

THE *Epiphany* OF OUR Lord

ROMAN
CATHOLIC
CHURCH



A PENNSYLVANIA CHARITABLE TRUST
A PARISH OF THE DIOCESE OF GREENSBURG

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—OCTOBER 11, 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, October 10—Vigil

4:00 pm +Denise Persico by Family

Sunday, October 11—28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am +Angela Fiore & John Sacco by Sacco Family

10:30 am +William & Lena Greco by Children

Monday, October 12

8:00 am +Bertha Bilski by Son, Ronald, Beverly & Michelle

Tuesday, October 13

8:00 am +Celestine Fiorill by Family

Wednesday, October 14—Pope St. Callistus I

No Mass Today

Thursday, October 15—St. Teresa of Jesus

No Mass Today

Friday, October 16—St. Hedwig; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

No Mass Today

Saturday, October 17—Vigil

4:00 pm +John Cieply by Wife, Dolly & Family

Sunday, October 18—29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30 am +Mary Daniele by Tim & Georgeann Kroll

CHAPEL

Sunday, October 18—29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am +John R. Billy by Parents & Family

Last Sunday's Offerings—\$6,732.25

Anointing Service

I want to thank everyone who helped last Sunday with our anointing service. Those who came were filled with the Spirit of God's healing love, and shared time with one another after the service. Thanks to all who made the day possible.

ALTAR FLOWERS—This weekend the altar flowers are in memory of the Wedding Anniversary (October 9, 1940) of William & Lena (DeMarco) Greco from their children and families—Marlene Bishop, Kathleen & Bob Kelemen, Bill & Melanie Greco and Cindi Greco.

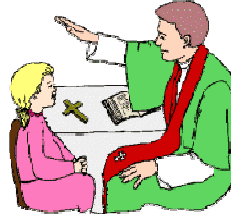
Ministry Schedule

Sat., October 17, 2015 and Sun., October 18, 2015

<u>Time</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Eucharistic Min.</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
4:00 pm	S. Surdyn	S. Stein R. Kozar D. & B. Mandarino	Q. & B. Zboyovsky
8:30 am	J. Petritis	L. Mandarino N. & S. Campus	B. Speicher M. Blatnik
10:30 am	M.A. Gallo	K. Byron P. Fantauzzi S. McCarthy T. Mazzei	T. Blatnik K. Bachinski

Money Counters - Monday, October 12, 2015

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



First Penance Preparation

The first session for First Reconciliation (Penance) will be held on Saturday, October 17 from 9:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m. in St. Sebastian Parish Hall. 2nd grade students and their parents are to attend this session. If you have any questions please contact Christy Cabaniss at 724-930-8504.

Priest's Convocation

The Bishop calls all priests of the Diocese of Greensburg to a convocation on October 14, 15, 16. There will be no Mass celebrated these three days.

First Responders Prayer Service

Bishop Edward C. Malesic will celebrate a diocesan prayer service for First Responders to honor the men and women who protect and serve the public in the Diocese of Greensburg. The prayer service is Thursday, October 22, at 7:00 p.m. in Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Greensburg.

Register at www.dioceseofgreensburg.org. If you have questions, contact Nancy Balfe at 724-834-4010, or email: nbalfe@dioceseofgreensburg.org.

Annual White Mass

The Fourteenth Annual White Mass For All Health Care Personnel will be held on Sunday, November 15, during the 11:30 a.m. Mass at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Greensburg. Bishop Edward C. Malesic, JCL will be the Main Celebrant. All health care personnel are invited to attend.

Pancake Breakfast

Once again this year the Holy Name Society and the Epiphany Ladies will sponsor a Pancake Breakfast and Bake Sale at the Main Church this Sunday October 11th from 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM. The cost of the breakfast is \$6.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children there will be take-outs available.

“Concert for Peace”

The Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill invite the public for a special “Concert for Peace” at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, October 24, at Reeves Theater, Seton Hill University. Acoustic musicians and storytellers Kim and Reggie Harris will combine traditional African-American spirituals, freedom songs, gospel music, and folk tunes to entertain, uplift, inspire, and celebrate life, freedom, environment, and community. The event is part of the Sisters’ of Charity celebration of the 40th anniversary of the canonization of Elizabeth Ann Seton and the Year of Consecrated Life. A freewill offering will be taken at the door. For more information go to www.scsch.org or call 724-836-0406, ext. 6613.

