

# THE Epiphany OF OUR Lord

ROMAN  
CATHOLIC  
CHURCH



A PENNSYLVANIA CHARITABLE TRUST  
A PARISH OF THE DIOCESE OF GREENSBURG

## FEAST OF ALL SAINTS—NOVEMBER 1, 2015

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### PARISH STAFF

**Pastor** ..... Reverend Michael J. Crookston  
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**Music Director** ..... Toni Lynn Salvino  
**Parish Secretary** ..... Evelyn Winn  
**Bulletin/Faith Formation Secretary** ..... Darleen Koury  
**Maintenance** ..... Patrick Frederick

### 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, October 31—Vigil**

4:00 pm +Andrew & Anna Benyak and Andrew & Mary Betza by Bob & Rosemary Betza & Family

**Sunday, November 1—Feast of All Saints**

10:30 am +Herman Alvarez by Wife, Children & Grandchildren

**Monday, November 2—Feast of All Souls**

8:00 am +All Souls  
7:00 pm +All Souls Service

**Tuesday, November 3—St. Martin dePorres**

8:00 am +John & Olga Capuano and Charles & Rose Silko by Franklin & Elise Silko

**Wednesday, November 4—St. Charles Borromeo**

No Mass Today

**Thursday, November 5**

8:00 am +Sinibaldo Daniele by Daughters

**Friday, November 6**

8:00 am +Rita Altomari by Husband, Eugene

**Sunday, November 8—32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

10:30 am +Ralph Greco by Wife, Eleanor

**CHAPEL**

**Sunday, November 1—Feast of All Saints**

8:30 am +Joseph A. Salvino by M/M Fred J. Naccarato

**Saturday, November 7—Vigil**

4:00 pm +Ralph Nicksich by Wife, Rosalie

**Sunday, November 8—32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:30 am +Deceased Members of the Holy Name Society

*Last Sunday's Offerings—\$6,647.75*

**Baptism Congratulations**—*We welcome ROCCO ANTHONY NACCARATO to our parish family. Rocco was baptized in the Christian Community last Saturday.*

**Ministry Schedule**

**Sat., November 7, 2015 and Sun., November 8, 2015**

<u>Time</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Eucharistic Min.</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
4:00 pm	M.A. Gallo	R. Croushore L. Henry J. & L. Dudas	K. Chavez B. Rizzuto
8:30 am	B. Hughes, Jr.	L. DeFelices S. & N. Campus	D. DeFelices S. Billy
10:30 am	J. Olup	A. Frolo L. Mandarin T. Mazzei S. McCarthy	K. & S. DeCurtis

**Money Counters - Monday, October 26, 2015**

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

**Feast of All Souls**

On Monday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of November we will have a service for all of our beloved who have died. The service will begin at 7:00 pm in the Main Church. I invite all of you to come and simply pray for all of your family and friends who have died. We will also remember all of our parishioners who have died over the past year. Hope to see you on Monday evening!



**Brown Bag Sunday**

We have two more projects for this year's Brown Bag Sunday. I know that these are close, so just do whatever you are able. We cannot always do everything, On the weekend of November 22, we are asking that you bring **mittens, scarves and hats**. These will be distributed to the children in our area through the Christmas event sponsored by the Library. Any size will do. So if you are out and see any of these items, pick some up so that we can help the children in our city be warm this winter.

On the last Sunday of this month, November 29, you will have the opportunity to take a name from our "Angel Tree." Once again this year we will be given names of children through the Head Start program so you can be assured that all of our efforts will stay in our community.



**Remember that next Saturday after the 4:00 pm Mass** we will have our Fall Festival. It will be outside the Chapel. We are planning on having a big bonfire, refreshments and a lot of fun! I hope that you will be able to come and enjoy the evening with us. It

will probably be cold out so dress accordingly.

**Pierogi Making for the Holidays**

We will be making pierogi in the Main Church Hall for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays tomorrow, Monday, November 2 and next Monday, November 9. We will begin at 7:30 am but you can come at any time. All are welcome.

**Holy Name Sunday**

Next Sunday, November 8, is Holy Name Sunday. Corporate Communion will be at the 8:30 a.m. Mass at the Chapel. The regular monthly meeting will follow the Mass in the Chapel Social Hall. Coffee and doughnut's will be served.

**October Count**

During the month of October we count all of the people who come to church. This is an annual thing done for the diocese. In looking at the numbers, we averaged about 498 people attending Mass each week. We still have many people who are members of our parish that are not going to church. Why don't you invite someone that you know who is not going to church. You might be surprised what an invitation from a friend might do.

