

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday:

4:00 p.m.

Sunday:

8:30 a.m.; 10:30 a.m.

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
& Friday:

8:00 a.m.

Wednesday: NO MASS

October 29, 2017

THE *Epiphany* OF OUR Lord

ROMAN
CATHOLIC
CHURCH



A PENNSYLVANIA CHARITABLE TRUST
A PARISH OF THE DIOCESE OF GREENSBURG

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COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

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.

PARISH STAFF

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BULLETIN DEADLINE

Any article for the bulletin must be in the office by Monday noon.

“And this is the will of the one who sent me, that I should not lose anything of what he gave me, but that I should raise it on the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day.” – Jn 6:39-40

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, October 28—Vigil

4:00 pm +Dr. Ronald Dreucci by Aunt Rene Moncini

Sunday, October 29—Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am +Rita Masci by husband, Lawrence

10:30 am +Donald E. Frolo by Wife, Alice & Family

Monday, October 30

8:00 am +William Bailey by Wife & Children

Tuesday, October 31

8:00 am +Regina Dzurik by Mr & Mrs Angelo Galante

Wednesday, November 1

8:00 am +Parise & Cocca Families by Family

12:00 Noon +Herman Alvarez by Alvarez Family

7:00 p.m. Parish Family (Final Mass at the Main Church)

Thursday, October 26

8:00 am +All Souls

7:00 pm Memorial Service for those who have died

Friday, October 27

8:00 am +Margaret McLaughlin by Clemmie Malec

Saturday, October 28—Vigil

4:00 pm + Robert & Ruth Snyder by Snyder & Hughes Families

Sunday, November 5—Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am +Helen Kamenicky by William Bergstedt Family

10:30 am +Emilio & Tressa, Alfred, Irene, Joann Vizza by Rosalie

Collection October 22: \$6,040

World Mission Collection: \$901

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday–Thursday: 8:30 a.m. –12; 1 p.m.– 3 p.m.

Friday: 8:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Ministry Schedule — Sat. Nov. 4 & Nov. 5

Time	Lector	Eucharistic	Altar Servers
4:00 p.m.	M. Sersen	S. Stein L. Micenko L. Henry	B. Rizzuto Volunteer
8:30 a.m.	J. Petritis	F. Petrosky N. Campus S. Campus	T. Todd S. Billy
10:30 a.m.	M. Sacco LWC- P. Alcorn	W. White T. Billick K. Byron	J. Sacco M. Sacco

Money Counters - Monday, October 30, 2017

Team # 5 R. Croushore

Our Social Call to Love...

In our gospel for today Jesus uses the word love but he does so in expansive terms. Love of God which Jesus pairs with love of neighbor is a down to earth norm that governs concrete interactions with our fellow human beings, especially the neediest among us. If we wish to love God, we must care for the vulnerable and needy neighbor.



Sometimes we compartmentalize our lives in such a way that we express our love of God only in terms of religious practices, for example, faithfully going to Sunday Mass, or saying prayers. Genuine love of God must also be expressed in care for widows, the orphan, and the poor, indeed all of our neighbors. He tells the Pharisees that they must love with their all. This is exactly what Jesus did; he loved with his all to the extent that he gave his life for us. This is the social justice Jesus demands from us.

What is our responsibility as Baptized Catholics to the call and mission of Catholic Social Teaching? Are we even aware that the Church has such teaching? The Catholic Church has a long history of thinking and writing on social issues, and scriptures such as today's passage are the source. True believers will go the extra mile to care for the marginalized and the vulnerable because we are conscious of the place of the poor at the banquet table of the Lord.

The text from Exodus in our first reading speaks of poverty in a way that not many of us can relate to. Can you even imagine being so poor that the jacket you wear during the day must be your blanket at night, or that in spite of your suffering, people are able to look through you as if you didn't even exist? This is the reality of our world, and most of us do not want to see it. We are reminded once again that God is the champion of the powerless, the defender of the defenseless. In speaking of the poor, the aliens, the widows and the orphans, God is drafting a blueprint of justice and mercy, reminding the people of Israel that it wasn't too far in their past that they suffered in the same way. Are their memories so short that they forget?

You and I may never have suffered the inhumane poverty and maltreatment that is mentioned in the scriptures, but isn't that all the more reason for us to be grateful for the life we have and the blessings that we are able to share? The community of God is one where all, regardless of their state in life, must be treated with dignity and guaranteed safety so that they can live free from fear.

Just how far are we as a community willing to go to make this call of God's justice a reality? There are many issues that we are confronted with in society. Most often we turn a deaf ear and choose to ignore them, but the issues and the suffering is still there none the less. We can sit down and debate issues of illegal aliens coming to our country or the use of capital punishment as a means of solving matters of crime, but ultimately the answer will always be the same: all God's creatures great and small must be acknowledged with dignity, compassion, respect and love. This is not something that can be done in a week or a year; it is a lifetime of work and awareness.

Today we are encouraged to ask ourselves; what neighbors do we find it easy to love, and who are the difficult neighbors and why is it so challenging to love them? We need always remember that to love the unseen God through service to neighbor is the true essence of religion.

