

THE *Epiphany* OF OUR Lord

ROMAN
CATHOLIC
CHURCH



A PENNSYLVANIA CHARITABLE TRUST
A PARISH OF THE DIOCESE OF GREENSBURG

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—OCTOBER 18, 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 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

Monday, October 19—St. John deBrebeuf and St. Isaac

Jogues & Companions

No Mass Today

Tuesday, October 20—St. Paul of the Cross

8:00 am +Lewis Arabia by Family

Wednesday, October 21

No Mass Today

Thursday, October 22—Pope St. John Paul II

8:00 am +Leonard Winn by Family

Friday, October 23—St. John Capistrano

8:00 am +Gerry Minniti by Family

Saturday, October 24—St. Anthony Mary Claret

2:00 pm *Sacrament of Marriage*

Tonya Cuevas and Anthony Vaccaro

Saturday, October 24—Vigil

4:00 pm +Anthony Volpe by Family

Sunday, October 25—30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30 am +Gary Cope by Sister, Carla Runfola

CHAPEL

Sunday, October 18—29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Sunday, October 25—30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am +Saccia Family by Connie Miceli & Family

Last Sunday's Offerings—\$5,698.38

Pierogi making for the holidays

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

Second Collection The second collection this weekend is the annual Mission Sunday collection.

Ministry Schedule

Sat., October 24, 2015 and Sun., October 25, 2015

<u>Time</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Eucharistic Min.</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
4:00 pm	L. Micenko	S. Beneccio R. Croushore L. & J. Dudas	K. Chavez B. Rizzuto
8:30 am	B. Hughes, Jr.	L. DeFelices L. Henry J. Petritis	D. DeFelices S. Billy
10:30 am	G. Pesi	A. Frolo R. Sassak L. Mandarin M.A. Kostolansky	S. & K. DeCurtis

Money Counters - Monday, October 19, 2015

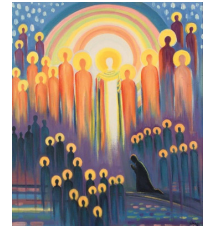
S. Kostelac—Finance Committee Member
K. Byron, B. Mandarin, C. Martucci

Stewardship Renewal

I would like to say Thank You to all parishioners who returned their Stewardship Commitment Form last weekend. If you have not returned yours yet, please return it at Mass next weekend or by mail or directly to the church office.

Feast of All Saints and all Souls

In two weeks we will celebrate two great feast days in the Church. On Sunday November 1st we celebrate the feast of All Saints. As a Church we recognize all of those countless men and women who have died and now share in the eternal peace of Christ and bear the title of "Saint". On Monday November 2nd we remember all of our faithful departed. We come together and pray for them that one day they will share in that same Saintly Glory. Our service will be at 7:00 p.m. on Monday evening. I invite all of you to come and pray for your departed loved ones.



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.

CDA MONESSEN COURT #776 will be celebrating **CDA Sunday on October 18th at the 10:30 a.m. Mass.** The regular monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, **October 20th**, at the Epiphany of Our Lord Church, Chapel Site beginning with the rosary at 7:00 p.m. All Catholic Women are invited to our "come and see" court meeting to learn what CDA is all about. Call Regent Pat Godla for additional information at 724-684-7235.

CBPW Meeting

This month's meeting of the Catholic Business and Professional Women will be held at the New Alpine Club, Grand Boulevard, Monessen, on Tuesday, October 27, 2015 at 6:00 pm. The scheduled topic for discussion is **CHURCH in AMERICA.** Plan to attend and bring a friend/future member. NOTE: There will be **NO** November meeting.

Knights of Columbus will pray their monthly rosary this Wednesday, Oct. 21, at 7:00 p.m. in the Knights Council Hall. Light refreshment will follow. All are invited to come and pray.

