

**March 15, 2026**  
**4th Sunday of Lent**



**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: 3:00 p.m.  
Or by appointment

**All Sacraments:**

Please call the office



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**OUR LOCATION**

**Epiphany of Our Lord Catholic Church**

44 Pennsylvania Blvd., Monessen, PA 15062

📞 724-684-7661

📞 724-397-7035 —Emergency Pastoral Care

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

**Office Hours**

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

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## Scripture Reflection

The readings for the Fourth Sunday of Lent reveal how God brings us from darkness into light through His grace. In the Gospel, Jesus heals the man born blind, declaring: “While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” Through this miracle, Christ not only restores physical sight but reveals a deeper truth: He opens the eyes of faith so that we may recognize God’s work in our lives.



The first reading shows the same divine pattern. When Samuel is sent to anoint a king, God reminds him that He does not judge by appearances but by the heart. God chooses David, the unlikely shepherd, showing that His grace works beyond human expectations.

Saint Paul then calls us to respond to that grace: “You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light.” The Christian life is therefore a transformation. Through Baptism and faith in Christ, we are brought out of the blindness of sin and into the light of truth.

The man born blind gradually comes to see who Jesus truly is, eventually worshiping Him. Others, however, refuse to believe even though they see the miracle. This is the warning of the Gospel: spiritual blindness is not merely a lack of knowledge but a refusal to accept the light when it is offered.

Lent invites us to examine our own sight. Do we allow Christ to illumine our conscience, guide our choices, and heal the blindness caused by sin? If we follow Him faithfully, the Light of the world will lead us out of darkness and into the fullness of life.

## Purse Bash



Epiphany of Our Lord and St. Sebastian parishes will hold a Designer Purse Bash and “Unique” Bake Sale on **Sunday, April 26**. The event will be held at Epiphany Church Hall from 2 p.m.—5 p.m. Doors

will open at 1:30 p.m. Tickets are \$35 and include lunch, beverage, and door prizes.

## Groups

**CDA Court Monessen #776** will meet in the Epiphany Church Hall on Sunday, March 15, following the 10:30 a.m. Mass. We will have our **Lenten Reflection**. New members welcome. If you have any questions, please call Regent Debbie Genemore at 724-708-8335

**Bake Sale reminder** For Friday, March 20, we ask those whose last name begins with **A — H** to bring in baked goods.

## LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

### Saturday, March 14 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Kotch and Oleksak Family by Family

### Sunday, March 15 — 4th Sunday of Lent

8:30 AM Pro Populo

10:30 AM † Deceased members of Volpe Family by Rosina Volpe

### Monday, March 16

8:00 AM † Ray & Olive Bronder & Mary Balant by The Todd Family

### Tuesday, March 17

8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

### Wednesday, March 18

8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

### Thursday, March 19

9:00 AM Mass at St. John the Baptist

### Friday, March 20

8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

10:15 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

6:00 PM Stations of the Cross

### Saturday, March 21—Vigil

4:00 PM † Ernestine Theakston by Suzanne Surdyn

### Sunday, March 22 — 5th Sunday of Lent

8:30 AM † Guiffre, Sybert & Kiel Families by Linda Guiffre

10:30 AM Pro Populo

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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 — March 21 & 22, 2026

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 p.m.	A. Punturiero	D. Harkins S. Surdyn G. Pesi	Volunteer
8:30 a.m.	D. DeCarlo	L. DeFelices S. Stein A. Pastella	Volunteer
10:30 a.m.	D. Yagodich	P. Francowic T. Mazzei W. White	M. Guiliford

### Money Counters

**Monday, March 16 –Team #2– W. Anders**

## Stewardship

### Weekly Collection March 8

Votive Candles:	216	Children & Adult:	4,889
Utility & Energy:	63	Online :	1,044
Accent:	20	<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$7,560</b>
Easter Flowers:	240	Heifer:	495
Lenten Folder:	1,088	<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$8,055</b>

## Spring Cleaning



It's time for **Spring Cleaning!** The Epiphany Ladies will be Spring Cleaning the Church on Saturday, **March 28 at 9AM**. Cleaning supplies will be provided, though extra cleaning cloths would be helpful. The more hands, the lighter the load! All **interested parishioners are welcome** to join the Ladies in freshening our Church for Easter.

