

April 14, 2024



3rd 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



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 13 — Vigil

4:00 PM † James Barron by Virginia Monaghan & Melanie Bradburn

Sunday, April 14 — 3rd Sunday of Easter

8:30 AM † Alice Kotch by Emma Kotch

10:30 AM † Steve Slavonia by MaryAnn & Joe Gallo

Monday, April 15

8:00 AM † Elaine & Melaine Nickolich by Melvin Nickolich

Tuesday, April 16

8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

Wednesday, April 17

No Mass

Thursday, April 18

8:00 AM † Edward G. and Emily Q. Zboyovsky by Ed & Christine Zboyovsky & grandsons

Friday, April 19

8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

Saturday, April 20 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Ted Zelinsky & Bill Hopkins by Wives, Jackie & Andrea

Sunday, April 21 — 4th Sunday of Easter

8:30 AM † Sheri & George Turner by Betty Nash

10:30 AM † Foglia Family & Helen and Richard Bosh by Phyllis Foglia

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

Friday: 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

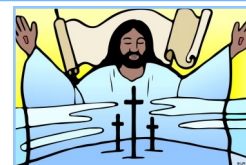
Ministry Schedule — April 20 & 21

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
8:00 p.m.	D. Harkins	J. Elias S. Surdyn P. Fantauzzi	V. Watkins
8:30 a.m.	M. Melvin	L. DeFelices S. Campus F. Petrosky	T. Todd
10:30 a.m.	M. Sacco	K. Byron P. Francowic E. Yatchyshyn	S. Yatchyshyn G. Yatchyshyn

Money Counters

Monday, April 15—Team #2 – W. Anders

Peace Be With You!



As the Church journeys through this season of Easter we are reminded over and over again what the message of the Risen Lord is all about. The first words that Jesus speaks to his disciples are always: “Peace be with you.” Throughout the years that Jesus taught, the very heart of his message was this greeting. When he sent his disciples out he instructed them: “whatever house you enter greet them with Peace be with you.” As followers of the Lord we are to live by these very words. Simple as they may be, they carry with them a huge commitment.

Sometimes we do not recognize or appreciate nearly enough the little things in life that make the biggest differences. When we talk about being at peace, it is not necessarily the absence of conflict, rather it is a feeling that we get in our hearts. It is this feeling of peace that can make all of the difference in how we live our lives with one another. When we are not at peace with ourselves we certainly are not at peace with the people around us. Jesus brings to us the opportunity to be a part of his peace and when we accept that peace, life takes on a completely different path.

The Gospel for this week gives us the encounter with the disciples on the road to Emmaus. There are basically three things that Jesus leaves with us from this experience. First of all he greets his disciples with peace, he shares a meal with them and then he teaches them. This becomes the very essence of what we as followers are asked to do.

Some of the early disciples found it difficult to believe in the true meaning of the resurrection and thought that when Jesus appeared, he was only a ghost. St. Luke wants them to understand that Jesus is not a ghost but truly risen from the dead. His risen body bears within it the marks of the five wounds. His eating with them shows that he has a bodily reality and is not just a spirit. After the resurrection, there is continuity with his earthly life.

This week we all could look into our lives and determine just how we bring the Peace of the risen Christ to the people in our world. Peace in our hearts is the best gift God can share with us. Even when we are dealing with stress and the problems of life, if we have peace in our hearts we know we will be ok. Each of us has the power to help bring peace to others’ hearts. Sharing a meal shows us the importance of helping the poor and providing for others with the joy of hospitality. To be a member of the Body of Christ calls us to become that “Christ” on the road to Emmaus. Through our hospitality and the peace we bring, we are helping others to understand what the message of Jesus is all about.

Celebration of Confirmation

On April 20, St. Sebastian will host our neighboring parishes for the celebration of Confirmation. Along with the Bishop and the priests from surrounding parishes, it should be a wonderful celebration. Along with the conferring of Confirmation, a reception will immediately follow in the Hall. We will need cookies, veggie and cheese trays for this. **Won’t you consider baking some cookies or making some other donation for this event? Contributions can be brought on Friday, April 19 at 7 p.m.** as we set up in the hall for Saturday’s reception. Confirmation rehearsal will be in the church at 7 p.m.



With Deepest Sympathy — Condolences are extended to the families of BRUNA FALBO AND EARL LANCASTER. May God grant them eternal rest, and comfort to their families. We commend their souls to rest in the peace of Christ.

Follow the Bible and/or Catechism in a Year with the Ascension App. Find it for iPhone or Android in their app store.

