

# THE *Epiphany* OF OUR Lord

ROMAN  
CATHOLIC  
CHURCH



A PENNSYLVANIA CHARITABLE TRUST  
A PARISH OF THE DIOCESE OF GREENSBURG

**TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—OCTOBER 4, 2015**

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## PARISH STAFF

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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 3—Vigil**

4:00 pm +Annie Mascetta by Husband, Frank & Children

**Sunday, October 4—27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

10:30 am +Betty Greco by Howard & Jeanne Hlawati

**Monday, October 5**

8:00 am +Raymond Canova by Judy Canova & Agnes Celaschi & Family

**Tuesday, October 6—St. Bruno**

8:00 am +Angelina, & Ben Tenuta, Oscar Picardi & Amelia Ruffolo by Tenuta Family

**Wednesday, October 7—Our Lady of the Rosary**

No Mass Today

**Thursday, October 8**

8:00 am +Lisa Canova by Judy Canova & Agnes Celaschi Family

**Friday, October 9—St. Denis & Companions**

8:00 am +Andrew, Jeanne, Vincent & Andrew Jr. Sepesky by Brother & Family

**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

**CHAPEL**

**Sunday, October 4—27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:30 am +James Nash by Betty Nash  
2:00 pm Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

**Last Sunday's Offerings—\$5,275.75**

**Seminarian Collection—\$859.00**

**OCTOBER COUNT**—The month of October has been the time set aside by our diocese to count all of the people who attend church. Throughout the weeks of October we will count all of the people who come to church. At the end of the month, I will publish the totals. So, if you see someone counting, you will know what they are doing.

**Ministry Schedule**

**Sat., October 10, 2015 and Sun., October 11, 2015**

<u>Time</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Eucharistic Min.</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
4:00 pm	R. Kozar	J. & L. Dudas L. Henry A. Frolo	A. & A. Mauro
8:30 am	R. Godla	K. Zimmaro L. DeFelices K. Imbrescia	D. DeFelices S. Billy
10:30 am	J. Olup	J. Elias M.A. Kostolansky M. Gigliotti W. White	K. & S. DeCurtis

**Money Counters - Monday, October 5, 2015**

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

**Sacrament of the Sick**

Today, Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. we will celebrate the Sacrament of the Sick at the Chapel. The church invites us all to share in this gift if we are in need of healing. Whether that be of mind or body, if anyone wishes to be anointed, know that you are all welcome.

**Blessing of Pets**

Today Sunday, October 4 we celebrate the feast of St. Francis. We all know that St. Francis is well known for his great love for all of creation, especially the animals. Because of his great love for animals, the church uses this occasion to bestow a blessing upon all of our pets. Tomorrow, Monday the 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM will gather in the parking lot at the Chapel and celebrate a blessing for all of our pets. So, if you have a pet of any kind, bring them down to the Chapel on Monday the 5<sup>th</sup> and we will bless them.



**Stewardship, a way of life...**

The theme for our fall offertory Renewal is: "For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be. Matthew 6:21." This week, each registered household will receive a letter inviting you to reflect on the blessings that you have received and asking you to review how you are answering your baptismal call in support of our parish. Please prayerfully consider Fr. Mike's request and consider taking a step by renewing your support and return the commitment card in the enclosed envelope by mail or on Commitment Weekend which will be on October 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>.

**The Annulment Process**

Because our liturgy today speaks of divorce, it is important for all of us to understand the Church's stand on marriage. The Catechism of the Catholic Church defines marriage as a permanent partnership of a man and a woman which lasts "until death do us part." No one can enter into a second permanent partnership while his or her first spouse is living. Even if the civil contract is dissolved through divorce, the spiritual bond continues. The couple remains married in the eyes of the Church. However, the Church also recognizes legitimate reasons why a wedding may not have led to a valid marriage. If through the annulment investigation the Church comes to moral certitude that no valid marriage took place, then the parties are free to marry someone else.

There are many misconceptions about the annulment process. Basically the process of annulment looks at a marriage from the beginning and tries to ascertain if there indeed was a sacramental union. There are many reasons why this union may not be complete. If after investigation of the marriage it is determined that the marriage was not a covenant relationship from the start (covenant referring to a 50/50 deal at the onset of the marriage) then that union is considered void and the party is free to enter into another union.

