

# THE *Epiphany* OF OUR Lord

ROMAN  
CATHOLIC  
CHURCH



A PENNSYLVANIA CHARITABLE TRUST  
A PARISH OF THE DIOCESE OF GREENSBURG

**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—SEPTEMBER 6, 2015**

**618 KNOX AVE • MONESSEN, PA 15062**

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## PARISH STAFF

*Pastor* ..... Reverend Michael J. Crookston  
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*Music Director* ..... Toni Lynn Salvino  
*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 5—Vigil**

4:00 pm +Trimarkie Family by Daniele Family

**Sunday, September 6—Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

10:30 am +Gloria Salotti Dawson & Ella & Joseph Salotti by John, Sharie, Frank & Family

**Monday, September 7—Labor Day**

No Mass here today.

**Tuesday, September 8—Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

8:00 am +In honor of the Blessed Mother by Donor

**Wednesday, September 9—St. Peter Claver**

No Mass Today

**Thursday, September 10**

8:00 am +Caroline Post by Epiphany Ladies

**Friday, September 11**

8:00 am +Gerry Minniti by Kelly Sepesky

**Saturday, September 12—Vigil**

4:00 pm +Marie Alvarez Mull & Harvey Mull by Family

**Sunday, September 13—Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

10:30 am +Donald Frolo by Ray & Doris Skocik

**CHAPEL**

**Sunday, September 6—Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:30 am +Lawrence Babinski by Mom, Dad & Family

**Sunday, September 13—Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:30 am +Richard Dudas II by Janice & Stephen Frank

**Sunday Offerings: \$5,501.30**

*The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, September 7, in observance of Labor Day. The office will reopen on Tuesday, September 8, at 8:30 am.*

**Ministry Schedule**

**Saturday, September 12, 2015 and Sunday, September 13, 2015**

<u>Time</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Eucharistic</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
4:00 pm	R. Kozar	L. Henry S. Beneccio J. & L. Dudas	B. Rizzuto Volunteer
8:30 am	G. Pesì	K. Imbrescia L. DeFelices J. Petritis	B. Speicher D. DeFelices
10:30 am	J. Sepesky	R. Sassak W. White M. Gigliotti K. Byron	B. & B. DuBreucq

**Money Counters - Tuesday, September 8, 2015**

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

**Labor Day Mass**

Mass for Labor Day, Monday, September 7, will be celebrated at The Church of Saint Anne, 1870 Rostraver Road, at 9:00 am. There will be no Mass here on Monday.

**Sharing your Time and your Talent!**

Throughout the month of September we are going to talk about the many ways that we are able to share the gift of our time and our talents. Our Holy Father has repeatedly expressed the importance of being aware of the needs of people around us. This doesn't not necessarily mean the extreme needs of people in our world, but the everyday needs that people have.

As Baptized Christians we are all called to bring the presence of Christ to others and this is done in so many ways. However, before we can begin to share with others we need to be aware of their needs. By stepping out of ourselves and looking around to the many needs that are around us, we can find ways to pitch in. For the next few weeks, just look at your life and try to become more aware of just how blessed we all are!

**Epiphany Ladies**

Now that school is back in session and everyone is getting back into their "fall" schedules, the Epiphany Ladies will begin their monthly meetings. We will resume this Tuesday the 8<sup>th</sup> with our first meeting for the fall. The meeting will begin at 7:00 pm in the Main Church hall. We invite all of the women of our parish to come and be a part of this organization. I have often said that the Epiphany Ladies are the heart of our parish, and they could certainly use new members to help share the love. Please know that you are all welcome!

**Calling All Singers!**

Sharing the gift of song is one of the great ways that we can praise God. Our choir will resume practice this Wednesday the 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. Because of the new clearance laws in Pennsylvania, there are many requirements that need to be met. We will gather in the Chapel hall and do one of the clearance requirements together. Please know that all are welcome to come and be a part of our choir. If you have any questions you can call Toni Lynn Salvino ( 724-684-4249) our director, or the church office for more information.

**Holy Name Sunday**

Next Sunday, September 13, is Holy Name Sunday. Corporate Communion will be at the 8:30 a.m. Mass at the Chapel. The regular monthly meeting will follow the Mass in the Chapel Social Hall. Coffee and doughnuts will be served.

