

# THE *Epiphany* OF OUR Lord

ROMAN  
CATHOLIC  
CHURCH



A PENNSYLVANIA CHARITABLE TRUST  
A PARISH OF THE DIOCESE OF GREENSBURG

**TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—SEPTEMBER 13, 2015**

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## PARISH STAFF

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*Parish Secretary* ..... Evelyn Winn  
*Bulletin/Faith Formation Secretary* ..... Darleen Koury  
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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, September 12—Vigil**  
4:00 pm +Marie Alvarez Mull & Harvey Mull by Family

**Sunday, September 13—24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
10:30 am +Donald Frolo by Ray & Doris Skocik

**Monday, September 14—The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**  
8:00 am +Ken Danko by Danko Family

**Tuesday, September 15—Our Lady of Sorrows**  
8:00 am +Patricia Grunwald by Delores Rekrut

**Wednesday, September 16—Ss. Cornelius & Cyprian**  
No Mass Today

**Thursday, September 17—St. Robert Bellarmine**  
8:00 am +Patricia Galaski by M/M Robert Kopko

**Friday, September 18**  
8:00 am +Larry Oleksak by Sister

**Saturday, September 19—Vigil**  
4:00 pm +John F. Billy by Shiela & Francis Yarina

**Sunday, September 20—25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
10:30 am +Lettieri Family by Eleanor Greco

**CHAPEL**

**Sunday, September 13—24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
8:30 am +Richard Dudas II by Janice & Stephen Frank

**Sunday, September 20—25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
8:30 am +Jessie Wachs by Mom & Dad

**MISSION CO-OP SUNDAY**

Sr. Shanti Purayidathil and Sr. Sevana Nediakkal from the Daughters of Mary will be present at all Mass next weekend, September 19/20, regarding the sisters Mission Appeal. The Sisters of the Daughters of Mary are from India and are currently residing and working at St. Anne Home, Greensburg. They carry out evangelization through family visits, health care, primary education, shelter homes for children and aged, and those with leprosy and AIDS. Please be as generous as possible for the work of the Sisters of the Daughters of Mary.

*Please Note: Due to the early publication of this bulletin, the offertory for September 5/6 will be in next weeks bulletin.*

**Ministry Schedule**

**Saturday, September 19, 2015 and Sunday, September 20, 2015**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Lector</b>	<b>Eucharistic</b>	<b>Altar Servers</b>
4:00 pm	L. Micenko	S. Stein A. Frolo J. & L. Dudas	Q. & B. Zboyovsky
8:30 am	B. Hughes, JR.	K. Imbrescia L. DeFelices J. Petritis	S. Billy M. Blatnik
10:30 am	M. Sacco	J. Elias P. Fantauzzi S. McCarthy Volunteer	M. & J. Sacco

**Money Counters - Monday, September 14, 2015**

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

***We are called to be good Stewards***

Last week we celebrated Labor Day which recognizes the importance of our Labors in life. We celebrate the jobs we have and the many ways that we help to form this great land in which we live. Just as we are grateful for the gift of labor, so too must we be all be responsible for the Labor we have. Life calls each one of us to be grateful and share what we have and who we are...basically being good Stewards!

In First Peter we are told "As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace." The question is what identifies a good steward? I suppose we can parallel that answer with being a responsible laborer which implies a safeguarding of material and human resources and using them responsibly. However as Baptized Christians we are called to do even more. As Christian stewards, we receive God's gifts gratefully, cultivate them responsibly, share them lovingly in justice with others, and return them with increase to the Lord.

This month I am asking that we all just look at our life and become aware of just how blessed we are. When we are able to appreciate the gifts we have been given, then we can begin to look and see how we can share, who and what we are, with others.

**Sacrament of the Sick**

On Sunday October 4th at 2:00 p.m. we will celebrate the Sacrament of the Sick. We will have the service in the chapel. Anyone who wants to be anointed is welcome to come and share in this wonderful gift the church offers to us. If anyone would like to help with a reception afterwards, please give me a call at the office.

**Faith Formation Classes  
Begin Next Monday,  
September 21.**

Classes for Public School and Home Schooled children in Kindergarten thru Grade 8 will begin next Monday, September 21, from 6:15 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. and take place in St. Sebastian School building.

On this first day of class, families are to gather in the church by 6:00 p.m. The children will meet their teachers in the church and be shown to their classrooms. Parents are asked to remain for a brief meeting.

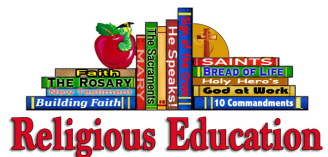
After class the students will be dismissed as follows:

Grades K thru 3—the children will be dismissed from their classrooms

Grades 4 thru 8—the children will be dismissed to their parents from the parish hall.

Registration forms are available on our parish web page and in the church pamphlet racks.

**Special Note:** Your child's registration form must be turned in prior to next Monday, September 21. Your child cannot attend class unless his/her registration form is on file.



