

**April 28, 2024**



**5th Sunday of Easter**

Today's readings

### MASS SCHEDULE

#### Weekday Mass

Monday & Thursday:  
8:00 a.m.

Tuesday, Wednesday,  
and Friday:  
No Mass

#### Weekend Mass

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday:  
8:30 a.m.  
10:30 a.m.

#### Confession:

Saturday: 11:30 a.m.  
Or by appointment

#### All Sacraments:

Please call the office



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### OUR LOCATION

#### Epiphany of Our Lord Catholic Church

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#### Office Hours

Mon.–Thurs.: 8:30 am, - 3:00 p.m. Fri.: 8:30 a.m.– 12 Noon

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Regardless of your past, family, or beliefs, you are embraced by our Catholic community. Whether lifelong follower or seeker, you are cherished here. God's love knows no bounds. Let's journey in faith, supporting one another. Welcome home.

## LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

### Saturday, April 27 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Teresa Trozzi by Sons, Phillip & Arthur

### Sunday, April 28 — 5th Sunday of Easter

8:30 AM † Frank Galilei by Cheryl Galilei & Family

10:30 AM 40th Wedding Anniversary Rita & Gary Lucas

### Monday, April 29

8:00 AM † Edward & Edith Palanzo by Joe and Suzanne Surdyn

### Tuesday, April 30

8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

### Wednesday, May 1

No Mass

### Thursday, May 2

No Mass

### Friday, May 3

8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

### Saturday, May 4 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Charles Urbanowicz by Steve & Amy Hudak

### Sunday, May 5 — 6th Sunday of Easter

8:30 AM † Mascitelli Family by Daughter, Fran

10:30 AM † Gloria Salotti Dawson, Ella & Joseph Salotti by Sharie & John Amprim

### Parish Office:

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### OFFICE HOURS

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

Friday: 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

### Ministry Schedule — May 4 & 5

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
8:00 p.m.	R. Kozar	S. Benecio S. Surdyn A. Punturiero	L. Assenat
8:30 a.m.	K. Miller	J. Todd S. Campus L. DeFelices	T. Todd
10:30 a.m.	S. Stein	K. Byron E. Yatchyshyn P. Francowic	M. Speicher N. Speicher

### Money Counters

Monday, April 29—Team #4 – J. Petritis

## We are the branches...

Today's readings reveal to us that we are intimately connected to the essence of God, like a branch connected to the vine. We are reminded that our lives must imitate that which we profess to be; we cannot speak one way and act another.



The only way in which we can bear fruit that is good and wholesome is to stay in constant contact with Jesus, to remain in him like a branch on a vine. Only when the life of Jesus dwells within us, are we able to bear fruit.

The vine is always there encouraging the branches to go out and produce fruit. The vine is the main source of life for all of the branches, if it were not there the branches would wither and die and there would be no fruit. It is the ever present "vine" that is always encouraging us to go into the world and produce much fruit by becoming the very best we possibly can. This is also what God our creator wants for each of us, and the reason we were created in the first place.

As disciples we are baptized into a life that calls us to live lives of self-sacrifice and service. Jesus reminds us that we are to go into the world and "love not in word or speech but in deed and truth." The vitality of the branches depends on the life that flows to them from the vine. The branch can be vital only by remaining on the vine. Resurrection life in believers is like that: it is something which must be maintained.

Just as we are to maintain our connection with Jesus the true vine, so too are we to be in connection with one another. We must never forget our responsibilities to one another. As we ponder over our "connectedness" in life, we are reminded of the many people who have helped to nourish us along our journey. We must never forget their kindness and their love. By our speech as well as by our actions we must show all of those people how grateful we are for the gift of life and love that they have shared.

The Easter season provides us with an opportunity to look at ourselves and see how we can grow. We should all take advantage of this time and look at how we are with one another.

Do we show our appreciation for the many good things people do for us? Do we in turn share those good things with others? The image of Jesus as a vine and us as the branches is a beautiful one indeed. In order to have a sense of life and love we have to feel connected to people. This week think of your many connections in your life, if some of them need pruning so that you can bring forth much fruit, then, make it happen.

### Weekly Collection April 21

Votive Candles:	187
Utility & Energy:	60
Accent:	3
Ascension:	30
Children & Adult Collection:	\$3,577
Online Collection:	\$747
<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$4,604</b>
Communications:	\$30
<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$4,634</b>

### Knight's News

The Monessen Knights of Columbus will be speaking at Masses on May 4 and 5 at Epiphany, and May 18 and 19 at St. Sebastian. We will be seeking new members. Knights will be available after the Masses to answer any questions.

The Monessen Knights donated:

- ◆ \$300 to the combined Epiphany and St. Sebastian's Purse Bash.
- ◆ \$779 to Special Olympics, in large part due to Brother Knights **Bill Watson** and **Marty Vasquez** who participated in a Polar Plunge fund raising event
- ◆ Over \$250 to Make-A-Wish foundation through our Grand Knight **Bob Kuzynski's** participation in a Bowling Marathon.