With Deepest Sympathy — Condolences are extended to the families of BERNARD MUTSCHLER, STEVE A. HAZY, SR., AND LEONARD BABINSKI. May God grant them eternal rest, and comfort to their families. We commend their souls to rest in the peace of Christ.

Stewardship

Retirement Fund for Religious

The Retirement Fund for Religious and Diocesan Priests appeal will be held November 4-5. Seventy-five percent of the funds collected will support retired men and women religious communities around the country, and 25 percent of the funds will stay in the diocese to support the retired diocesan priests' fund.

K of C Shoe Drive!

A letter from fellow Knights: Hello! We are the Knights of Columbus in Monongahela, PA. Our members are currently working on a project and we can use some help. We are collecting both adult and children's used footwear of any kind. The members will prepare the pairs of shoes to be donated to Funds2Orgs which in turn gets them to workers in Third World Countries who clean them and sell them, thus earning a living for themselves and even starting new businesses and hiring additional workers. What a great opportunity to clean out your closet and help the missions AND the KofC! Thank you in advance for your help.



We are collecting gently used SHOES for adult and children. Sneakers * Boots * Flip Flops * Slippers * Any Kind! Beginning NOW and until November 30th K of C needs to collect a total of 2,500

pairs of shoes that will be donated to needy people in third world countries. K of C will also benefit from this project as we will earn cash for each pair of shoes collected and then be able to support our communities through our contributions. The shoes will be cleaned by folks working with the missions prior to distribution but we ask that your donated shoes have no holes, torn soles, broken heels, etc. Harvest time and Thanksgiving are times for us to reflect on our blessings. Let us be blessings to the missions! Please help spread the word about this worthwhile project. Thank you in advance for your support! Please drop shoes off at The Epiphany of our Lord Parish. There will be a collection box in the back of the church.

Groups

Women's Groups The joint Ladies Christmas Party will be held on Sunday, **December 10 at 2 p.m.** at By George's Catering. More details will follow but you want to get your reservation in early. The cost is \$30. Make checks payable to Epiphany Ladies.

Epiphany Ladies

Tuesday, **November 14**, at 6:30 p.m. starting with the memorial mass for our deceased members upstairs in the Chapel. Meeting to follow afterwards in the Chapel hall. We invite all of the women of our parish to come and be a part of this organization. Please know that you are all welcome!

Pierogis

Pierogi Sale

The pierogis are ready! They will be sold in the hall after all Masses on November 11 & 12. They are sold in bags of 2 dozen / \$14 per bag. Stock up now for your holiday meal. When they're gone, they're gone.



Faith

Feasts of All Saints and All Souls

This week we celebrate two great feast days of our church. On **Wednesday, November 1** we celebrate the feast of All Saints. It is this day that we recognize all of the men and women who have died and now share in the promise of eternal glory. It is a day when we remember that we all called to be Saints in Glory with God. We will have Liturgy at 8:00 a.m. and 12 Noon. This is a Holy Day of Obligation which reminds all Catholics that we must go to Mass.

On **Thursday, November 2** we recognize all the faithful departed by celebrating the feast of all Souls. It is on this day that we remember all of our faithful departed and pray that they may one day share in the glory of all the Saints. We will celebrate a service for all Souls on Thursday Evening at 7:00 p.m. I invite all of you to come and remember your departed loved ones in prayer.

Special Mass at the Main Church

On **Wednesday, November 1** we will have a closing Mass at the Main Church. As a parish the church has served us well, and has been a major influence in our community. It is sad to see this happen, but change is inevitable and always around us. I hope you will be able to come to this Mass. We will take the Eucharist up the Chapel after Mass and have a small reception in the hall. Mass will be at 7:00 pm.

First Penance Workshop

The second preparation session for First Reconciliation (Penance) will be held on **Saturday, November 18 from 9:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m.** in St. Sebastian Parish Hall. Second grade students and their parents are to attend this session. The Sacrament of First Penance will be on Tuesday, December 5 at 6:30 p.m. in St. Sebastian Church. If you have any questions please contact Christy Cabaniss at 724-929-9300.



Mass & Class Date Change

The Mass & Class scheduled for October 29, has been changed to **Sunday, November 5** at the 9:00 a.m. Mass at Saint Sebastian with class to follow in the students usual classroom. Class will be dismissed at 10:45 a.m. There will be NO class on Monday, November 6. **There will be class on Monday, October 30 at the usual time.**

School News



Need prayers of gratitude or comfort? Our children offer up your intentions each morning in their prayers. Just email your intention to Dr. Zetty (nzetty@sssbv.org), and we will add you or your loved ones to our prayer list. Just let us know what we are praying for (e.g., gratitude for the healthy birth of a new grandchild or recovery from an injury/illness, requests for improved health, comfort for a recent or expected loss. . .) "For where two or three gather in my name . . ." Matthew 18:20 and "Let the little children come to Me, and do not hinder them! For the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these" Matthew 19:14.

Attention All Lectors The training scheduled for Nov. 4 is being rescheduled due to unforeseen circumstances.