

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday:

4:00 p.m.

Sunday:

8:30 a.m.; 10:30 a.m.

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
& Friday:

8:00 a.m.

Wednesday: NO MASS

August 19, 2018

THE Epiphany OF OUR Lord

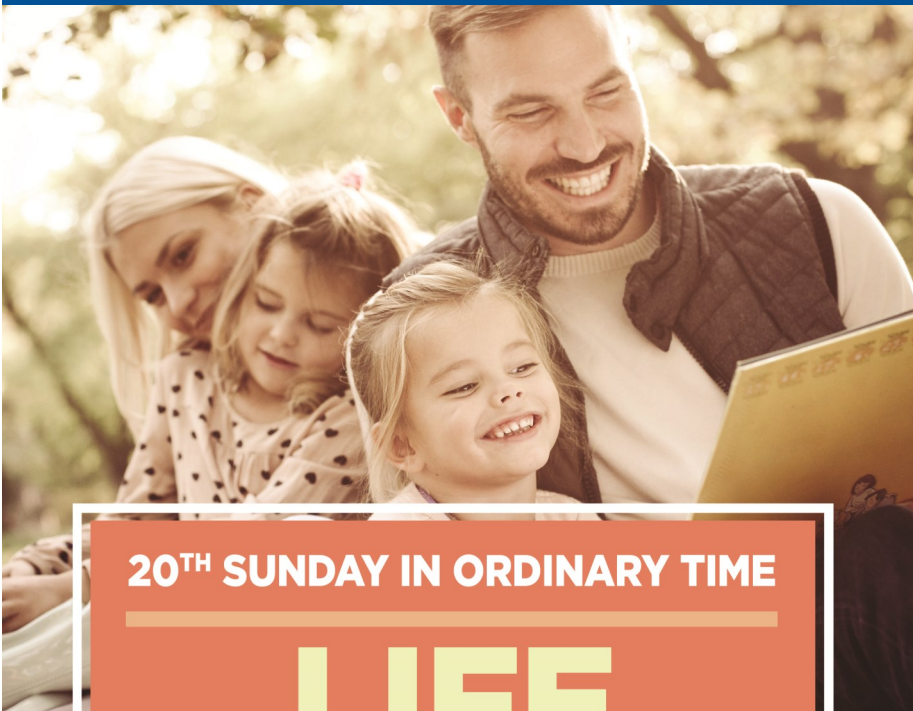
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20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

LIFE

"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him ... The one who feeds on me will have life because of me." - Jn 6:56, 57b

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.

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BULLETIN DEADLINE

Any article for the bulletin must be in the office by Monday noon.

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, August 18 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Jose & Adela Alvarez by Children

Sunday, August 19 — Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM † Leonard Babinski by Daughter, Carol, Randy & Family

10:30 AM † William & Florence Hughes by Bill Hughes, Jr.

Monday, August 20

8:00 AM † Ruth Matko by Daughters and Family

Tuesday, August 21

8:00 AM † Barbara A. Shosky by Barbara Shosky

Wednesday, August 22

No Mass

Thursday, August 23

8:00 AM Franklin & June Hines on 67th Wedding Anniversary by daughter, Patti

Friday, August 24

8:00 AM † Lenio & Godla Families by Ron & Pat

Saturday, August 25—Vigil

4:00 PM † Msgr. Stephen C. Helzlsouer by E. J. Burns Family

Sunday, August 26—Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM † Elmer & Elsie Wisyamski by Loving Family in memory of 85th Wedding Anniversary

10:30 AM † Edward Monaghan by Ginny, Melanie, Jason, Quinn, Brecklyn

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday –Thursday: 8:30 a.m. –12; 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Friday: 8:30 a.m. –1:00 p.m.