## Pierogi Making

We will be making pierogis on **Sunday, March 15** following the 8:30 a.m. Mass and on **Monday, March 16** after the 8:00 a.m. Mass. Come when you can. All hands (and bodies) welcome!

## Heifer

We're off to a great start. This week, we boarded **1 water buffalo, 1 flock of geese, 2 flocks of chicks, 1 honeybee hive** and **1 sheep!**

It's no surprise that **sheep** provide wool that can be made into warm clothing for families and children living in harsh environments. Selling the wool, and products made from it boosts the income of families. Sheep also provide milk, nourishing hungry families. They can graze on the hilliest, rockiest pastures unsuitable for other livestock.



**Ducks** also provide nourishment to hungry families through their eggs. For millions of people around the world, duck eggs provide the cornerstone of a healthy diet. In addition, ducks boost income through the sale of their eggs, feathers and down. Ducks are also good for the environment, ridding the area of insects and weeds. Families that begin with a starter flock eventually manage hundreds of ducks. Money earned from selling the ducks and their eggs can help a family send their children to school. **Fun duck facts:** Ducks have 360-degree vision and the ability to sleep with one eye open. Urban ducks have a louder 'quack' than country ducks. Ducklings communicate with each other and their mother while still inside the egg to synchronize hatching.



## Faith

It won't be long before we are entering the holiest of weeks. Opportunities for reconciliation will be at various sites throughout the region. For Holy Thursday, we are looking for **volunteers for the Washing of Feet, and dress the altar**. If you are interested in assisting with either of these, there is a sign up sheet in the back of the church or you may call the office.

## Reconciliation Schedule

During this Lenten Season, take the opportunity to reconcile with God and receive His grace before Easter. The schedule is on the parish website. The remaining dates are:

Mon., March 16; St. Sebastian, Belle Vernon, 6 p.m.  
Wed., March 18; Holy Family, West Newton, 6 p.m.  
Thurs., March 19; St. Edward, Herminie, 6 p.m.  
Mon., March 23; Epiphany of Our Lord, Monessen, 6 p.m.  
Wed., March 25; St. John the Baptist, Perryopolis, 6 p.m.

## The Upper Room: A Young Adult Ministry

We are excited to announce a monthly opportunity for **young adults between 18 and 40 years** of age to come together in faith, fellowship, and food. We will gather at **St. Mary's Hall at the Historic Church of Saint Peter in Brownsville**. Our first gathering will be **Wednesday, April 8** at 6 p.m. Questions: please contact Adelle at [aslebodnik@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:aslebodnik@dioceseofgreensburg.org).

## Fish Fries

Friends and neighbors gather at the **Lenten Fish Fry!** Come and join the fellowship and enjoy a homemade meal without the work: Hand breaded fried fish or baked fish, shrimp, homemade pierogis, haluski and more. There are always additions to the menu, so come and check it out. For more info, check the website: [www.eolparish.com](http://www.eolparish.com)

**St. John the Baptist, Perryopolis Fish Fry & Basket Raffle** Come join us for our Basket Raffle. We have over 50 Baskets on display every Friday during Fish Fry Hours from 11am to 6pm. 11 Tickets for \$10. Winners will be drawn the last Friday of the Fish Fry, March 27.

## Movie Night



Be inspired as we prepare to enter into Holy Week. We will show **Risen** on Thursday, **March 26 at 6:30 p.m.** in the church hall. Catholic News Service and Bishop Barron call Risen "robustly Christian and substantially faithful to the biblical account of what transpired after the death of Jesus."

