

# THE *Epiphany* OF OUR Lord

ROMAN  
CATHOLIC  
CHURCH



A PENNSYLVANIA CHARITABLE TRUST  
A PARISH OF THE DIOCESE OF GREENSBURG

**THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—NOVEMBER 15, 2015**

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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, November 14—Vigil**

4:00 pm +Kirk & Ken Danko by Frank, Becca & Bella Rizzuto

**Sunday, November 15—33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

10:30 am +Legion of Mary by Members of the Legion of Mary

**Monday, November 16—St. Margaret of Scotland**

8:00 am +In Honor of the Blessed Mother by Donor

**Tuesday, November 17—St. Elizabeth of Hungary**

8:00 am +Loretta Stefansky by Margie Mayernik

**Wednesday, November 18—Dedication of the Basilicas of  
Ss. Peter & Paul**

No Mass Today

**Thursday, November 19**

8:00 am +Bob Stark and Teresa & John Dodaro by Family

**Friday, November 20**

8:00 am +Deceased Members of the Lenio & Jozwiak Family by Dorothy Jozwiak

**Saturday, November 21—Vigil**

4:00 pm +Thomas & Elizabeth Dalfonso by Angelo Galante

**Sunday, November 22—Solemnity of Christ the King**

10:30 am +Leo Janol by Wife, Sophia

**CHAPEL**

**Sunday, November 15—33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:30 am +Tony & Joanne Lapresti by Family

**Sunday, November 22—Solemnity of Christ the King**

8:30 am +Elsie Wisyanski by Family

*Last Sunday's Offerings—\$6,833.92*

**Scheduling Masses**

The Mass book for 2016 is here and you can now book Masses. Because of the limited amount of Masses, we are asking that you book only **two Masses per family and of those two, only one can be over a weekend.** If you have any questions about this, please feel free to contact me at the office.

**Ministry Schedule**

**Sat., November 21, 2015 and Sun., November 22, 2015**

<u>Time</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Eucharistic Min.</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
4:00 pm	R. Kozar	S. Surdyn S. Stein L. & J. Dudas	A. & A. Mauro
8:30 am	J. Sepesky	L. DeFelices K. Imbrescia B. Hughes, Jr.	S. Billy M. Blatnik
10:30 am	R. Godla	T. Mazzei A. Frolo L. Mandarin M. Gliotti	K. Bachinski T. Blatnik

**Money Counters - Monday, November 16, 2015**

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

**Christmas Giving Tree**

I would just like to remind you that in two weeks as we start the Advent Season you will all have the opportunity to take a name from our "Giving Tree." The tree will have names of local children who need our help to celebrate Christmas. I will have tags on a tree with the information that will help a needy child. All you have to do is buy the gift, wrap it and bring it back, we will take care of delivering it. If you have any questions about this Giving Tree project, please feel free to contact the office.



**CDA MONESSEN COURT #776** will meet on Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, at the Epiphany of Our Lord Church, Chapel Site beginning at 7:00 p.m. A memorial service will be held for our deceased members. Women of the parish are welcome to "come and see" what the CDA has to offer and learn about the purpose of the Organization.

**Advanced orders** for our "World Famous Cheese Balls" can be placed with any member or call Regent Pat Godla for additional information at 724-684-7235.

**TURKEY BINGO – November 22nd**

The Ladies of The Epiphany of Our Lord Church are hosting a TURKEY BINGO on Sunday, November 22nd, at the Church Hall, Knox Avenue, Monessen. The Bingo will start at 2:00 p.m. Admission is \$5.00. The Youth of the Parish are asked to help at the Bingo; to volunteer call Pat Godla at 724-684-7235. The public is invited to attend. Refreshments are available. Fun for the whole family.

**Brown Bag Sunday**

Next weekend we will have another Brown Bag Collection. This time we are asking that you bring in mittens, scarves and hats. We will distribute these items during the Library Christmas event. Any size will do!

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** will pray their monthly rosary this Wednesday, November 18, at 7:00 p.m. in the Knights Council Hall. Light refreshment will follow. All are invited to come and pray.

**New Workbooks...**

Lectors don't forget to stop back in the sacristy and get your new workbooks...

**Anniversary Celebrations**

Last week we had a meeting to finalize all of the plans for celebrations on the occasion of our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as the parish of "The Epiphany of Our Lord." There are many exciting things planned. You will get a letter in December with the dates and places for these events.

