

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

November 11, 2018

THE *Epiphany* OF OUR Lord

ROMAN
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32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OFFERING

Calling his disciples to himself,
he said to them, "Amen, I say
to you, this poor widow put
in more than all the other
contributors to the
treasury." - Mk 12:43

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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, November 10—Vigil

4:00 PM † James P. Altomari by Francia & Burns Families

Sunday, November 11 — 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM † Deceased Members Holy Name Society by Holy Name Society

10:30 AM † Legion of Mary by Mary Hasch

Monday, November 12

8:00 AM † Helen Alessio by Armand & Pauline DeRose

Tuesday, November 13

8:00 AM † John & Olga Capuano by Franklin & Elise Silko

Wednesday, November 14

No Mass

Thursday, November 15

8:00 AM † Jean Lane by Gelli Family

Friday, November 16

8:00 AM † Dolores Bucci by Jeannette Bury

Saturday, November 17 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Patsy & Rose Greco by Mr & Mrs Joseph R. Greco

Sunday, November 18 — 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM † Lawrence Babinsil by Mom & Family

10:30 AM † Andrew, Jeanne, Andrew Jr., & Vincent Sepesky by Family

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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. Nov. 17 & Nov. 18

Time	Lector	Eucharistic	Altar Servers
4:00 p.m.	D. Harkins	R. Croushore P. Fantauzzi J. Gigliotti	B. DuBreucq B. DuBreucq
8:30 a.m.	S. Stein	K. Zimmaro L. DeFelices Volunteer	T. Todd Z. Tokar
10:30 a.m.	M. Sacco LWC- K. Byron	T. Mazzei E. Yatchyshyn S. Polomonscanik	J. Sacco S. Yatchyshyn

Money Counters - Monday, November 12—Team #2 V. Saunders

The Widow's Mite!

In two of our readings today we hear about the plight of the widows in the days of Jesus. In the scriptures we hear the word widow almost a hundred times. Widowhood is a symbol of loss and emptiness. A woman usually married outside of her tribe, and if her husband died, his family was under no obligation to care for her. It was next to impossible for her to get work other than on a farm. When we understand this social position of the widow, our readings can be more easily understood.



In the first reading from Kings we find the prophet Elijah asking a widow for some food. This poor woman was in the process of preparing the last meal for herself and her son, after they ate they would die. They were in the midst of a terrible famine and there simply was no more food. Because of her trust in God, she was rewarded with enough food to live through the famine.

Jesus in the Gospel uses the example of a widow's generosity as a springboard for stewardship in the church. Jesus makes reference to the scribes as being religious elites who think they are better than others. Jesus holds up the widow as a direct opposite to the elite, she who had no title or status in society gave all that she had. By contrasting her poverty and helplessness with that of the scribes, he shows her to be an example of humility and lowliness; thus she characterizes the life of a disciple. We need to be careful in understanding that Jesus is not simply talking about "widows," rather he is speaking about attitude.

Every one of us has at one time or another had to listen to and suffer from the ill effects of someone else's piety. We have been lectured about individual's personal piety and at times have been exhausted by other people's methods of spiritual self-improvement. Instead of these competing externals of piety, what we need sometimes is a simple image of what is holy. Today we are given a simple black and white version of things with no pretense. The real work of God is to care for the poor, the weak and lowly; this is something that is not on the top of our lists of important things in life. Jesus is not finding fault with the scribes for their vanity, rather he is definitely finding fault with them trying to make all of the external aspects of their faith a symbol of their piety. The poor widows are the ideal version of piety. They shared or gave away all that they had, in both readings the widows gave of themselves for the sake of others. They didn't need to bother with the "externals" of their faith; by their lives they lived their faith.

Today our liturgy is calling us to look at ourselves and see just how we live up to what we profess. In reality we must become the oil from the first reading that anoints the wounds of others. We are the flour from that same reading that feeds the lonely elderly woman with companionship. We are the coins that support hungry children of the world. Do you think that the widows knew something we don't know? And if they did, might their radical generosity make us just a little bit uneasy? How much more should we, who are so richly blessed, give, not from our want, but from our wealth? What is our widow's mite?

The First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association Senior Branch 88 will hold their annual Holiday Party on Sunday, December 2, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. For details, please refer to article in "Fraternally Yours"

With Deepest Sympathy — Condolences are extended to the family of ANN MARIE DYKY. May God grant her eternal rest, and comfort to her family. We commend her soul to rest in the peace of Christ.

