

THE *Epiphany* OF OUR Lord

ROMAN
CATHOLIC
CHURCH



A PENNSYLVANIA CHARITABLE TRUST
A PARISH OF THE DIOCESE OF GREENSBURG

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—SEPTEMBER 20, 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, 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

Monday, September 21—St. Matthew

8:00 am +Mary Daniele by Eleanor Greco

Tuesday, September 22

8:00 am +Chris Campana by Frank & Kay Ciccarella

Wednesday, September 23—St. Pius of Pietrelcina

No Mass Today

Thursday, September 24

8:00 am +Joanne Matush by Patty & Rick Alcorn

Friday, September 25

8:00 am +Patsy Matucci by Family

Saturday, September 26—Vigil

4:00 pm +Peter & Catherine Hazy by Hazy Family

Sunday, September 27—26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30 am +Anthony Bisceglia & Robert Anthony
Hornack by Patty, Diane, Bob, and Lisa &
Amanda

CHAPEL

Sunday, September 20—25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am +Jessie Wachs by Mom & Dad

Sunday, September 27—26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am +Michael Matush by William & Lis Tabak

MISSION CO-OP SUNDAY

Sr. Shanti Purayidathil and Sr. Sevana Nediakkal from the Daughters of Mary will be present at all Masses this weekend, September 19/20, regarding the Sisters Mission Appeal. Please be as generous as possible for the work of the Sisters of the Daughters of Mary.

September 6th Sunday collection—\$8,159.15

Last Sunday's Offerings—\$5,714.00

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, September 26, 2015 and Sunday, September 27, 2015

<u>Time</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Eucharistic</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
4:00 pm	S. Stein	S. Surdyn R. Kozar J. & L. Dudas	B. DuBreucq B. Rizzuto
8:30 am	R. Godla	K. Imbrescia L. DeFelices J. Petritis	D. DeFelices B. Speicher
10:30 am	J. Olup	T. Mazzei W. White M. Gigliotti M.A. Kostolansky	T. Blatnik K. Bachinski

Money Counters - Monday, September 21, 2015

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

Sacrament of the Sick

On October 4th 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.

I was hoping to have a reception afterwards in the hall, if anyone is willing to help with that, please let me know by calling the office.

Faith Formation Classes Begin Tomorrow, Monday, September 21.

Classes for Public School and Home Schooled children in Kindergarten thru Grade 8 will begin tomorrow, 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 St. Sebastian 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.

Certificate in Pastoral Ministry: Information Session – Sept. 29, 2015

Adults interested in learning more about the Certificate in Pastoral Ministry program are encouraged to attend our first Information Session on Sept. 29, 2015 at 6:00 P.M. Diocesan and university representatives will be present to discuss the program and answer any questions. This undergraduate-level certificate program is a joint venture of the Diocese and the university. It is designed to develop the knowledge, spirituality, ministerial identity, and pastoral abilities of adults who are committed to the mission of Christ within the Roman Catholic Church. Recipients of the certificate are now serving in a wide variety of parish ministries which include catechetics, youth ministry, pastoral care and social ministry. The program is required for any man interested in applying to the diocesan Permanent Diaconate Formation program. Learn more by logging on to: www.gbgevocations.org. Click Lay Ecclesial Ministry, then Pastoral Ministry. Please direct questions about the certificate program to Marsha Kable, mkable@dioceseofgreensburg.org, 724-837-0901. Please direct questions about the permanent diaconate to Fr. Jonathan Wisneski, jwisneski@dioceseofgreensburg.org. Anyone interested in attending the information session must register with Debbie Fredo, 724-552-4367; fredo@setonhill.edu. She will provide directions to the campus and to the meeting room.

Eternal Rest—Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently: BERTHA BILSKI and WANDA KOHAN.. We commend their souls to rest in the peace of Christ.

Wars and Conflicts in Life...