Pancake Breakfast

We are grateful to the men for providing such a delicious breakfast last week. Also, the ladies did a fabulous job with the bake sale. This is just one more way that we as the family of Epiphany are blessed!

Eternal Rest—Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently: LEWIS ARABIA and MARTHA ELIZABETH DeMARCO. We commend their souls to rest in the peace of Christ.

Called to be True Servants

In looking at what our Liturgy is speaking to us about we find issues of power, control and manipulation in direct contrast with humility, suffering and service. All of these things are a part of life and at certain periods of our lives we seek them all out. Life as we know it is full of contradictions. We tend to operate on a spectrum of opposing forces. We love and we hate, we are generous and we are greedy, we give and we take. We live out of these extremes every day.

Today we focus on leadership and what makes a good, honest leader. Jesus tells us that a good leader is one who lives out of the will of God and allows that will of God to be accomplished through them. In our world, people are starving for good servant leaders; people willing to give of themselves for the good of others. Look at all of the campaign advertisements we are exposed to. Those wanting positions of power are always promising to be that “suffering servant” we hear about in the first reading. They are fond of pointing out the faults and weaknesses of opponents, trying to manipulate the vote to swing their way. Once they do get into office, titles and power become more important than the reason why they are there. This is a temptation which can be found with all leadership, whether in government or religion.

The need for power that we see in the two apostles James and John, in wanting positions of honor in Jesus’ Kingdom, can be found in all of us. We all strive for those positions of honor and prestige once in a while; there is a part of us that likes the idea of being famous. However, we are reminded that with power and honor comes suffering. We must be willing to “drink of the cup” that Jesus drinks if we are to be true leaders in life. If we are not willing to suffer and give of ourselves then we are only kidding ourselves. Society dictates to us the importance of winning and being on top, and we are often told that humility certainly doesn’t win ball games. So, we are dealing with yet another contradiction in life. On the one hand, Jesus is telling us we need to be servants if we are to be true leaders; and on the other hand, society gives us the impression that we are to win and be on top no matter what it takes.

I have always felt that one of the reasons why Jesus was so very successful and believable is because he never sought after power, titles or honors. He spent His life in true service of others. I think that we are to carry with us the simple message not to turn life into an endless power game. We are called upon to live life, do good, and set ourselves aside for others. In doing so, we will experience the promise of resurrection. Remember that the presence of God can always be found in service to others!

Certificate in Pastoral Ministry

All the baptized are called to serve the mission of the Church. Among them are those called to minister publicly “in the name of the Church”. If you have a desire to serve the Church as a lay ecclesial minister or permanent deacon, now is the time to learn more. Join us for our next Certificate in Pastoral Ministry Information Session scheduled for October 29 at 5:30 P.M. at Seton Hill University. A joint venture of the Diocese of Greensburg and the University, the certificate program serves the educational and formational needs of adults who are committed to the mission of Christ within the Roman Catholic Church. Diocesan and University representatives will be available to talk about the program and answer your questions. To learn more, log on to: <http://goo.gl/ZSkXTf>. Please direct questions about lay ecclesial ministry and the certificate program to Marsha Kable, mkable@dioceseofgreensburg.org, 724-837-0901. For questions about the permanent diaconate, contact Fr. Jonathan Wisneski, jwisneski@dioceseofgreensburg.org. To register for the information session and receive directions to Seton Hill, contact Debbie Fredo, fredo@setonhill.edu, 724-552-4367.

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. For more information you may call the school at 724-929-5143.



MAY WE PRAY FOR YOU?

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.

DCCW—ALL DEANERIES MEETING

Greensburg Diocesan Council of Catholic Women invites all women of the diocese to attend the next Deanery IV meeting on Wednesday, October 28, beginning with the Rosary for Priests at 6:00 PM in the Assembly Room at Saint Vincent Basilica, Latrobe. Please come and see what NCCW - National Council of Catholic Women and DCCW-Greensburg Diocesan Council of the National Council of Catholic Women is all about.