Stewardship

Retirement Fund for Religious

Religious give thanks. "This money is pure gift," writes a religious sister of the support made possible by the Retirement Fund for Religious. "It enables us to continue providing care for our elderly sisters." Your gift to last week's collection helps hundreds of religious communities meet pressing retirement needs while continuing to serve the People of God. **Thank you for your generosity!**



Turkey Bingo

The Epiphany Ladies are getting ready for the 18th Annual Turkey Bingo. The Bingo will be held on **November 18th and begins at 1:00 p.m.** in the Epiphany of Our Lord Church Hall. Doors open at 12:00 p.m. There will be 20 Turkey Games and 4 Cash Games. Admission is \$10.00, which includes 2 Cards and a Door Prize Ticket. A variety of food and beverages will be available for purchase throughout the afternoon. This is a fun Sunday afternoon family Bingo and the public is welcome. Our Parish Middle and High School Students are welcome to volunteer to help at this fun event. Call Pat Godla at 724-684-7235, or Kathy Byron at 724-684-8062 for additional information.

Wreath Sale

Getting ready for the Holidays

The decorating committee is putting together a fund raiser for the holidays. We are going to make decorated wreaths for your home or cemetery. The wreaths will be made from Frazer pine and decorated with cones, berries and a bow. They will sell for \$25.00 and you may purchase a stand for the cemeteries for an additional \$2.00. There will be order sheets in the church. Any questions about this project, please feel free to call the office.



Pierogies

You can pick up perogies anytime after the Liturgies on Saturday and Sunday. You may also get them at the office Monday through Thursday 8:30 – 3:00 and on Friday 8:30 – 12:00. They are sold in bags of 2 dozen for \$14.00.

Writing Contest

LAOH Irish History Writing Contest

A sisterhood of Irish and Irish-American Catholic Women, the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians is a National organization that sponsors, each year, a National Irish History Writing Contest for students in **Grades 6–12**. All students in public, private or home-schooled are eligible to participate. This year's theme is "Heroes and Heroines in Celtic Mythology and Celebrations." Prizes range from \$50 to \$500 for grades 6-8 and from \$100 to \$1,000 for grades 9-12. We encourage all students to enter now through December 1, 2018. For information, please call Carole Seader at 724-823-0514, Irish Historian, Mary Ellen O'Neil Division #4 Washington County LAOH.

Weekly Collection Nov. 4

Votive Candles:	261
Utility & Energy	242
All Saints	917
All Souls	575
Children & Adult Collection:	\$6,340
Retired Religious	796
Total:	\$9,131

Faith

Workbook for Lectors

The new workbook for our lectors is now available. The workbook contains the readings for the coming year. Beginning the first week of Advent we will be using readings from Cycle "C". If you are a lector, please pick up your workbook in the sacristy. If anyone is interested in becoming a lector, please let me know.

Mass Book for 2019

The Mass book for 2019 is now open. Mass requests must be submitted on the new forms available in the back of the church. **No calls** will be taken. A form may also be completed in the office, but will be scheduled according to the date received.



The Epiphany of Our Lord parish celebrates with DEANNA BUBERNIAK and SCOTT BERESFORD as they were joined in the sacrament of matrimony on September 27, 2018.

Children's choir will meet for rehearsal after 10:30 a.m. Mass!

School News

- If you need someone added to our prayer intentions, please send them to: (nzetty@sssbv.org).
- Enjoy! And KidStuff coupon books are on sale. Call the school office: 724-929-5143 for details.

Groups

Epiphany Ladies will meet on Tuesday, November 11 at 6:30 p.m. starting with a Memorial Mass for our deceased members. Meeting and social will follow in the church hall.

Ladies Joint Christmas Party

Reminder: Reservations are due by Sunday, November 18 for the 22nd Annual Joint Christmas Dinner for members of the Epiphany Ladies, CDA and CBPW. The celebration will be held at 'By George' starting at 2:00 p.m. Menu choices are Stuffed Chicken Breast or Bistro Filets with Demi Glace. Cost is \$25.00. Contact Debbie at 724-708-8335 for reservations.

Sausage Sale

HOMEMADE SAUSAGE SALE

The Knights of Columbus will hold a sausage sale on December 18 & 19. All orders must be in by Sunday, December 2. Put in your order now to make sure you get it! **The sausage will be sold at \$4.50 /lb. Minimum order is 2 lb. PER ITEM.**

<u>LINK</u>	<u>LOOSE</u>	
___ lbs.	___ lbs.	Sweet Sausage
___ lbs.	___ lbs.	Hot Sausage
___ lbs.	___ lbs.	Hot Hot Sausage

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Orders may be placed by filling out the order form above, placing it in an envelope marked "Sausage Order" and depositing it in the collection basket. To call in your order, or for info, contact Kenny at 724-929-3464 or Ron at 724-684-4962. Please make checks payable to **Knights of Columbus**.