**Caps for Love is Back!**

The Senior Center on Grand Blvd. is conducting a "Caps for Love" campaign. Like the one our Epiphany ladies did last year, they are collecting plastic caps. You can start saving them and bring them into the church or the Senior Center at the K of C Hall.

## Find Strength in God's Loving Presence

Because of what we hear at our liturgy this week our thoughts turn to what it is we fear in life and more importantly, what we are to do about them. In the first reading Isaiah presents us with a poem that he delivered to the people of Israel right before the Assyrians threatened an attack in Jerusalem. The people feared this foreign power and this fear was used as an advantage of the Assyrians to weaken the people. Isaiah tells them as he tells us: "Be strong, fear not! Here is your God..." When we realize and believe that the power of God is within us, we have nothing to fear.

Fear has a way of presenting itself in the most clandestine of ways. This week marks the anniversary of the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. Our thoughts are carried back to that day when all of America as well as the world watched with fear and a feeling of helplessness as terrorism paralyzed us. As a nation we value power and materialism, to watch that being destroyed left our nation with a feeling of fear and helplessness. As we look back to that fateful day, the question we must ask ourselves is: what have we learned? How have our lives and values changed since that day?

Fear can be a powerful tool in controlling and manipulating how we live and think. We react from fear without much thought and it moves us into actions which might not be who we really are. We have many fears in life, and because of fear, societies break themselves into various class systems. We find ourselves in a certain station in life and that is, sad to say, where we often stay. St. James in the second reading reminds all of us that there should be no separations of people in our society. We should look at, and treat all people the same regardless of what their particular station in life might be, or how different they think or believe.

When we live out of fear we are often deaf and mute to the wrongs that are around us. We are afraid to speak out for fear that we might not be heard or worse, no one really cares to hear what we have to say. Jesus makes the man in the gospel well again. He went from living a life of fear from the darkness and isolation in his life to a world that became full of sounds and sight. He was given a rare opportunity to take a better look at life and what life has to offer.

We too have been given that same opportunity. With the salvation that Jesus brings to our world we are also made well. We should be able to look around and hear the wonderful creation God has given us. We should all have the courage to speak up for the many injustices we encounter on a daily basis. We should never permit fear to keep us from action. Jesus brings a new reality to our world. He makes real that creative power of God to each of us. We need to live out our lives in such a way that we stop being blind, deaf and mute to the many injustices of life. We need to start looking at life and the people in it as all being equal in God's creative power. We are all being well advised to heed the words of Isaiah and not be frightened, rather be strong because our God is with us!

### Catholic Charities is Accepting Nominations for the 18th Annual Communities of Salt & Light Awards Dinner

In 1998, the Communities of Salt and Light Awards Dinner was established to recognize individuals whose deeds exhibit a significant level of time, talent and treasure. Nominees are measured by criteria epitomizing the mission of the churches in our diocese and reflective of the core essence of Catholic Charities.

The dinner is now in its eighteenth year and we need your help. Please consider nominating an individual or human service organization that you believe exemplifies the criteria set forth in the categories of humanitarianism, philanthropy and human service. Winners will be honored at the Communities of Salt and Light Awards Dinner scheduled for Thursday, April 21, 2016 at Stratigo's Banquet Centre in North Huntingdon, PA. Applications may be found online at [www.ccharitiesgreensburg.org](http://www.ccharitiesgreensburg.org) or by calling Heather Rady at Catholic Charities, 724-837-1840, ext. 1504 to request a mailed copy. Thank you for your support! We look forward to another successful event.

### Opportunity for Blood Draw

Mon Valley Hospital is having a Multiphasic blood draw on the 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Attention Parents: Religious Education Classes Begin September 21.

Classes for Public School and Home Schooled children in *Kindergarten thru Grade 8* will begin on Monday, September 21 from 6:15 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. in St. Sebastian School building, Belle Vernon. Registration forms are available on our parish web page and in the church & chapel.

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



### Spaghetti Dinner

The Monessen/Rostraver Rotary and Knights of Columbus—954 Monessen Council, are partnering to host a Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, September 13, from 11:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall located at 1925 Grand Avenue in Monessen. For more information call 724-929-7160.

### First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association

We received a check for \$600.00 from the FCSLA for our festival this year. This organization has been very generous to our parish over the years and we are grateful to them for this gift. There is a flyer in the bulletin this week explaining the benefits of this organization.