Ministry Schedule — Sat. Aug. 25 & Aug. 26

Time	Lector	Eucharistic	Altar Servers
4:00 p.m.	D. Harkins	J. Dudas R. Kozar S. Stein	B. Rizzuto S. Duda
8:30 a.m.	F. Petrosky	L. DeFeclies N. Campus S. Campus	D. DeFelices B. Speicher
10:30 a.m.	M. Sacco	R. Sassak W. White T. Billick	J. Sacco M. Sacco

Money Counters - Monday, August 20, 2018

Team #3 K. Byron

A Life of Wisdom

On this Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary time our readings speak to us about the life of wisdom. When we think of wisdom our thoughts normally turn to an intellectual or moral attitude. However, for our purposes today we are looking



at wisdom as portrayed in a person who does good things for people. Proverbs portrays wisdom in our first reading as a gracious woman who invites us to a meal after careful preparation. The image that we are left with is one of gentleness, serenity and hospitality. St. Paul in the second reading picks right up on this idea and tells us: “watch carefully how you live.” We are to live in a manner worthy of those who have been called by Christ. Jesus picks right up with personifying wisdom by reminding us that wisdom does not just refer to those who worship, pray, and give alms. He gets into the idea of someone becoming who he is, his very flesh and blood.

We are all being invited to a way of living; one that leads to life and life eternal and one that will lead to death. Wisdom from Proverbs invites the simple and lost souls of the world to the table; Jesus invites us all to eat of His flesh and blood. As with all things in life, the choice is ours to make. Jesus is telling us that to be part of my flesh is to share in my very life. Jesus as food transforms us into energy and strength. Since we have been offered such a wondrous choice we must ask ourselves: how high a priority is the proper celebration of the Eucharist? How much preparation do we put into what we do when we come to liturgy? Are we really giving of ourselves when we partake of the Eucharist, or do we simply sit back and watch?

Eucharist is not simply a passive obsession. Eucharist must become a choice that we freely make for a life of wisdom. What we need to determine for ourselves but also for our parish community; where is the wisdom of God expressed in our gathering, listening, singing, eating and going forth? Do we take the food that we eat and allow it to transform us? Do we make an effort to be an active part of the celebration we gather each week to be a part of? Are we as individuals in actuality sharing who we are as members of the Body of Christ? Once again, we need to ask the questions of ourselves, and when we find the answers they must be grounded in the fact that the Eucharist is the gift of God’s food and love for us, but it is given so that we, too, may become food for one another.

If coming to the Table is a priority in our life, then we like the woman personifying wisdom must go to great lengths to prepare for such a banquet. Not only by our presence but also by our full participation in every aspect of the liturgy, do we embody what we eat? Jesus tells us in no uncertain terms: to be part of my flesh is to share my very life. If Jesus is to be the

source of our life, we must partake of his flesh and blood as an intimate bond with God, and then share that same intimacy with others.

Weekly Collection August 12

Votive Candles:	214
Utility & Energy	130
Catholic Accent	12
Assumption	36
Children & Adult Collection:	6,626
Total:	\$7,018

**Vote our
Pierogies!**

With Deepest Sympathy — Condolences are extended to the families of GEORGE GRANT FAUST AND MARIE CONCETTA CAPUANO. May God grant them eternal rest, and comfort to their families. We commend their souls to rest in the peace of Christ.

Stewardship

Brown Bag Sunday

As we ready for the school year, it's a good time to recall that many students will be returning to school empty handed. We will hold a Brown Bag Sunday on **August 26**. Notebooks, pencils, backpacks, pencil boxes... all school supplies, are greatly appreciated. This year, we are asking that you consider adding personal hygiene items to the list for middle school students: deodorant, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, etc. These will be distributed to students in need.

Faith Formation

As students and teachers ready for back-to-school, keep in mind that Faith Formation for children will also be starting. This year, we are in need of Third and Fifth Grade teachers. You can call the office if you are interested or have questions, or you can contact the Faith Formation office at 724-929-9300.

Choir Practice

Choir practice will begin on Wednesday, September 5 at 7:00 p.m. in the church. If you haven't had a chance to sign up for the choir, you can call the office and leave a message for Gina or email her at

gcovelli@dioceseofgreensburg.org, or show up early for practice. Your voice is needed.