## Faith

**Baptism Prep** for families at St. Anne and Holy Family is offered on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Month at St. Anne beginning after the 11 a.m. Mass.

**First Communion Preparation** – Please check your email for our next in person session. Contact Adelle with questions.

**Confirmation Preparation** March options: March 18 at 6pm Contact Maureen with questions.

**Marriage Preparation:** Contact Adelle at [aslebodnik@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:aslebodnik@dioceseofgreensburg.org) to set up sessions.

### Grades 9–12

IMPACT is the faith formation program for youth in grades 9–12. Young men and women in this age group are encouraged to join us on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday at St. John the Baptist to continue to grow in faith and relationship with Jesus.

**Current 8<sup>th</sup> Grade youth through Seniors** are invited to join youth throughout the Diocese to **Steubenville Youth Conference “WORTHY”**. June 26-28, 2026 at Franciscan University. This registration is currently **ONLY** for students due to limited tickets. If adults are interested in attending the conference as a chaperone, please contact Adelle. A \$50 deposit is due at registration. The remaining cost per participant is \$325, which fundraising is available. This price includes room, board, transportation, and 3 t-shirts. Contact Adelle with any questions.

### Questions of the Week

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Reading Question

Samuel does not expect the Lord to anoint the young David as Israel’s next king.

*When have you been surprised by God doing something unexpected in your life?*

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Question

Paul expects the believers in Ephesus to live as children of light and learn what is pleasing to the Lord.

*What could you do this week that is pleasing to the Lord?*

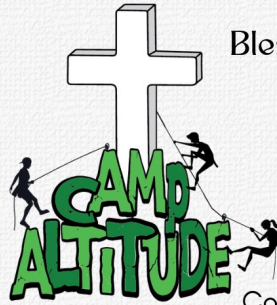
#### Gospel Question

Jesus’ healing of the blind man causes confusion and even anger to those who do not see him as the Christ.

*Have you seen or felt God’s presence in this season of Lent?*

### Inspiration for the Week

The Pharisees refused to see what was in front of them. Their blindness was stronger than that of the man born without sight, because it was a blindness they chose for themselves. So what will it be for us? Do we choose blindness, or do we choose sight?



Blessed are the Peacemakers

**July 20 - 23, 2026**

**8:30am - 5pm**

St. Joseph, Uniontown

Current 5<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Youth

Cost: \$150 Register by 3/15: \$125

Fundraising opportunities available – talk to your youth minister

*High School Volunteers Needed Cost: \$100*

Camp Altitude is a day camp that allows youth the opportunity to explore their Catholic faith while also exploring the world around them. Camp Altitude will help participants to understand that they can enjoy each day to the fullest while being filled with faith and a love for God.

Camp Altitude focuses on The Beatitudes and will include dynamic talks, praise and worship, small group sharing, games, service and much more.

After lunch we will depart for a high adventure activity for our afternoon time.

Afternoon Activities include:  
Jumonville; Urban Air Trampoline Park; Mt. St. Macrina; Idlewild

**REGISTER NOW**



### Catholic Life Explained

#### Testifying to Faith

##### Question:

**The Bible talks a lot about “testifying” or “giving testimony” to our faith. That makes me think of a courtroom. What does testifying to faith look like in everyday life?**

##### Answer:

The courtroom image isn’t too far off for some Christians. The Church has often been persecuted, and it was especially intense in the early days of the Church, when Acts and the various epistles were being written. For persecuted Christians, it did mean attesting publicly to their faith in Jesus Christ, sometimes before harsh judges. To testify is to bear witness, and this is something we are all called to do.