**Religious Education**

### *Our Daily Cross and Suffering...*

Each one of us grows into our "Discipleship" in our own way and in our own time. Today's Gospel shows us just how the followers of Jesus grew in their own discipleship. We clearly can see that Jesus is not the Messiah of the disciple's expectations, but one who "must suffer greatly and be rejected." The Disciples had a preconceived notion of who Jesus was and also of who the Messiah would be. Although Peter confesses that Jesus was the Messiah, but he misses the deeper point. Like Peter sometimes we follow our own preconceived notion of who Jesus was and what is expected of His followers.

In the second reading St. James continues to remind us how we are to care for the poor. He reminds us that there are always interpretations of the Gospel for those who would like to think of themselves as Christian without embracing the cross as we are told today. This simple passage demands on our living a practical Christianity. James makes it clear that a Christianity of words alone does not lead to salvation. He insists that "faith" and "good works" can never be separated from one another, almost like the body and spirit can never be separated. The way we live, the things we do should come as a natural outcome of the faith that is ours. If our faith is going to save us, it is because we put it into practice.

We clearly get the message that none of us will be exempt from suffering. Every living person has to deal with suffering, and we all handle our suffering in different ways. We all deal with suffering according to our culture, expectations, fears and religious beliefs. It is easy to see how we are all a part of Isaiah's prophecy simply because we are human, and suffering is a part of humanity.

It is interesting to look at people and see how they handle the sufferings they must endure. Some people suffer stoically, telling themselves that it is God's will. This attitude helps them to bear it. Sometimes people become cynical and bitter over their suffering causing them to lose their faith. We all seem to have our own way of reacting to suffering. It is amazing how the prophets words about the "suffering servant" transcends time; his words are just as true today as they were thousands of years ago. We all share in the mission of the prophet. We have all been appointed by God to bring healing and liberation to our bruised and broken world.

The Gospel sends us a powerful message pertaining to the way we live. To be disciples is to understand that Jesus is not the instant cure all; He is not just another quick fix. When we understand this message, we know with our hearts and souls that our journey is not made alone. We walk right along with Jesus as He walks along with us. Our denying ourselves: or taking up our cross, is not about a dramatic martyrdom like in the early Church, nor about any great or showy response. Rather, it is about how we live every single day: dying and rising in our simply ordinary circumstances. For example, we must die to our way of thinking (taking the easy way of self seeking, self gratification, self interest) and embrace how God thinks (carrying the cross of goodness, righteousness, justice, integrity, wholeness, fullness of life). Or we must empty ourselves for the good of another even when we are tired or frustrated or don't like the other person who is in need. All of our daily crosses will lead to a death which will eventually lead us to life.

#### **ST. SEBASTIAN OCTOBERFEST**

On October 3/4 St. Sebastian Parish, Belle Vernon, will hold an Octoberfest.

A dinner dance will be held October 3 with full course dinner provided by 2Fine Caterers followed with entertainment by "The Holidays" featuring music from the 50's ,60's & 70's. Tickets are \$30 and can be purchased at St. Sebastian Parish Office (724-929-9300).

On October 4, beginning at Noon, activities, include a vintage Steeler Superbowl game, indoor and outdoor foods, bake sale, raffle baskets, bingo and kid activities.

**DCCW Pro-Life Prayer Breakfast** will be held on Saturday, October 3, 2015, 10:00 AM - Noon, Bishop Connare Center, Greensburg. Keynote Speaker: The Reverend Killian Loch, OSB, Director of Campus Ministry at Saint Vincent College. Father will be speaking on "HUMAN TRAFFICKING" and about what students are doing locally to combat Human Trafficking and introduce two students who will talk about their experience in Brazil (Global Perspective). For reservations contact Millie @ 724-537-2064 or Raissa @ 412-953-8206.

#### **Order of Discalced Carmelites of Uniontown**

The Secular Order of Discalced Carmelites of Uniontown invite men and women who are practicing members of the Catholic Church and are interested in knowing more about growing in the Carmelite spirituality to attend our annual open membership meeting today, Sunday, September 13, 2015 at St. John the Evangelist Parish Center, 88 Pennsylvania Avenue, Uniontown, PA. For more information, please contact Laurie Coldren at 724-626-8811 or Molli Vassar at 724-439-3142.

#### **Getting "Real" About Drugs**

Reality Tour (RT) is a national parent and child drug education and prevention program open to all Mon Valley residents, targeting children ages 10-17. For more information go to [realitytour.org](http://realitytour.org). To volunteer or make a donation, call Belle Vernon Area Reality Tour Director, Celeste Trilli Palamara, at 724-797-0955 or [celestepalamara@gmail.com](mailto:celestepalamara@gmail.com) or [bellevnonarearealitytour.org](http://bellevnonarearealitytour.org)

***Eternal Rest**—Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently: JOSEPH LAPRESTI. We commend his soul to rest in the peace of Christ.*