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

## Stewardship

### Diocesan Lenten Appeal

With only a few more weeks left in this year's DLA, we have **only heard from 32% of our parish or 192 people**. There are many of our parishioners who have not yet responded. We have reached our Diocesan goal with \$44,622 collected in pledges and gifts. **We are a long way off from our parish goal of \$84,354.**

Remember that **every penny we get from this point forward will stay 100% in our parish**. If you have not responded to this year's DLA, won't you please consider doing so? It would be nice if we get a good start with repairing the roof in the church!

## Ravioli Dinner

St. Anne's, Rostraver, will hold a Ravioli and Spaghetti take out dinner on **Sunday, May 5** from Noon to 4 p.m. Dinners are \$15 and include ravioli or spaghetti, bread and salad.

## Parish Picnic

We are planning to have our Parish Picnic on **June 30<sup>th</sup>**. This will be the first year we will be able to have our picnic here at our new pavilion! We will begin the afternoon with Mass at 1:00 p.m., and then celebrate a picnic with each other. I know that we have a couple of months before this happens, but I would like to ask for help. **We are going to need someone to take charge of the food as well as someone to come up with some activities for the children as well as the adults.** If you are able to help with setting up and getting things ready, please let me know. I am looking forward to this picnic and I am sure that we will all have a wonderful time. I will be having a meeting for anyone interested in helping with the picnic in a couple of weeks.



## T-Shirt Time



We've become known for our unified t-shirts at the festival! This year we're **giving a nod to the Olympic Games**. We're now taking orders for t-shirts. The deadline is Thursday, May 30. The shirts, up to size 2 XL, are **\$22** each; 3XL - 5 XL are **\$23** each. Orders can be placed in the collection basket or mailed to the office.

### T-Shirt Order Form

To order a t-shirt, include your name, best contact number, size and \$22 (\$23) per shirt ordered.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Best Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Size & Quantity: \_\_\_S \_\_\_M \_\_\_L \_\_\_XL  
 \_\_\_2XL \_\_\_3XL \_\_\_4XL \_\_\_5XL

Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

## Faith

### Vacation Bible School



We are hoping to provide a wonderful opportunity for our children with Vacation Bible School this summer. In order to provide this adventure for your children, we will need lots of help. We are looking for people to provide the "educational" portion, and don't worry we will provide all of the materials you will need. We also are looking for people to work with the music of the program. A big item is working with crafts, so if you're so inclined, know that your help would be most welcome. For those who might not want to be a part of this portion, we will also need people to help with the "snacks" and "luncheon." So, you can see that we need many people to be on board. We guarantee that everyone involved will have a wonderful time.

Won't you consider being a part of the program this year?

**We are going to have a meeting on Monday evening, April 29, at 6:30 p.m. in the parish hall.** If you have any questions you can call the office. We are looking forward to another wonderful experience this year and I am confident that **with your help, it will happen!**

### Inquiring Minds Get to Know Jesus in OCIA

Do you know an adult who has never been baptized? Or perhaps it's someone who has attended Mass for years with a spouse, was baptized in another faith but is unable to receive the Eucharist? Or are you aware of a couple planning a wedding or a baptism and one of them isn't sharing the joys of the sacraments? Then invite them to inquire about The Order of Christian Initiation (OCIA) process.

You can extend the invitation personally or we would be happy to reach out with a phone call, email or face-to-face meeting. Contact Scott Martin at 724-469-1095 or at [smartin@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:smartin@dioceseofgreensburg.org) for more info or pass along contact information.

### Kerygma Discipleship Retreat

The first diocesan Kerygma Discipleship Retreat will be held **Friday, May 17 – Sunday, May 19 at Christ Our Shepherd Center in Greensburg**. This weekend retreat will be an opportunity for the faithful to listen and hear God's call and experience a way to live our faith in the modern world through prayer and the Church community.

### Mass for St. Joseph the Worker

On Wednesday, **May 1, the Feast of Saint Joseph the Worker, Bishop Larry J. Kulick will celebrate Mass at 11:45 AM** at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral as part of the dedication of the Diocese of Greensburg to the protection and guardianship of Saint Joseph. The Mass will be livestreamed on the Diocese YouTube Channel, Facebook page and on the Blessed Sacrament Cathedral Facebook page. In his Pastoral Letter, "Donum Veritatis: The Gift of Truth", Bishop Kulick dedicated the Diocese of Greensburg to the patronage of Saint Joseph for the Eucharistic Revival Year of Mission in 2024, the Jubilee Year of 2025, and the 75th Anniversary of the Diocese of Greensburg.

### Ministry Call Out

The next schedule will run from **May 11 through June 30**. If there will be any changes to your schedule, please contact Tara or email [tmanderino@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:tmanderino@dioceseofgreensburg.org) by **Friday, May 3**.



National Day of Prayer, May 2. Designated by the United States Congress people are asked "to turn to God in prayer and meditation".