

August 4, 2019
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 3 & 4

Sat. 5 p.m.—10 p.m. Sun. 11:30 a.m.—8 p.m.

Epiphany of Our Lord

Festival



Street Level Band

Sat. 5:30 p.m.—9:30 p.m.

On the Level Band

Sun. 11:30 a.m. — 2:30 p.m.

Ray Jay & the Carousels

Sun. 4 p.m.—8 p.m.

Golf cart shuttle available!

Festival Food:

Pizzaburgers, hot dogs, Fries, Hamburgers, Footlongs, Ice cream, Funnel Cakes, Corn...

Homemade Food:

Sausage, Pierogis, Stuffed Shells, Halupki, Haluski, Empanadas, Baked Goods...

44 Pennsylvania Blvd., Monessen, PA 15062



LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, August 3 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Mary V. Usher by Michael Petros

Sunday, August 4 — 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM † Lena & Pete Salotti by Michael & Donna Apostolakis

10:30 AM † Charles & Margaret Vlastic by Wayne & Kathy Vlastic

Monday, August 5

8:00 AM † Vincent Jarabeck by Nathan & Susan Campus

Tuesday, August 6

8:00 AM † Eddie Weckoski by Tom & Judy Cauldhill

Wednesday, August 7

No Mass

Thursday, August 8

8:00 AM † Helen Alessio by Gloria Hayes

Friday, August 9

8:00 AM † Chris Campana by Family

Saturday, August 10 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Sam Dalfonso by Ida & Family

Sunday, August 11 — 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM † Nicholas Vacarro by Loving Family

10:30 AM † Joe & Stella Reda and Russell & Adeline Sherred by Children

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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 — August 10 & 11

Time	Lector	Eucharistic	Altar Servers
4:00 p.m.	R. Kozar	S. Stein L. Henry A. Punteriero	S. Punteriero A. Mauro
8:30 a.m.	J. Petritis	M. Tokar D. Pastella A. Pasetlla	B. Speicher N. Specisher
10:30 a.m.	B. Sherred	T. Billick P. Fantauzzi E. Yatchyshyn	S. Yatchyshyn E. Yatchyshyn

Money Counters - Monday, August 5—Team #1 P. Pettko

St. Sebastian Travel Group

Join us on this trip to the **ARK ADVENTURE, October 16 & 17**, where you will get to feel like you're walking through the Bible as the pages come to life at the Creation museum; board the "River Queen" for the captain's dinner cruise. Stay at the Holiday Inn; breakfast at the hotel, then off to a full scale replica of Noah's Ark. Cost is \$300 for double occupancy. Only 18 seats left. Call St. Sebastian for details: 724-929-9300.

What is your treasure?

This week our liturgy is asking us to look at how much greed is a part of our lives. We are a lot more like the farmer who built bigger barns to hold a bumper crop and then didn't live long enough to in enjoy it than we would care to think or admit!



"Maxed out" credit cards, multiple bridal registries, working to own bigger homes and newer cars, latest computer gadgetry, proliferating use of cell phones, big screen TVs, home theaters, low or nonexistent savings accounts...the list goes on and on. We have created a culture which says having things – more and bigger and fancier – makes us happy.

The gospel is going far beyond "you can't take it with you." In this gospel Jesus challenges the crowd to "guard against all greed." The "rich man" evaluates his life in terms of possessions and believes he is secure. On God's scale of values, this man is foolish because these things are fleeting. According to Qoheleth, laboring for wealth and possessions is not only foolish but results in sorrow, grief, and anxiety.

Today Jesus teaches us that the only wealth worth acquiring is to become "rich in what matters to God." The question the gospel raises then is "what matters to God?" As St. Paul tells us in the second reading the only things worth anything at all are those things which are from above. Thus, what really matters to God is that we learn a new set of priorities.

Luke reminds his readers that none of us is able to control the circumstances of life. We may pile up riches and hope they guarantee us happiness, but they can disappear at any moment. Riches are transitory. Greed can be the root of all evil. Stingy, greedy and possessive people cannot align their thoughts to God and reach outward to others. Greedy people lose a sense of what is important in life. Possessions create an illusion that we have control over our destiny. Not so, says Jesus. Tonight you might have a heart attack and all your possessions will be left behind. So beware: stash away your blessings rather than your wealth!

