

January 4, 2026



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

WE SAW HIS  
STAR AT ITS  
**RISING.**

— MATTHEW 2:2 —



A PENNSYLVANIA CHARITABLE TRUST  
A PARISH OF THE DIOCESE OF GREENSBURG

©LPi

## Scripture Reflection

The Feast of the Epiphany is a profound celebration of the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles, symbolized by the Magi's journey and their recognition of the King born in Bethlehem. Isaiah 60:1-6 prophetically proclaims that the light of God's glory will arise upon His people, and nations will come to His light, acknowledging His divine kingship. This highlights that Christ's revelation is universal, extending beyond Israel to all nations, fulfilling God's plan of salvation.



Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 emphasizes that the mystery of Christ's Gospel was made known through divine revelation, revealing that Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise of Christ Jesus through the Gospel. This underscores that salvation is offered to all humanity, uniting us in Christ.

Matthew 2:1-12 recounts the journey of the Magi, who, guided by a star, seek and find the infant Jesus, worshipping Him and offering gifts. Their act signifies recognition of Jesus' divine kingship and the acknowledgment that salvation is accessible to all, not just the chosen people.

In celebrating the Epiphany, we affirm the universal light of Christ that illumines all nations and peoples, fulfilling God's promise of salvation for the entire world. It reminds us of the importance of faith, humility, and recognition of Christ as Lord and Savior

## Inclement Weather

Reminder: In the case of inclement weather, the parishes will follow the school schedule. If the local school district has a 2 hour delay or cancellation, then the Daily Mass would be cancelled and the office hours would follow the same schedule as the school district. The info will be posted on social media and the app. You may always check WTAE.com for school delays and cancelations.

## PARISH STAFF

**Pastor:** Rev. Anthony Onoko

aonoko@dioceseofgreensburg.org

**Parochial Vicar:** Rev. Michael Thomas

mthomas@dioceseofgreensburg.org

**Bulletin Sec.:** Tara Manderino

tmanderino@dioceseofgreensburg.org

**Regional Directors Religious Education:**

Adelle Slebodnik, Grade 6—Adult

aslebodnik@dioceseofgreensburg.org

Julianna Mendez Baluch, Birth—Grade 5

jbaluch@dioceseofgreensburg.org

**Maintenance:** Patrick Frederick

## Prayer for the New Year

*Beloved parishioners,*

As we stand at the threshold of this new year, we come before You, gracious and faithful God, with hearts full of gratitude. We thank You for the gift of life, for Your protection through the year that has passed, and for Your constant presence among us in every joy and every trial.

Lord, as we enter this new year, we place it entirely into Your hands. Go before us in all that we do. Renew our faith, strengthen our hope, and deepen our love for You and for one another. Heal what is broken within us, restore what has been lost, and guide us where the path is uncertain.

Bless our families and our homes. Grant peace where there is anxiety, unity where there is division, and comfort where there is sorrow. Bless the sick with healing, the weary with rest, the struggling with courage, and the lonely with the assurance of Your nearness.

Pour out Your Holy Spirit upon this parish. May we grow as a community of faith—rooted in prayer, alive in service, and bold in love. Help us to be witnesses of Your mercy, instruments of Your justice, and bearers of Your light in the world.

And now, may the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

May the Lord look upon you with kindness and give you peace today, throughout this new year, and always.

*Fr. Anthony Onoko*

## Groups

**Epiphany Ladies** will begin their Winter Schedule on **Sunday, January 11** in the Church Hall after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Adelle Slebodnik, Regional Director of Religion Education for Grades 6—Adult, will be the guest speaker. A 'Fill the Baby Bottle' offering will be taken to support diocesan Pro-Life efforts. The meeting is open to members, guests and all Epiphany women interested in joining the group.

The **Holy Name Society** will hold its monthly meeting on **January 11, 2026** following the 8:30 Mass. All Catholic men are welcome.

**CDA Court Monessen #776** will meet on Sunday, January 18, 2026 after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. The rosary will be prayed at 10:00 a.m. before Mass in the church.

**LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK**

**Saturday, January 3 — Vigil**

4:00 PM † William (Bill) Bielawski by Ruth, Billy & Jeff

**Sunday, January 4 — The Epiphany of the Lord**

8:30 AM † Metro Petrosky, Jr by Flo Petrosky

10:30 AM † Pro Populo

**Monday, January 5**

8:00 AM † Michaelena 'Micki' Campana by Ted Harhai

**Tuesday, January 6**

8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

**Wednesday, January 7**

9:00 AM Mass at St. John the Baptist

**Thursday, January 8**

8:00 AM † Teresa Trozzi by Sons, Phillip & Arthur

**Friday, January 9**

8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

10:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

**Saturday, January 10 — Vigil**

4:00 PM † Walter & Stella Anders by Sons

**Sunday, January 11—Baptism of the Lord**

8:30 AM † Leo Janol by Sophia

10:30 AM Pro Populo

**Parish Office:**

**44 PENNSYLVANIA BLVD, MONESSEN, PA 15062**

**Parish Office (24/7): 724-684-7661**

**Church Hall: 724-684-5512**

**Religious Education: 724-929-9300**

**Emergency Pastoral Care: 724-397-7035**

[www.eolparish.com](http://www.eolparish.com)

[youtube.com/EpiphanyofOurLordCatholicChurch](https://youtube.com/EpiphanyofOurLordCatholicChurch)

[Facebook.com/Epiphany-of-Our-Lord](https://facebook.com/Epiphany-of-Our-Lord)

**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 — Jan. 11 & 12, 2026**

	<b>Lector</b>	<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	<b>Altar Server</b>
4:00 p.m.	S. Surdyn	M. Dzurik R. Lucas J. Brown	D. Harkins
8:30 a.m.	G. Pesi	S. Stein J. Todd T. Todd	Volunteer
10:30 a.m.	W. Vlasic	E. Yatcyshybn T. Mazzei K. Imbreascia	S. Yatchyshyn G. Yatchyshyn

**Money Counters**

**Monday, January 5—Team #2— W. Anders**

**Happy Feast Day!**

On January 4, we celebrate the feast day of our parish family. For 34 years we have been a united Catholic presence in our community. It is a good time to remember how blessed we are.



There are many people who generously share their time and talent. The activities and events are met with enthusiasm and tremendous success.

Epiphany is the traditional time to **ble<sup>s</sup>s our homes** in remembrance of the hospitality of the Holy Family to the Wise Men, and **ask<sup>i</sup>ng for protection and ble<sup>s</sup>sing** on the home and all who enter.

The home blessing is done by writing on the door or door frame with chalk the symbols **20+C+M+B+26**. The 20 and 26 represent the current year. The + reminds us of the cross on which Jesus died. The C, M, and B stand for the traditional names of the Wise Men, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar, as well as an abbreviation for the Latin phrase “*Christus mansionem benedicat*” which means “Christ bless this house.”

Gather the family around the front door of your home and pray together: Make the Sign of the Cross, Read Matthew 2; 1-12. *Pray:* “Lord God of heaven and earth, / you revealed your only-begotten Son to every nation / by the guidance of a star. / Bless this house and all who inhabit it. / Fill us with the light of Christ, that our concern for others / may reflect your love. /We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen. Chalk the door, doorframe or plaque, and conclude by saying the Our Father.

**Stewardship**

Due to the bulletin deadline, last week’s collection will be listed next week.

<b>Weekly Collection Dec. 21</b>		St. Lucy:	
Votive Candles:	216	Children & Adult	173
Utility & Energy:	100	End of Year:	6,170
Accent:	75	Online :	425
Imm. Conception:	140	<b>Total Collection:</b>	1,360
Christmas Flowers:	305	Children & Family:	65
Advent Folder:	35	<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$10,149</b>
Christmas:	1,150		

**Tax Statements**

A statement of your contribution will be available by the end of January. As soon as they are ready, they will be in the back of the church for pick up. This will help the parish by saving postage costs, so be sure to pick up your statement.