

# THE *Epiphany* OF OUR Lord

ROMAN  
CATHOLIC  
CHURCH



A PENNSYLVANIA CHARITABLE TRUST  
A PARISH OF THE DIOCESE OF GREENSBURG

**TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—SEPTEMBER 27, 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, 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

### Monday, September 28—St. Wenceslaus

8:00 am +John F. Billy by Mike Magatz

### Tuesday, September 29—Ss. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael

8:00 am +Minno Family by Family

### Wednesday, September 30—St. Jerome

No Mass Today

### Thursday, October 1—St. Therese of the Child Jesus

8:00 am +Maria Bragano by Family

### Friday, October 2—The Holy Guardian Angels

8:00 am +Anthony Crisi by Mike Morris

### 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

## CHAPEL

### Sunday, September 27—26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

### 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

*Annual Mission Appeal—\$1,322.00*

*Last Sunday's Offerings—\$5,452.00*

### Ministry Schedule

#### Saturday, October 3 2015 and Sunday, October 4, 2015

<u>Time</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Eucharistic Min.</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
4:00 pm	M. Sacco	L. Micenko S. Beneccio B. & D. Mandarino	J. & M. Sacco
8:30 am	G. Pesi	D. Jozwiak B. Hughes, JR. L. Mandarino	B. & Q. Zboyovsky
10:30 am	J. Sepesky	K. Byron R. Sassak P. Fantauzzi S. McCarthy	T. Blatnik Volunteer

#### Money Counters - Monday, September 28, 2015

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

## Sacrament of the Sick

Next Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM 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.

## Annual Mission Appeal

Last week we hosted the Daughters of Mary congregation from India. Sr. Shanti, who spoke at our liturgies, wanted me to convey their sincere gratitude to all of you for your hospitality and your generosity. We collected \$1,322.00 at our Masses; know that the money you have given will certainly make a difference in the lives of many people.

## Annual Report

Included with this week's bulletin you will find the Annual Report from last year. In this report I not only indicated the financial situation of our parish but also the many ways that people do share their gifts by giving of their time and talent. Stewardship is a way of living. By sharing the gift of who we are and what we have, we are following the wishes of Jesus Christ. Each of us can give more of ourselves for the good not only of our parish, but also for the good of one another. As you look over this report, ask yourself what you can do to help. If we all give just a little more of who we are and what we have, our parish family and all of its members will be better for it. Remember that good stewardship must become a way of living if we are to call ourselves members of the Body of Christ.

## Blessing of Pets

Next Sunday, October 4, we will 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. On 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.

## 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

There will be a meeting for everyone on the Anniversary Committee tomorrow, Monday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM in the Chapel Hall.

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

## Unity in God's Love

We all find some comfort in belonging, or fitting in someplace. Sometimes when we belong to something we have a tendency to become possessive which can lead to exclusivity. Whenever we feel comfortable belonging to a certain set of standards or beliefs, we begin to feel that we are right and everyone else is wrong. This is the scenario we find throughout our liturgy this week.

In our first reading the disciples or followers of Moses were threatened because there were people outside of their circle who received the Spirit of God and were able to prophecy. They couldn't imagine how anyone not belonging to their "group" would be given such a gift. We find the same situation in the gospel when the disciples of Jesus were upset because there were people working signs and wonders in Jesus' name. In both cases, Moses and Jesus were inclusive in their explanation; making it clear that God's goodness could not be confined within any boundaries, God's grace is given freely and not restricted to a small group.

It is this feeling of belonging that often leads to division in life. St. James in the second reading again addresses how these divisions can lead to destruction. It is interesting that throughout his epistle there is very little reference to Jesus; rather he reflects the tradition of Jesus and His parables. James tries to help the reader to see both love of God and neighbor as necessary for covenant faith, and he places great emphasis on works. James warns us to watch out that our riches in life do not consume us by fostering a false sense of self-reliance and pride. Nor should we be tempted to forget the poor. This epistle breaks all barriers and reminds us of the importance of the moral life of the church.

Division and separation are a part of life; however we must be so very careful not to allow our divisions to shut us off from the message of Christ. We are all called to be tolerant and open to other people of good will. Many people in our world who do not even know Jesus share in the salvific mission of the universal Savior. We are once again asked to be humble as children and not proud. We are encouraged to learn from the little ones who know how to trust, listen, learn and grow.

Jesus is close to us, not only in those who believe but in others, too, who love and care for us. Jesus tells us that God loves us even when we are stumbling blocks to that love. What Jesus is asking today, of His disciples and of us, is to remove anything that prevents us – or others – from seeing the love of God that is always there. Discipleship means doing something so great as volunteering for one of the liturgical ministries or so simple as taking the garbage out without being asked. It means that our words and actions are consistent with Gospel values. It means that we are ruthless about choosing to cut out behaviors inconsistent with Jesus' values and gentle about choosing to do the works of the Teacher.

### **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.



### **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 PM 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.

### **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 on 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 Resurrection Orthodox Church**

The parish of HROC in Belle Vernon is planning their Fall Festival on Sunday, October 11, from 12 noon until 6:00 PM. There will be activities for everyone plus delicious ethnic foods. All are welcome to come and enjoy the day. If you would like any information you can call Fr. Smolcic at 724-837-8957.