Greed in all of its form is intrinsically evil. Most of the political and financial scandals of our day are because of greed. Wars are started for oil, corrupt politicians in poor African countries steal food aid and sell it rather than distributing it to the poor, CEOs of huge corporations manipulate the stock market, leaving millions of people without pensions or medical care, while the guilty ones still keep their multimillion dollar pensions.

Jesus is not saying that discipleship means we must give up all possessions. That is neither practical nor necessary. There is nothing wrong with possessions in themselves and there is everything wrong with destitution, no matter what the reason. All of us deserve whatever material things we need in order to pursue a wholesome life. A problem arises when concern for our possessions or the drive to have more and more is our highest priority. Jesus is simply reminding us that our riches are to be shared, not hoarded. Wealth is not being addressed here. Rather, the appropriate use of wealth always remains a challenge. "Where your treasure is, there is your heart," it's all about values. God has charged us all to be generous with the gifts and treasures entrusted to us.



Stewardship

The Importance of Ministries

Although it is the beginning of August, many of us are already looking towards September as the month we get back into a routine with life. The laid back schedules of summer are behind us and we look to dealing with the business of life and the hectic schedules it brings.



In the church, September has become the month when we look at our obligations to ministry. Ministry is a lot more than just volunteering your time or your talents. It is a way of living our lives with the commitments our faith asks of us. Throughout

August I will be speaking at the liturgies about how we all can work at becoming good stewards of our Time, Talent and Treasure. Giving of ourselves means being good Stewards with the resources God gives to us.

We do not often enough stop to think about how blessed we are. We may be grateful for the “things” that we have but we do not often think about the many other treasures that God has bestowed on us. If we do not appreciate the many ways that God has blessed us, how can we even begin to share with others? **This month I am asking all of you to look at your life and become aware of just how blessed you really are.** By recognizing our talents and how we can utilize our time, we can all work together in building a stronger Kingdom of God and become Good Stewards at the same time.

Prayer Shawl



Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet at **10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 13** in the Church Hall.

Groups

Holy Name Sunday is next Sunday, **August 11**. Corporate Communion will be at 8:30 a.m. Mass. There will be **no meeting** in August.

Weekly Collection July 28

Votive Candles:	213
Utility & Energy:	72
Children & Adult Collection:	\$5,028
Total Collection:	\$5,313



App Reminder:

Our app is a great way to stay connected, during the summer. It works on smart phones and tablets. Search for Parish App in iTunes or Google Play.

Accent

If you are a member of Epiphany Church, you should be receiving the Catholic Accent. If you are not, and would like to do so, please call the office, or email Tara at tmanderino@dioceseofgreensburg.org and we'll get you on the list.

Parish Festival!

This weekend we celebrate our parish festival. I hope that you, your family and your friends have an opportunity to stop down and spend some time with us! Keep in mind that we do run golf cart shuttles up and down the hill. See you there!

Fr Mike & Fr. Elmer



Around the Diocese

White Mass at Blessed Sacrament

The 17th Annual White Mass for all health care professionals will be celebrated by **Bishop Malesic Oct. 20 at 11:30 a.m.** at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Greensburg.

Flea Market

St. John the Baptist, Perryopolis, is holding their annual Summer Flea Market August 10 and 11 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall. Come and find your treasures.

Job Opening at Clelian Heights School

Clelian Heights School, Greensburg, seeks dedicated and caring individuals to work in an education setting as personal care assistants. Applicants should be at least 20 years old and have completed at least two years of post-secondary education. To apply contact Sister Charlene Celi, principal, at cceeli@clelianheights.org

Presentation: "Help for Grandparents Raising Grandchildren"

St. Cecilia Parish, Whitney, will host "Help for Grandparents Raising Grandchildren" on Aug. 13 at 5:30 p.m. to help grandparents and other people near retirement who have unexpectedly become the primary caregivers for their grandchildren. The evening is designed to share ideas and resources that address the emotional, legal, financial and daily living challenges of grandparents who are now raising a second family. A speaker will provide information about preparing children for the start of the school year and drawings will be held for backpacks filled with school supplies. Childcare will be available. Call 724-423-3777. A second gathering will be held Sept. 18 at 5:30 p.m. at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Latrobe. The program is sponsored by St. Cecilia Parish and Sacred Heart Parish, Youngstown, and Trinity Evangelical Lutheran.