If you have any questions concerning divorce and annulments, please know that I am always here to listen. Pope Francis is looking at the church and its views on Annulments and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. As more information is made available, I will certainly let you know.

## *We Find Strength through our Relationships*

The readings for this Sunday address one of the most prevalent problems that plague our society today: divorce. There probably is not a family that has not been touched in one way or another with the pain and devastation of divorce. Divorce is not just between two people, it affects every person in our lives; this is a fact that we too often forget. However there is a much broader way of looking at our readings today which has meaning for all of us whether married or single. Jesus calls all of us to a way of living that protects values that will enrich all human life and dignity. More than anything else our liturgy reminds us in a gentle way about how concerned God is for all people.

Our reading from Genesis shows us the order and purpose of creation, the intelligent plan of God. What we need to focus our attention on is the fact that God saw all of creation as being good. Today's account focuses on the loneliness of a man who is unfulfilled until God creates a helpmate. Rather than waylaying ourselves with the fact that "man" was created first, our concentration should be on the dignity which should be found in the institution of marriage. Another important aspect of this story cannot be overlooked. We are being told in no mixed language that we humans are made for each other and must live in relationship, whether in marriage or other forms of communities and covenants. We are all called to be equal in dignity.

When Jesus is forced to address the presence of divorce in the church, He did so with firm conviction. His answer not only safeguards the sacred certainty of marriage but also reinforces the equality and dignity of women. When this Gospel was written, there was much controversy within the Jewish community about grounds for divorce. Divorce was entirely the prerogative of the husband. The wife had no say and no rights. The controversy about divorce still plagues the contemporary church which recognizes marriage as a union until death. At the same time it struggles with the hard reality that some marriages simply die. Divorce and re-marriage is one of the thorniest and most painful pastoral challenges of the church today.

The heart of any marriage can be found in our idea of relationship. Jesus is asking us to strive for the ideal in all of our relationships, holding onto the importance of faithfulness in all relationships. As followers of Jesus we are all called to be totally faithful. Otherwise how would we trust the faithfulness of God? We are called to live out the completeness of human relationships. We all thrive and delight in people who make our lives complete with honest relationships. Though Jesus gives us marriage as the primary expression of fidelity, all of us, single or married, must live and grow through rich and nourishing relationships in order to be fully human. Just as Jesus touched the little children, He embraces us to strengthen our lives through graced relationships.

### **Public Square Rosary Crusade**

There will be a Rosary Rally on October 10 at 12:00 noon in Monessen City Park. All are welcome to come and pray with us. Please dress for the weather and bring a lawn chair. For more information contact Shirley Beneccio at 724-684-7099.



### **BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT**

St. Sebastian Church will be hosting a six week bereavement support series beginning Tuesday, October 13. Each session will run from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. and will be held in the Parlor of the St. Sebastian Parish Center. The Bereavement Group is open to all in need. If you would like to participate in this *free* bereavement support series or would like more information, please contact Christy Cabaniss, 724-929-9300.

### **St. Sebastian Regional School**

On the 24<sup>th</sup> of October St. Sebastian Regional School will hold a "Paint & Sip FUNdraiser." This will be at 532 McKean Ave. in Charleroi at the Off the Wall Arts Studio. For more information you can call the school at 724-929-5143 or contact Michelle at [mstockey@sssbv.org](mailto:mstockey@sssbv.org)

*Eternal Rest—Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently: ANGELINE BARTMAN and LORETTA STEFANSKY. We commend their souls to rest in the peace of Christ.*

### **Epiphany Fall Festival**

We are planning to have a Fall Festival this year on November 7<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 – 8:00 pm. There will be food, fun and entertainment for all. We will have a Chinese auction, so if anyone would like to donate towards that, simply drop it in the collection. I will have more information about our Fall Festival in the coming weeks. Remember to mark your calendars and keep the date open!

### **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 next Sunday October 11<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM. Because of this breakfast, there will be no 8:30 Mass at the Chapel; the Mass will be in the main Church. I hope that you are able to clear your calendars and come enjoy a delicious breakfast with your church community. The cost of the breakfast is \$6.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children there will be take-outs available.

**Holy Name Sunday**—Next Sunday, October 11, is Holy Name Sunday. Corporate Communion will be at the 8:30 a.m. Mass at the main church. There will be NO meeting in October.