmaro K. Imbrescia B. Hughes, Jr.	S. Billy B. Speicher
10:30 am	J. Olup	K. Byron V. Saunders M. Gigliotti P. Francowic	B. & Q. Zboyovsky

Money Counters - Monday, March 9, 2015

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

Lenten Devotions

Lent affords all of us an opportunity to become more aware of our Blessings and the many ways

God asks us to share them. Attending an extra liturgy during the week is a wonderful way to grow in your relationship with God. Remember that we have a Taize prayer service which meets on Monday evenings at 6:00 pm. This is a prayerful experience that only lasts about a half hour.

Friday's during Lent we pray the stations together at 6:00 pm. in the main church. I do hope that your schedules allow you to come and be a part of these devotions.

Celebrating the Resurrection

After our experience with the performance by our children at Christmas, we are looking forward to a repeat performance with the Epiphany players production of "The Empty Tomb." Once again we are looking for volunteers – Preschool, Elementary Age or Pre Teens to participate in this miraculous story. We will perform this production the week after Easter at the 10:30 am liturgy. If anyone is interested you can call Patty Alcorn at (724) 684-6308 for more information.

Brown Bag Sunday

Remember that our project for this month's Brown Bag Sunday will be to collect items for the two personal care homes here in Monessen, Victoria House and Hallsworth.



Articles that can be donated are things such as: Lap robes, Tissues, Wipes, Bibs of any kind, hair brushes and combs, tooth brushes, body lotion. They also can use items to give for prizes at their Bingo.

You can begin to bring in the items you wish to donate. We will deliver them to the nursing homes on the 22nd of March.

Pierogi Making: Main Church Hall, 7:30 a.m. Mar. 9, 16, 23.

ATTENTION ALL MINISTERS

The Spring schedule for Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Altar Servers will be prepared next week. If you will not be available from April 1 thru June 30, please call the Parish Office or contact Darleen Koury at dkoury@dioceseofgreensburg.org. The schedule for Easter and Holydays will be announced in the bulletin.

Diocesan Lenten Appeal—DLA

As we begin this year's campaign we are certainly off to a wonderful start. Thus far we have heard from 35 people and have already accumulated \$8,115.00! I am very optimistic that we will reach our parish goal of \$65,000. If you have any questions about this year's campaign, please know that I am here to answer them.

Readings for the Week of March 8, 2015

Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25
Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23
Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14
Next Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21

A Cleansing of our Hearts

Today our liturgy is packed with violence as well as the very laws that were given to protect people from violence. It seems that we are presented with yet another contradiction in the message of Jesus. Here is a man who most often shows us the extreme example of what it means to live a peaceful life losing his temper and exhibiting a great deal of violence directed at a number of people. Jesus is cleansing the temple alright, but why is he doing it in such a violent manner? Try to imagine yourself inside that temple, going about your own business when all of a sudden Jesus freaks. I am sure that it was unsettling to say the least.



Why was Jesus so angry? Was it because there were people in the temple taking advantage of others? Were people taking advantage of a sacred space for their own gain? Was it because Jesus was far more concerned with justice rather than sacrifice? It is probably a little of all these reasons. Were the people really doing something wrong? Was not the temple the “safe” place to offer sacrifice and do commerce? So, why did Jesus all of a sudden object to what had been happening in the temple for hundreds of years. It is obvious that he wanted the people to understand he was claiming absolute authority over the Temple, that his risen body would become the central shrine that would replace the Temple.

We as Christians do not like violent images of Jesus. When we think of Jesus we like to do so as that gentle man who sat peacefully on the mountain giving his life changing sermon, or the individual who beckoned the children to come to him. We don’t mind seeing Jesus feeding the 5,000 or raising someone from the dead. These are all peaceful images of how we like to imagine Jesus. However, the man brandishing the whips and cords doesn’t necessarily sit well with us.

Life as we live it has an awful lot of violence to it. As we see Jesus reacting so violently we are confronted to the violence within ourselves, or at least the potential of violence. We are confronted in the same way that the love of Jesus may be lacking in us. We react to violence in a number of ways. Often we tend to take out our rage and anger on someone or something else, exhibiting passive aggressive behavior. Or, we can embrace a mass amount of guilt and take on the responsibility for the evil in life making ourselves to blame. However, the real meaning of violence lies somewhere between these two extremes. It is good for all of us to probe the meaning of violence in our own lives as well as in our nation.

Not all anger need explode into violent behavior. There is a certain violence in the way we speak of other people who are different from us, the ways we use power to exploit the weak, the ways we are silent in the face of massive injustice, the ways in which people in leadership lie to us and their lies lead to violence. There is violence in any behavior that de-humanizes people. Jesus did purify the temple, maybe to show us how during Lent we all need to purify the temples of our hearts.

HOSPITAL’S BIG BLOOD DRIVE—On March 28 from 7:00 to 10:00 am, for \$25 Mon-Valley hospital will do blood count, chemistry profile and lipid profile. Also available: Hemoglobin A1C, TSH, PSA, Vit D for an additional charge. Required pre-registration for an appointment, fasting for 12 hours, and a doctor’s name to send results to but no prescription needed. Call 724-258-1282(M-F 8:30 am to 2:30 pm) until March 25 to make your appointment.

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.

Remember that we have a delicious Fish Fry every Friday from 11:00 am until 6:00 pm!

CDA MONESSEN COURT #776

The Court will meet on Tuesday, March 17, at the Chapel Hall. The rosary will precede the meeting at 7:00 p.m. New Members are welcome to attend and learn about the mission and purpose of the Organization. Betty Geis will speak to the Court on Evangelization. Call Regent Pat Godla for additional information at 724-684-7235

HOMEMADE SAUSAGE SALE For each sausage of your choice, a **two-pound minimum per item is required.** **Order deadline is March 9.** Orders may be picked up on **Tuesday, March 24 after 1 pm** and on **March 25 from 9 am—5 pm** at the Chapel Hall. To order call: Kenny (724-929-3464), Ron (724-684-4962) or John (724-684-7323).

Sausage Order (2 lb. minimum per item required)

_____ lbs Sweet Sausage @ \$4.50/lb.

_____ lbs. Hot Sausage @ \$4.50/lb.

_____ lbs. Hot, Hot Sausage @\$4.50/lb.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Deadline Date to Order is March 9, 2015.