

THE Epiphany OF OUR Lord

ROMAN
CATHOLIC
CHURCH



A PENNSYLVANIA CHARITABLE TRUST
A PARISH OF THE DIOCESE OF GREENSBURG

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER—MAY 17, 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, May 16—Vigil
4:00 pm +Jesse Balogh by Brother, John Zawicki

Sunday, May 17—Seventh Sunday of Easter
8:30 am +Jennie & Anthony Caruso by Antoinette Caruso
10:30 am +Raymond Coccioline by Knights of Columbus

Monday, May 18—Pope St. John I
8:00 am +Ralph Nicksich by Wife, Rosalie

Tuesday, May 19
8:00 am +Doris Kukler by Husband, Alex Kukler & Family

Wednesday, May 20—St. Bernadine of Siena
No Mass Today

Thursday, May 21—St. Christopher Magallanes & Companions
8:00 am +Thomas Powlowsky by Wife, Margaret

Friday, May 22—St. Rita of Cascia
8:00 am +Evelyn Kowell by Sandi & Joe Denti

Saturday, May 23—Vigil
4:00 pm +Al Vivio by Helen & Family

Sunday, May 24—Pentecost Sunday
10:30 am +David & Rose Perotti & Irene Vizza by Family

CHAPEL

Sunday, May 24—Pentecost Sunday
8:30 am +Chris Campana by Mom & Dad

Sunday's Offerings: \$7,088.29

Eternal Rest—Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently: JOSEPH GLADYS, WILLIAM MARSDEN and MARY E. McGOVERN GEORGE. We commend their souls to rest in the peace of Christ.

HIGH SCHOOL 2015 GRADUATION MASS will take place on Sunday, June 7, during the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, May 23, 2015 and Sunday, May 24, 2015

<u>Time</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Eucharistic</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
4:00 pm	G. Pesi	R. Kozar L. & J. Dudas S. Surdyn	B. & Q. Zbojovsky
8:30 am	J. Sepesky	S. & N. Campus K. Imbrescia	S. Billy Volunteer
10:30 am	M.A. Gallo	K. Bryon V. Saunders J. Elias M. Hasch	K. Chavez T. Blatnik

Money Counters - Monday, May 18, 2015

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

Pentecost Celebration!

Next week we celebrate Pentecost Sunday, the gift of the Holy Spirit among us. As we look at what a treasure this is to our church we all open our hearts to share in the fullness of what that Spirit is about. Since the color for the Holy Spirit is red, we are asking all of you to wear something red next week!



**Holy Name Society
Mothers and Fathers Day Breakfast**

The Holy Name Society will sponsor a combined Mothers and Fathers Day Breakfast today, Sunday, May 17, 2015 after the 8:30 am Mass **which will be at the Main Church**. Following the breakfast the Man of the year award will take place, also the Senior Boy of the year award. The breakfast this year will be *Free* at no cost to those who attend.

CDA NEWS: The Mother/Child Dinner of Court Monessen #776 will be held this Tuesday, May 19th, at Hoss's Steak and Seafood in Belle Vernon, PA. at 6:00 p.m. Reservations can be made by calling Rose Marie Lesovic by at 724-929-7314. Guests are welcome. Members are reminded to bring a plant for Mary's Garden. All women of the parish are welcome to attend and learn about the purpose of the Organization. For additional information contact Regent Pat Godla at 724-684-7235.

Knights of Columbus will pray their monthly rosary this Wednesday, May 20, at 7:00 p.m. in the Knights Council Hall. Light refreshment will follow. All are invited to come and pray.

Catholic Communication Campaign

The annual collection for the U.S. bishops' Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC) will be held in the Diocese of Greensburg this weekend, May 16-17. Half of the donations stay in the diocese to support local projects, including *The Catholic Accent* and the diocesan website. The other half supports multimedia projects from the Catholic Communication Campaign, an initiative of the U.S. bishops that promotes Gospel values through both new and traditional media. For examples of local projects, go to the diocesan Web site: www.dioceseofgreensburg.org. For more information about national projects, visit: www.usccb.org/nationalcollections

Diocese of Greensburg

Special Collection for the Victims of the Nepal Earthquake Weekend of May 23/24

We are all so keenly aware of the recent earthquakes that have occurred in Nepal and the devastation that has resulted in the aftermath of this horrific natural disaster. During these trying times, thousands of people have lost their lives and even more have lost homes, been injured and have fallen victim to disease and displacement. Bishop Brandt has approved a special collection to be taken up in the parishes of our Diocese the weekend of **May 23/24, 2015** to assist the people of Nepal.