Sometimes I find it absolutely amazing how often conflict is in our lives. Often it is there and we are not even aware of it. This week we are given some excellent practical advice from James in the second reading. We are reminded that jealousy and ambition can certainly bring about disorder, and we are encouraged to look within ourselves and ask: where do the wars and conflict within ourselves come from. If we would honestly look at the discord that is in our lives, most of it does come from jealousy and insecurity, it is way too easy to look at others and find faults.

The book of Wisdom hits the nail right on the head, whenever we are faced with a genuine honest person it reminds us of our own dishonesty and we become critical of them and their attitudes towards life. This in turn creates a personal jealousy that begins to nag at us and make us “ugly” people. We then try to make ourselves righteous and start to see ourselves as better than everyone else. A self righteous attitude then starts to stir the pot for problems.

Our liturgy reminds us that it does not have to be that way. We are clearly told that: “the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace.” It is true that our passions are the root of much of the discord we find in life. Jesus tells us again that we must be the servant to all if we want to be numbered among His disciples. Why do we find this so difficult to make a part of our lives? It is gentleness, peacefulness, compliance and mercy that bring about right living, and although we don’t want to admit it a lot of our energies are spent on looking for ways to put others beneath us.

The question we need answer is: “what does it mean to be a servant of all?” It means more than just doing things for others. This is certainly a part of it, but it is not everything. It is about an attitude toward the people we serve. It is about not looking down on others. Our service, as Jesus reminds us, must reflect on wisdom. It gets down to the holiness of the way we serve other people who are in need. To be of service means to be open to what God might ask of us, even at the expense of our own wishes and pleasure. How many of us can honestly say we live like that? None of us can serve the Lord if our todays and tomorrows are so scheduled that there is no room to hear others reach out to us for service. It is certainly not about my convenience. Look at the way we view ministry: if it fits into my schedule then it is alright, but if it doesn’t then I cannot be bothered. To be of service is not about our own convenience.

This is a hard lesson to make a part of our lives. However, once we do “get it” then we are suddenly not so concerned with material possessions and wealth. Our own ambitions are not the most important part of life and jealousy begins to melt away. It is all about attitude. Jesus quickly addressed the attitudes of the disciples by reminding them about what it means to be first in life.

This week look into your life and see what it means to surrender yourself to others – all others, not just those of our own picking and choosing. As we let go of the things that get in the way of reaching out, we find our own wants and needs change. Gradually our priorities shift from things and possessions moving to relationships that are most important and satisfying for us.

2015 Diocesan Rosary Rally

ALL are invited to join Bishop Malesic on Saturday, October 10, 2015 at 11:00 AM at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Greensburg for our annual Diocesan Rosary Rally. This is a wonderful way for families, individuals, organizations, Catholic School communities, and so many others to gather with our new bishop to pray the rosary, honor Our Lady, and ask God to bless our world with peace. For additional details, please call Father William Lechnar, Diocesan Rosary Rally Coordinator at 724.837.0901, extension 1249.



All CBPW Club Members

The first meeting of the Catholic Business and Professional Women for the 2015- 2016 year is scheduled for this Tuesday, **September 22, 2015 at 6:00 pm** at Hoss' Steak and Sea House, Belle Vernon, PA.

PRAYERS will be the topic for discussion lead by Fr. Michael Crookston. Plan to attend and bring a friend/future member.

25th Anniversary

There will be a meeting for everyone on the Anniversary Committee on Monday, September 28th at 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel Hall.

Opportunity for Blood Draw

Mon Valley Hospital is having a Multiphasic blood draw on the 26th of September from 7:00 am until 10:00 am. For only \$25.00. No prescription is necessary. For an additional charge you can add: A1C for \$20; PSA for \$15; TSH for \$15; and Vit D for \$20. You will be required to fast for 12 hours and give the name of your doctor so that the results can be sent to him/her. You will need an appointment for the blood draw so please call 724-258-1282 between 8:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. by September 23rd.

MONESSEN FALL FESTIVAL

Fun for all ages on Saturday, September 26 at the Monessen City Park Amphitheater from 12:00 Noon until 4:00 p.m. There will be music, crafts, and food; and the first 50 kids will receive a free pumpkin.