**Pierogi's for the Holidays** are on sale at the church office while supplies last. Bags of two dozen for \$14.00.

**Eternal Rest**—Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently: **DOROTHY KOVATICH.** We commend her soul to rest in the peace of Christ.

**Death is a Part of Living**

During the month of November we remember in our thoughts, prayers and masses all of the faithful departed. Also during this month we will end another Church Year. Because of these two factors our liturgy pushes us into thinking about the end of times. Death and dying is one aspect of life that none of us like to think of; and yet we all know that death is the one part of living that awaits us all.

Even though we know in our minds that death is a part of life and a part of God’s plan for salvation, often our hearts tell us something different. Whenever someone that we love dies, a part of our heart goes right with them. This is the part of dying that we don’t like to think about. Too often we forget about the hope that our faith connects to dying and what would life be without hope. In today’s readings we hear from the Prophet Daniel, as well as Jesus, speaking about those last days and what a message of hope they give us.

The setting for both Jesus and Daniel was a world filled with pain and suffering. It seemed as though the end of times was near. The type of writing we hear from in both the first reading as well as the Gospel is known as apocalyptic literature. The word itself means an unveiling of something that is not known. This type of literature is filled with stark images about the end of the world and the eternal realm of God. However, the darkness doesn’t get the last word. We are reminded that people would experience bliss and see “new heavens and a new earth.” We are given images of light and darkness, goodness and evil, redemption and judgment, reward and punishment. A New Jerusalem appears on the horizon and the wedding feast of the Lamb presents Christ as victor.

By assuring us of an end of time when the world as we know it will disappear, it makes the present time all the more important and special; at least it should! The words of Jesus referring to the end of time are certainly not meant to scare people. Rather they remind us to pay attention to life and the choices that we make. I suppose that old saying which tells us not to put off until tomorrow what can be done today is appropriate. As we near the end of the Church year we are asked to look at our lives and see how we are living and what choices we are making. If for some strange reason God came to you and told you that your life will end tomorrow, what would you do for the last 24 hours that you had on this earth? As you look at how you would answer that question, it tells us something about how we are living. If there are many loose ends that we would want to take care of, then we need to determine why we haven’t taken care of them as they came up. If there are people we need to make up to, then why haven’t we taken care of that. It is good for us to think about life and the end of life. It is healthy to see what we are “putting off” for the tomorrows that we might never see.

Today we are reminded that Christ came to save all peoples and salvation is not limited to those who have specifically known Christ. God’s love is universal. It is not how long we live in life that is important; it is how we live that counts. As we all stand before the judgment seat of God we will be asked how we planted God’s word in our hearts. Jesus is interested in where we stand, what kingdom we belong to, what word we serve, what truth we speak, what we have done in God’s name – in this world. It is in this world that we make it or break it!

**Fall Festival**

Last Saturday evening we celebrated our Fall Festival. It turned out to be a wonderful event and those that came were well pleased. Sometimes we don’t appreciate all of the effort that goes into putting these events together and as a parish family we are blessed with many people who have generous hearts who tirelessly work to make them happen. I would like to thank Betty Geis, and Evelyn Yatchyshyn, and all of their helpers for their efforts in providing the food and refreshments. Robert Sassak is the brains behind the operation and we could not have done it without him. Dave Vince is always there to provide us with music and entertainment. Lisa Blatnik is Johnny on the spot to provide entertainment for the children. Mary Dzurik and Rita Lucas always come through with their creative ideas and the wonderful baskets. All in all there are many people who truly help to provide for our parish and I am grateful to all of you. I would also like to thank everyone who came and shared the evening; it is always a pleasure to be in the company of so many wonderful people!



**HOMEMADE SAUSAGE SALE** is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. For each sausage of your choice, a **two-pound minimum is required.**

<b>LINK</b>	<b>LOOSE</b>
_____ lbs	_____ lbs. <b>Sweet Sausage @ \$4.50/lb.</b>
_____ lbs.	_____ lbs. <b>Hot Sausage @ \$4.50/lb.</b>
_____ lbs.	_____ lbs. <b>Hot, Hot Sausage @\$4.50/lb.</b>

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

Orders may be placed by filling out the order form above, placing it in an envelope marked “Sausage Order” and depositing it in the collection basket. For more information call Ken at 724-929-3464. **The final date to place an order is November 25.**