The call of Jesus is, first and foremost, a call to conversion of life. It is a repentance from sin, a casting off of old ways of seeing and moving in the world. The Christian life is one of transformation, becoming more and more like our God of love. In one sense, to testify to faith should happen naturally as we live like Jesus did. Our lives should bear witness in the respect we accord to others and the uncompromising dignity we honor in them. We bear witness in our gratitude, in our joy, in our hope in God’s power and grace. This is where we start! Sometimes others might inquire, as St. Peter puts it, as to “a reason for your hope.” Now you’re on the stand! It’s time to offer, “with gentleness and reverence,” the Good News of the Gospel (c.f. 1 Peter 3:15-16).

## DLA

### The 2026 Diocesan Lenten Appeal "Our Foundation \* Our Future"

The 2026 Diocesan Lenten Appeal is focusing on our Catholic Diocesan Foundation as well as looking to our future and how we can continue to grow our faith for future generations.

As the Diocese of Greensburg celebrates its 75th Anniversary, we have the opportunity to make choices that will shape the future of our parishes, form future priests and deacons, educate our young people, and strengthen our service to those in need. Consider being part of the movement for the future and support the 2026 Diocesan Lenten Campaign. Even a small gift can make a difference to our parish, now and in the future.

**Any gift no matter how large or small will make a difference.** If you have any questions about this year's DLA, please feel free to reach out to Fr. Anthony or call the parish office.

Much of the DLA mailing has gone out. If you notice that you have the wrong parish designation on your return card, we have you. The Diocese is aware of the issue. When the card is sent in, they will scan the barcode and make certain your contribution is attributed to the correct parish. You may also send it to the parish office (or through collection) and we will be certain it is correctly attributed. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the office.

## Ravioli Sale

**St. Anne Church**, Rostraver Twp., is holding their semi-annual Take-Out Dinner on **Sunday, March 22** from Noon until 4 p.m. All meals include salad, bread, meat ravioli for \$15. Other options include Half & Half (3 ravioli, spaghetti and 1 meatball) \$15, and spaghetti and 2 meatballs for \$10.

### *Blessing to See*

Bless us, Lord, to see as You see.  
Remind us that heartbeats and hopes can  
outshine outward show.  
That quiet witness can overcome violence  
and darkness.  
That Your Light can break like the dawn.  
Amen.

If you would like to receive the bulletin via email, please sign up at Parishes Online: <https://parishesonline.com/organization/epiphany-of-our-lord-church-15062>

## Around the Diocese

### Lenten Day of Recollection at St. Rita Parish, Connellsville:

The Christian Mothers will sponsor a Lenten Day of Recollection, open to all women, **Sunday, March 22, beginning at 1:30 p.m.** Retreat master will be Father Anthony W. Ditto. The day will include a time for reflection, Stations of the Cross, rosary and benediction (no Mass), and a catered dinner. Cost is \$25, payable in advance to the Christian Mothers. For reservations call 724-628-6832 by **Monday, March 16**

### Luck of the Irish Lottery Ticket at Our Lady, Queen of Peace Parish, Apollo:

Tickets are \$10 and have two three-digit numbers; the winner will be determined by the 7 p.m. March 17 Pennsylvania Lottery PICK 3 drawing. The winner will receive a complete roll of \$5, \$10 and \$20 Pennsylvania Lottery scratch-off tickets. Tickets are available at the church after weekend Masses, at the parish office, and by calling 724-882-8776.

### Dance at St. Edward Parish, Herminie:

A "Rocking Spring Fling" dance is planned **Saturday, March 28. Doors will open at 7 p.m.**, with the TWR (Three Who Rock) band playing classic rock from 7:30-10:30 p.m. Cost is \$15 per person, \$25 per couple. Beer and soft drinks will be sold (BYOB and snacks). Call 724-446-5197 for tickets (**no tickets sold at the door**).

### Pysanky Classes at St. John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Church, Uniontown:

Pysanky (Slavic, Eastern European and Ukrainian style egg decorating) classes will be held Mondays, March 16 and 23, from 6-8 p.m. For information, call 724-438-1382.

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**DIOCESE OF GREENSBURG**  
**MARCH 19**  
**2 and 6 PM**  
**Christ Our Shepherd Center**  
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