



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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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.

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	Total Collection:	\$7,560
Easter Flowers:	240	Heifer:	495
Lenten Folder:	1,088	Total Collection:	\$8,055

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.

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

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."