

THE *Epiphany* OF OUR Lord

ROMAN
CATHOLIC
CHURCH



A PENNSYLVANIA CHARITABLE TRUST
A PARISH OF THE DIOCESE OF GREENSBURG

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—OCTOBER 25, 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 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

Monday, October 26

8:00 am +Laccetti Family by Adina Mancini

Tuesday, October 27

8:00 am +Thomas Powlowsky by Alice Selcan

Wednesday, October 28—Ss. Simon and Jude

No Mass Today

Thursday, October 29

8:00 am +Donald Frolo by John Russo & Joann

Friday, October 30

8:00 am +Shirley Kudlik by Husband, John, Children and Grandchildren

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

CHAPEL

Sunday, October 25—30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Sunday, November 1—Feast of All Saints

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

Last Sunday's Offerings—\$6,945.00

Mission Sunday Offering—\$969.00



Time to Fall Back

On Sunday, November 1, at 2:00 a.m., it will be time to turn the clocks back one hour and return to Eastern Standard Time.

Ministry Schedule

Sat., October 31, 2015 and Sun., November 1, 2015

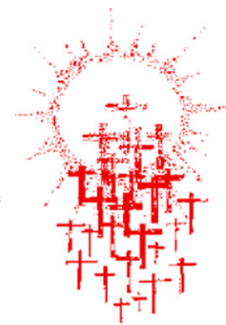
<u>Time</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Eucharistic Min.</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
4:00 pm	J. Buggy	S. Beneccio S. Stein S. Surdyn R. Kozar	A. & A. Mauro
8:30 am	J. Sepesky	K. Zimmaro J. Petritis K. Imbrescia	B. & Q, Zboyovsky
10:30 am	R. Godla	K. Byron J. Elias M. Gigliotti W. White	K. Bachinski T. Blatnik

Money Counters - Monday, October 26, 2015

J. Petritis—Finance Committee Member
A. Daniele, L. Taylor, R. Cocca

Feast of All Saints and all Souls

Next week 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.

CBPW Meeting

This month's meeting of the Catholic Business and Professional Women will be held at the New Alpine Club, Grand Boulevard, Monessen, this 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.

Regional Advent Penance Services

Thursday, December 10—7:00 p.m.

Holy Family Church, West Newton

Wednesday, December 16—7:00 p.m.

St. John the Baptist, Perryopolis

Thursday, December 17—7:00 p.m.

Church of St. Anne, Rostraver

Tuesday, December 22—7:00 p.m.

Saint Sebastian Church, Belle Vernon

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.

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.

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.

*We are all **Blind** to what is important...*

Our readings today present us a blend of emotions ranging from absolute isolation and despair to joyful exoneration and liberation. Jeremiah presents us with a triumphant image of the Israelites returning home after their long captivity. The prophet personally saw the destruction of the temple, the ravaging of the land and the execution of the royal family. Today he talks about the saving action of God to bring the people back and restore the promise of Israel. This touching passage includes all people from all walks of life. It is a message that brings hope and peace of mind to the people. It is joyful in what it professes; the people will be restored and granted a new beginning with a new covenant in their hearts.

Although we cannot begin to imagine what the people of Israel must have felt, we can certainly look into our own hearts and recognize the times when we have felt lost or abandoned, deserted or betrayed, and how those feelings affected every aspect of life.

What we are reminded of in this reading is that when we maintain our relationship with God by trusting in our faith then we will be restored to a proper place in life with a renewed covenant that will be written in our hearts.

In the letter to the Hebrews we are reminded that Jesus is the true High Priest and the offering of His own life negates all need of other sufferings in life. If we maintain our focus on that gift, our sufferings will surely diminish. The Gospel then picks up on this notion with the story of Bartimaeus and how he was given the gift of sight.

Blind beggars sitting on the side of the road were not uncommon when Jesus lived. In this particular version the crowd seemed to be embarrassed by this man's needs. They wanted to ignore him almost as if he were not even there. Jesus calls out to him while others tried to keep him away. Once again we are given an example of how Jesus welcomes the ostracized and reminds us all that everyone is dependent on God. Jesus responds to Bartimaeus' request by restoring his sight. Notice that Jesus does not touch the man. He does not even say, "Your faith has saved you." Bartimaeus' own actions reveal his faith when he calls Jesus "Son of David." He simply trusts. In scripture "trust" is another word for "faith," and is presented to us a model which we should follow. Ultimately his healing was not so much about his seeing again but about manifesting God's mighty deeds and how we should all faithfully follow Jesus as the Son of David, the Messiah king. Although Bartimaeus models discipleship, he is not the center of the story because discipleship is never about us. The center of the story and the heart of discipleship is always Jesus. Jesus recognized his faith and gave him salvation.

Living the paschal mystery means that we take a critical look at ourselves and root out whatever it is that keeps us from seeing who Jesus is, whether that is self-centeredness, preoccupation with getting ahead, amassing more money and material goods, seeking comfort above all else. All this demands dying to self, and only by dying can we rise to see the glory of new life. Living the paschal mystery also means that as we encounter Jesus, we recognize that Jesus gives us more than we ask. In turn, since we ourselves are to be the presence of the risen Christ for others, we also give more than is asked of us. Discipleship means more than following; it means that we spring up and give ourselves over for the sake of others.

NORMANDY AND PARIS 2016

You are invited to join the Saint Sebastian Parish family on a nine-day historical, cultural and spiritual adventure to France. The trip leaves Pittsburgh on June 28, 2016 and returns on July 6. In Normandy, we will visit the seaside resort of Trouville, the D-Day beaches of World War II, the ancient abbey and fortress Mont Saint Michel, and Saint Therese's town of Lisieux. En route to Paris, we'll explore the beautiful home and gardens of Claude Monet at Giverny. The trip concludes with a three-night stay in Paris, touring many of the highlights of the "City of Lights." This excursion is very inclusive, including Pittsburgh to Paris non-stop airfare, all ground transportation, 3 or 4 star hotels, breakfast and dinner daily, many touring activities, travel insurance, yet time to relax and explore the towns and cities that we will visit. Price per person for triple rooming accommodations is \$4548, double rooming is \$4828 and single rooming \$5143. For more information, and to obtain enrollment packets, please contact the Saint Sebastian Parish Office 724-929-9300. For questions concerning the itinerary, please contact the group organizer, Paula Lancas at paulalancas@hotmail.com.



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.



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

The Knitting and Crocheting Group is taking a break until February 2016. You may continue to crochet or knit throughout the winter. Yarn and patterns are available at the parish office and finished products may be dropped off at the parish office. We will be delivering gifts to the hospital in November. Grateful thanks to the groups and individuals who donated either money or yarn for this worthy project.