Power of Prayer and Love

The Church is winding down with the Season of Easter and we hear the stories about how the early Christians worked to continue the message of Jesus. Over the past few weeks we have heard from John about the importance of love. That has to be the key ingredient to whatever the church is supposed to grow into. There are so many ways that we need to look at what this “love” is calling us to live. We are reminded in the first reading that every institution, whether political or religious needs to have structures that guarantee continuity and security. Families, schools, churches, and clubs all have them. We see how important it was to the apostles to have twelve members. This was an important issue because Jesus had promised that the 12 tribes of Israel would be restored and that they would rule in God’s kingdom. Continuity between the old and the new is guaranteed.

In choosing the successor for Judas, the apostles relied on the power of prayer before they made such an important decision. Throughout the New Testament we find that the importance of prayer was always recognized when any important decision was to be made. As they cast lots they trusted on the power of God’s love to guide them in their decisions and choice. The only thing we know about their requirements for this successor was that he had to be “one of those who was in our company all the while we had the Lord Jesus with us.” It is interesting to note that very little was known about any of the apostles. The New Testament rarely mentions them. When we think of them we tend to think of them as a group rather than individuals. After their choice the idea was that life would go on, and the work of the church could continue.

In the Gospel we find Jesus praying for the success and well being of the future church. He makes reference to fears, joy, unity, happiness and holiness. This is a heartfelt reminder to us all that we do not set off to continue the ministry of Jesus on our own and without assistance; we receive the Holy Spirit and thus are assured of receiving the blessings for which Jesus prays. We take up Jesus’ ministry and are his risen presence in the world. The world for Jesus made reference to anything that was hostile to God. It was surely promised that the disciples would meet hostility in the world therefore Jesus prayed that they be “kept from the evil one” and share in his joy. In scripture, joy is that special grace that assures that, no matter what happens, a sense of God’s presence will never go away. These were the final words from a man who showed the disciples how to love and how to believe that faith in him will conquer all their troubles and fears.

With all of this comfort and support, why then do we still find it so difficult to love as we are called to? Why is love so hard to show or even talk about? First of all love must go out from each of us, it must come from within and this takes energy. When we love, we risk things like rejection and pain. Past experiences with love often keep us from loving as we should. In spite of these apprehensions, this is what we are all called upon to do: love one another! We simply cannot love alone. Love is always relationship. When the handsome Greek youth Narcissus stared at, and fell in love with his own image in a reflecting pool of water, he died! Jesus showed us that love is a conviction, a voice, and an action. Know that as Jesus prayed for the disciples, he prays also for us. This prayer feeds us to go out and love as we have been called to love, to live as our Baptism strengthens us to live.

RELIGIOUS ARTICLES—Next weekend (May 23/24), our brothers and sisters representing the Bethlehem Christian Families; a nonprofit organization through Land of Peace will be with us speaking about the Christian situation in the Holy Land and selling Crucifixes, religious art work, and rosaries—all made of olive wood which is native to Israel and Bethlehem. Since tourism has greatly depleted, Christian families in the holy land, who depend on tourists, have been greatly affected. The goal of this mission is to build a Charitable Hospital in Bethlehem and help the poor and needy families in Bethlehem and Jerusalem. Sale of these goods will help them very much and also give you the opportunity to have “something” authentic from the holy land. Please browse and buy some articles. It is for a good cause and also a help to your personal devotion. For more information please see Website: www.landofpeace.org and www.bcfmission.com.

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.

Thank You to Our Religious Education Staff & Volunteers

On Monday, May 4, the final classes of the 2014/2015 Religious Education Program were held. The classes are for students of Epiphany of Our Lord and St. Sebastian Parishes. Special thanks to all the Religious Education teachers and aides:

Grade K—Carrie Angelo & Colleen Lazar

Grade 1—Melanie Patterson & Denise Seman

Grade 2-A—Lianne DeFelices

Grade 2-B—Sandy Wawro

Grade 3—Rachel & Bill Hoffman & Vanessa Flower

Grade 4—Carol Rhodes & Bobbi Ann Wright

Grade 5—Kim Duranti

Grade 6—Marcey Moore

Also thanks to the parents who donated their time and ice cream toppings for the ice cream social at the closing of this Rel. Ed. School year; and thanks to all who volunteer their time and talents to this Ministry by sharing their Catholic Faith with the young people of these parishes.

St. Sebastian Travel Group

On August 27 & 28 we will travel to Lancaster PA to see “Joseph” at the Sight & Sound Theatre. This overnight stay will include a visit to the American Music Theatre. Sign-up deadline is extended to June 15. Flyers can be found in the back of the church/chapel. For more information, call Sandy Wawro at 724-938-0865.