Feast of All Souls

Even though it is early, I just wanted to let you know we will have our All Souls Service on Monday the 2nd of November at 7:00 pm in the main church. This is a wonderful time to come together and remember all of those from our families and friends who have died. During this service we will recognize all who have died, including the members from our parish who have died, this past year.



What Do We Hold Onto!

Sometimes the teachings and commands of Jesus “bite us where we live.” This week is one of those times. I don’t care who we are or what we might have; today’s readings should have a dramatic affect on us all. Our lesson begins by reminding us what wonderful presence “wisdom” can make in our lives. The author of this first reading wants us to believe that wisdom is God’s gift of His own knowledge and truth so that those who are wise share in the very wisdom of God. How many of us can honestly say we try and seek out this kind of wisdom? Our second reading is telling us that nothing is hidden from God, not even our deepest thoughts or desires. Then, we are hit with that extraordinary command of Jesus to sell all that we have and give to the poor!

Try to imagine yourself being that young man who approached Jesus. He was good, living within the precepts of the law. He felt that he was already doing all that he was supposed to be doing. Then to have Jesus tell him to get rid of everything that is precious to him was just too much. He walked away sad and broken. This was simply too much to ask. We don’t know what ever happened to that rich young man but we are led to believe that he couldn’t do what Jesus was asking.

So, if we are serious about being one of Jesus’ disciples, we too must divest ourselves of everything. How many of us will be like that young man and just walk away sad? What are we really being asked to do today? I believe the question we need to ask ourselves is: what do we hold onto? What do we value in life? What do we need to rid ourselves of? If we can answer these questions then we are able to empty ourselves so that we can be free to do the Lords bidding. Jesus is telling us that if we want to inherit eternal life then we must dispossess ourselves of anything that gets in the way of responding to the invitation to follow Jesus. What is it that gets in your way?

We can make the sad mistake in thinking that Jesus is referring only to the rich. Greed and selfishness are not just attributes to those who have much; they affect all of us wherever we are in life. We all hold onto things that keep us from being free to follow Jesus. We are able to come up with many excuses why we don’t do more; we can find many ways to busy our lives so that we don’t have time. In the end, we are only fooling ourselves. So, what do you hold onto that keeps you from being that disciple, what are you clinging to? We are all being asked to give up what we value most in life. Are we able to let go? Sometimes the giving up we need to consider most seriously has nothing to do with material possessions. Maybe we need to let go of our opinions in order to listen carefully to what another is saying. Perhaps we need to get rid of our prejudice, rigidity or arrogance. Again we need to ask: what are we clinging to?

This week look at your life. Try to understand what Jesus is asking all of us to do. We all have many things that we can rid ourselves of in life. We all need to be more open to getting involved with life. What does take up your time, and just where are your priorities? However we answer these questions, hopefully we won’t be like the man in the gospel and just walk away sad doing nothing to change.

Pierogi making for the holidays

We will be making pierogis for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays on Monday Nov.2 and Monday Nov 9. We will begin at 7:30 am but you can come at any time. All are welcome.

Knitting and Crocheting Group - We will be taking a pre-holiday and holiday break. Our last class was on Oct. 8th. You may continue to crochet or knit but we will suspend our meetings until Feb. 2016. Yarn and patterns will be available at the church office. Please feel free to stop in and get your supplies. You can also drop off any finished projects. We will be delivering your gifts to the hospital in Nov. Remember only the classes are on a break, we hope you will continue your efforts through the winter months. We would like to thank all the ladies who participated. We would also like to thank the groups and individuals who donated either money or yarn for the project.

Epiphany Ladies meeting will be held Tuesday October 13 at 7 pm in the main church hall. Preceding the business meeting, The Mid Mon Valley Shipmates will present a program about Flag Etiquette. All women of the parish are invited to attend and guests are always welcomed. The Enjoy books are in and available for purchase. The price is \$30.00 - same as last year. Books can be obtained on Sundays at Church or from Church office.

Prayer Chain

The Epiphany Ladies, along with several other parishioners, have been busy for the past year praying for many of our church members, family and friends. In an effort to increase the number of people participating in our prayer chain, we 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 prayers, please contact Betty Geis by text 724-989-1423 or email bettyjean66@comcast.net. We will also continue to do personal phone calls thru the chain for those who prefer this method. **Prayer does work** and those in need do find comfort in knowing their parish family is actively praying to God, to help them during a difficult time. Please consider becoming a part of our Evangelization project.

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. School families will be in the church vestibule with the fundraising tickets on November 22, 10:30 am Mass; November 28, 4:00 pm Mass; November 29, 8:30 am & 10:30 am Masses.