## ***Loving God and Neighbor***

We have all heard the expression “you can’t see the forest for the trees.” This expression sums up what our liturgy is about today. Sometimes we look so hard to find answers to life’s questions and they are right in front of us. We do this so often when we talk about God and religion; we make it so difficult when in reality the solutions are right in front of us. Over the years of my priesthood people have asked how they can become better Catholics. They think that the answer is found by studying about the church and learning more about its rules and regulations. This may help us better understand the Church, but it won’t necessarily make us better Catholics. Today Jesus sums up in a very simple way what we need to do to better ourselves as people and as Catholics: “you shall love the Lord your God with all your hearts...and you shall love your neighbor as yourself.” If we live by this, then we will have eternal life.

In reality what links us and our relationship to God, neighbor, and self is love. Sometimes we focus our attention so much on law that we absolutely forget about love. It is not being able to recite the law that is important; it is being able to relate the law to God’s command of love. If we do that then we understand what it means to be a disciple. The Jewish people in the days of Jesus were so focused on knowing the law of their faith, but they did not understand what it meant to live the law. Today, we too can get caught up in just following laws without much thought. We somehow feel justified when we obey the commandments. Jesus however is reminding us that it is not as easy as just obeying a given law that counts, what really matters is how the laws we follow lead us to a deeper relationship with one another. For example, if I go to liturgy on Sunday simply because it is a law, am I really doing what is being asked of me? My reason for being at liturgy should be to share my presence and God’s love with the people that are present. Again, we see that it is not about us; rather it is about us in relationship with God and the people in our world.

The commandments as well as the laws of our faith are to be simple; showing us how to be a child of God. Their purpose is much more than to give us a list of do’s and don’ts in life. Their purpose is to help us realize that life is about relationship; ours to God and to one another. We cannot be attentive to one and at the same time ignore the other; they are connected. In linking love of God to love of neighbor, Jesus appears to want to remove morality and ethical behavior beyond the narrow, legalistic interpretation of religious practices which had crept into the Judaism of His time. The link between keeping the commandments and the nearness of God’s kingdom is love of God, neighbor, self. Only then can we offer fitting sacrifice to God.

**Prayer Chain**—The Epiphany Ladies, in an effort to increase the number of people participating in our prayer chain, are going to include texting and emailing as a method of notifying the prayer chain participants of persons in need of prayers. If you are interested in praying for people in need of our prayer, please contact Betty Geis by text 724-989-1423 or email [bettyjean66@comcast.net](mailto:bettyjean66@comcast.net).

**Enjoy Books**—Once again the Epiphany Ladies will be selling Enjoy Books. The cost is \$30.00. Books will be available after weekend Masses or from the Parish Office.

### **Vendor Sale**

The Monessen Band Parents are sponsoring a Vendor Sale on Saturday, November 14 from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at Monessen High School. There will be vendors for jewelry, homemade candles, Tupperware, baked goods, Pink Zebra, Chinese auction and much more. Start your holiday shopping and support the Monessen Marching Band as well as our local entrepreneurs!

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.

### **Election Day!**

**This Tuesday, November 3rd is Election Day! Exercise your civic duty and fulfill your social responsibility by getting out to the polls this week!**

### **School Fundraiser**

St. Sebastian Regional School will have their annual ticket fundraiser in December. The ticket cost is \$20. Each ticket has 2 four digit numbers and wins are based on the PA evening Lottery. The dates of the drawings are December 5, 12, 19, the grand prize of \$25,000 on the 25, and one more drawing on December 26.

### **Spaghetti & Ravioli Dinner**

The Holy Name Society of the Church of St. Anne, Rostraver, will hold a Spaghetti/Ravioli Dinner on Sunday, November 22, from 12-Noon until 4:00 p.m. Take out orders available immediately!. For more information call the Parish Office at 724-872-3555.

**Spaghetti Dinner**—Saint Sebastian’s is holding a Spaghetti Dinner in their Parish Hall on Sunday, **November 15**, 2015 from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Eat in or take out.

**St. Sebastian Travel Group**—**Seats are still available** for April 21& 22,2016 to see *Samson*, at the Millennium Theatre in Lancaster, PA. The cost is \$306.00 for double occupancy. A non-refundable deposit of \$50 is needed. For more information call Sandy Wawro at 724-938-0865.