Diocesan Lenten Appeal

As of our last report, we have only heard from 33% of our parishioners for this year's campaign. From the **591 families that make up our parish only 179** have responded. Sometimes I get tired of repeating myself, **but this does not speak well of us as a parish family.** Thus far we have collect \$41,492 which is 93% of our Diocesan goal.

I was hoping to get enough money from this year's DLA to do the needed repairs to the roof of the church, and I am hoping that I will still be able to. If you have not yet responded to the DLA for this year, won't you consider doing so? Once we reach our goal of \$44,354, every penny that we collect above that will stay 100% in our parish. Again, if you have any questions about this year's campaign, please feel free to ask me.

Groups

Weekly Collection March 31

Votive Candles:	265
Utility & Energy:	233
Accent:	0
Lenten Folder:	10
Holy Thursday:	15
Good Friday:	20
Easter:	260
Heifer:	100
Children & Adult	
Collection:	\$5,452
Online Collection:	\$956
Total Collection:	\$7,311

CDA Monessen

Court #776 will meet on **Tuesday, April 16**, at the Epiphany of Our Lord Church Hall starting at 7:00 p.m. All Catholic Women are welcome to attend the meeting and learn about the mission and purpose of the Organization. Call Regent Debbie enomore for additional information at 724-708-8335.

Spaghetti Dinner

The Knights of Columbus will hold a Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, April 21 at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Grand Blvd., Monessen. Tickets are \$13.00 for adults and \$9.00 for children under twelve. Hours are 11:30 AM till 5:00 PM. Take-outs available. For tickets, contact any of the Knights, or Epiphany Ladies member, or contact Dan Harkins at 412-885-0022. Tickets may be purchased at the door.



Purse Bash!

Will you be the one to come away with a designer purse? Our second Designer Purse Bash will be on **Sunday, April 28** beginning at 2 p.m. Doors will open at 1:30 p.m. You may BYOB. Tickets are \$35 and will be sold after Masses.

In addition, we will hold a "Unique" Bake Sale at the event. **If you would like to donate any baked goods they can be brought to the Epiphany Church Hall on Friday, April 26** between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Fish Fry Wrap Up

As I mentioned last week in the bulletin we would let you know how our Fish Fries did during the Lenten Season. The total amount we took in throughout Lent was: \$67,723.05 and the expenses came to: \$17,041.25 which left us with a total profit of: **\$50,681.80.** Thank you to all who made this possible.

Keep connected. Our app works on smart phones and tablets. Search for Parish App in the Apple Store or Google Play. Text ParishApp 1 to 555888 (Apple) / ParishApp 2 to 555888 (Android)

First Communicants



Congratulations to our children who are receiving their First Eucharist this season. Pray that they may continue to grow in the grace of Christ.

Dominic DiPiazza

Mario DiPiazza

Ministry

It takes many people to coordinate the liturgy, both during Mass and behind the scenes. If you are interested in helping with the altar linens, being a Eucharistic Minister, or streaming the service, please call the office or see me. Know that your assistance is most welcome.

Formation and our Faith

Towards the end of the Lenten Season I announced to you all that we were canceling our formation for children because of the lack of attendance, and I mentioned to you that after Easter we would begin to discuss and plan just what we will be doing for formation in the future. Well, **now we need to put our efforts together and come up with a plan for just what we are going to do for our children.**

First of all, we all need to be aware of the fact that Formation is not just something for our children, **it is for all of us.** As we look at our church every week we can certainly see the numbers keep falling. This has a domino effect on everything we are about as "Church." If any of you have had a baby baptized, you know how difficult it is to find a "catholic" that can stand as a sponsor, and the same holds for Confirmation. We have more grandparents standing in as sponsors because people are just not going to church. This is what Formation is all about. It is not just getting our children ready for First Holy Communion or Confirmation, it is meant to help form them as members of the Church.

This is not something that can happen in any classroom, we can provide information and practices but it must be reinforced from the family if it is to be successful. Therefore, we can see that formation is meant for all of us. We all have a responsibility in some way to help pass along our faith to our children. As we all know, children follow what they see.

The Diocese has begun to develop a program to help parishes fulfill their obligations with formation, so we will have their help. What we will need to do is **come up with a program for our children, get adequate staff to run the program and supplemental people to help with the various aspects.** This will require the help of many people, so I am asking that to **think about what you might be able to do that will help.** Along with the class section of formation, we will also be developing some type of program for our older children as well as our young adults. There are many ways that you can be involved, all I am asking is that you give it some thought. Between Epiphany and St. Sebastian's we should be more than able to come up with a program that will satisfy all of our needs.

I will have more information about meetings for this program in the coming weeks.

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 by Friday, May 3.