Sharing your Time and your Talents

During the month of September you will have the opportunity to offer your time by being a part of one of our ministries at church. We will be hosting a "Ministry Fair" after all of the masses during the weekend of **September 15 – 16**. I will be speaking about these various ministries and how you can help in the coming weeks. In the meantime, think about how you might be able to contribute to the celebration of our Liturgies, serving in a ministry of the church is both a blessing and a gift.

Liturgy of the Word for Children

As September gets closer and closer we begin to think about getting back to school and fall into a routine. A part of that routine is the Liturgy of the Word for Children. We have dismissal during the 10:30 a.m. liturgy, and the children will leave right after the opening prayer and they will return during the offertory procession. While they are gone, they will hear the readings and a teaching on the readings. This is a wonderful opportunity for the children to learn something from the readings at Mass. In order to provide this service to our children, we need people to assist in this ministry. You will be given all of the training and information you will need. If anyone is interested in being a part of this ministry, please give me a call at the office.

Festival Wrap-Up

We will be having a final wrap up meeting from the festival we had a few weeks ago. The meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 21 in the church hall. All parishioners are invited to this meeting.

Faith

Registration for 2018-19 Pathways

Registration continues for Pathways 2018-19. This is the 25th year of Pathways, the diocese's commitment to adult faith formation and nurturing mature discipleship. There are 12 evening sessions, three workshops and a closing retreat. Pathways will be held Wednesdays from 6:30-9 p.m. at St. Agnes Parish, **North Huntingdon**, and Thursdays from 6:30-9 p.m. at St. John the Evangelist Parish, **Latrobe**. To register, call 724-552-2598, email pathways@dioceseofgreensburg.org or visit the Vocations section of www.dioceseofgreensburg.org. Financial assistance is available. For information, or to apply for a scholarship, call 724-837-0901, ext. 1249 or email franciscfund@dioceseofgreensburg.org.

Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass

Bishop Malesic invites all couples celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary during 2018 to participate in a Golden Jubilee Mass at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral Sept. 23 at 3 p.m. Jubilarians, their children, relatives or friends should contact their local parish office to register couples for the celebration. Even if they cannot attend the Mass, jubilarians will receive a scroll signed by Bishop Malesic commemorating their anniversary.

School News



Stop in the St. Sebastian School Office on Broad Ave., Belle Vernon, and buy a **ticket to win Season Steeler Tickets** for 2018 or sign-up your foursome for the September 1, 2018 St. Sebastian **Golf Outing at Cedarbrook**, 724.929.5143.

Apply for the 2-day/week **Spanish teaching position** or the 5-day/week (4 hr/day) **Cafeteria Manager position** (email Ms. Miller at tnmiller@sssbv.org).

Reminder: **School Starts on August 27**. For the safety of the children, we ask that no one park in the lot directly behind the Church/School from 7:30 am—3:30 pm, M-F.

Pierogi Crazy!

Our pierogies were nominated and made the cut as one of 32 contenders in the Ultimate Pittsburgh Pierogi Bracket! The competition is tough so be sure to **VOTE!**

Go to <https://theincline.com/bracket> and scroll down.

You will be asked for your email address. Make your selection— Epiphany of Our Lord. We're in Quadrant 1. It appears that you can vote multiple times, but definitely make sure you get your family and friends to vote at least once a day! We have awesome pierogies — it's time to let the Pittsburgh area know. **The deadline for the first bracket is Thursday, August 23.** Let the voting begin!

A promotional graphic for the 'Ultimate Pittsburgh Pierogi Bracket'. It features a red background with white text. At the top, it says 'LOVE OUR PIEROGIES?'. Below that, it says 'We need your votes to make it to the top of The Incline's ULTIMATE PITTSBURGH PIEROGI BRACKET'. A large teal banner at the bottom says 'VOTE FOR US: theincline.com/bracket'. There are also logos for KOA2 and THE INCLINE.