



**April 3, 2022**  
**5th 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: 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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## LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

### Saturday, April 2 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Angela Lancas by Mr & Mrs Armand DeRose

### Sunday, April 3 — 5th Sunday of Lent

8:30 AM † Mary Louise Assenat by Gary, Doreen & Abigail

10:30 AM † James Weldon by Pat

### Monday, April 4

8:00 AM † Gus August by Ted Harhai

6:00 PM Taizé

### Tuesday, April 5

No Mass

### Wednesday, April 6

No Mass

### Thursday, April 7

8:00 AM † Ed Monaghan by Ginnie Monaghan

### Friday, April 8

6:00 PM — Stations of the Cross

### Saturday, April 9 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Nazarath & Susan Victoria by Jim & Carol  
Sepesky Family

### Sunday, April 10 — Palm Sunday

8:30 AM † Elaine Manderino Nickolich & Melaine  
Nicklolich Falbo by Melvin Nickolich

10:30 AM † Alice Selcan by Joseph Markowski

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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 — April 9 & 10

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 p.m.	P. Fantauzzi S. Surdyn	L. Henry	B. Rizzuto L. Assenat
8:30 a.m.	M. Melvin G. Pesi	L. DeFelices	D. DeFelices M. Smith
10:30 a.m.	M. Sacco J. Sacco	E. Yatchyshyn	M. Guiliford V. Watkins

### Money Counters

Monday, April 4 —Team #1—B. Geis

If you recently updated your phone, or for some reason no longer have the **church app**, this is how to get it: Text ParishApp 1 to 555888 (Apple) / ParishApp 2 to 555888 (Android). You can also directly download **ParishApp** from the Google Play store or Apple Store.



## "Neither do I condemn you."

In order for this week's reading to make sense for the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent we need to look at them in reference to the Exodus event that is mentioned in the first reading. Isaiah in the first reading recalls the Exodus from



Egypt. So important was this event in the memory of the Jews that they have celebrated it as Passover for over 3,000 years. Memory is an important part of religious experience. The re-telling of past events makes them present, not historically, but symbolically or sacramentally. When the Exodus event is read at Passover the past becomes present. This is similar to what happens when we celebrate the Liturgy. The Eucharistic celebration is not just an event that happened in the past but continues to happen throughout time.

Isaiah recalls the past for the people of Israel. However, he does not want the people to remain stuck in the past. He is calling them to move towards the future. He is trying to get the people to see that that event which they celebrate each year is a repeatable experience of God's saving presence. He tells the people that God continually intervenes in the same way that it happened at the Exodus event. This event becomes the primary way for the people of Israel to define God; Isaiah is offering comfort and a promise of peace.

St. Paul is doing the same thing in the second reading. Many people who have experienced a religious conversion will often see their past in a negative light rather than as an event that has continuity with graced moments of past experiences. He is making the point that nothing is important now except faith in Christ. He is telling the people not to be burdened by their past. The gospel picks up on this same notion with the story about the woman caught in adultery.

The gospel presents us with a scene where the religious authorities are attempting to trap Jesus by quoting an ancient law that required the stoning of a woman caught in adultery. They could really have cared less about the woman; rather they wanted to catch Jesus in a contradiction in dealing with law. Jesus was really in a no win situation but managed to turn the table and his love of mercy wins. They were ready to condemn the woman for her past but Jesus opens up a new future for her. By not allowing her to remain in the past with sin, she is liberated to a new life of grace. By not being stuck in the past she is able to move into a future. Those who wanted to stone her wanted her to die *in* her past. Jesus wanted her to die *to* her past.

In saving the woman from the fate that the authorities wanted to impose, he was really able to save them from themselves. The focus of this gospel is not the woman or her sin of adultery, but a personal encounter with Jesus. Encountering Jesus always exposes the truth; both the woman and the crowd learn the truth about their own sin. Everyone who encounters Jesus go through two changes: those who are willing to condemn, no longer condemn and the ones condemned are no longer condemned. Encounter with Jesus enables repentance in our lives.

Deep down inside, too many of us fear that our sin is bigger than God's mercy. Jesus however responds to profound sin with even more profound mercy.

Once we encounter Jesus, we are moved to repent, to change our behaviors. Repentance includes both dying and rising. Changing our ways is the dying; a new relationship with Christ is the rising. The closer we become to Christ the more able we are to recognize our own sinfulness and repent of our ways. Then we hear Christ say to us, "Neither do I condemn you."

### Weekly Collection March 27

Votive Candles:	106
Utility & Energy:	45
Accent:	55
Lenten Folders:	140
Easter Flowers:	207
Children & Adult Collection:	3,215
Online Collection:	728
<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$4,496</b>
Wells of Salvation:	330
<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$4,826</b>

## Stewardship

### Help for Ukraine

Bishop Larry J. Kulick asks the faithful of the Diocese of Greensburg to **assist the Ukrainian Nation and its people** by praying for them as this tragic conflict unfolds. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has released a variety of **reputable Catholic agencies** that are collecting donations to aid with the humanitarian crisis as people flee to escape Russian bombing and shelling. Those agencies and information on how to contribute are listed on the Diocese website. Please visit [DioceseOfGreensburg.org/HelpForUkraine](http://DioceseOfGreensburg.org/HelpForUkraine) to learn more about Catholic Relief Services, Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy, Catholic Near East Welfare Association, Aid to Church in Need, Knights of Columbus Ukraine Solidarity Fund, Jesuit Refugee Service, International Catholic Migration Commission, among others.

### Diocesan Lenten Appeal

Already we are celebrating the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent, and Easter celebrations are right around the corner. One of the things we are asked to be mindful of during Lent is the idea of Stewardship. The DLA has been an avenue where we can show our stewardship. It is my hope that we can go above and beyond our goal and use the money to pay for **the trees that needed cut down around the cemeteries**. Thus far we have only heard from **16% (124)** of our parishioners. If everyone would just do their part we would be in a wonderful position.

If you have not yet given to DLA this year, I am asking that you please consider making a gift. If you have any questions about this year's program or what we would like to do with the money, please know I am always available to talk with you.

### Wells of Salvation



Women like Esther Yelapaala (right) and her neighbors often collect water from muddy waterways like this one in Ghana. Cross Catholic's outreach of Wells of Salvation, offers hope that people in these remote areas will be able to have clean water to drink. To make a donation, simply **mark an envelope with "Wells of Salvation"** marked on it, or you can contribute online at our website under Give Online. There is a separate <https://colparish.weshareonline.org/ws/opportunities/WellsOfSalvation>

**Prayer**  
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## Groups

**Holy Name** men will meet for corporate communion at the 8:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, April 10. The regular monthly meeting will follow in the church hall.

**Epiphany Ladies** will be moving their meetings back to Tuesday evening. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the church hall.



Wish Fr. Mike a Happy Birthday on Sunday, April 3!

## Faith

### Holy Week Liturgies



Holy Week, and Easter are drawing closer and there are things that we need to cover to prepare of the liturgies. Each Day of the Triduum has its own significance in salvation history, and each liturgy requires much help and participation. We will need the most participation on Holy Thursday. It is at this Liturgy that we **present the Holy Oils** that were blessed at the Chrism Mass. We also will need **people to help "dress" the altar** as well as **have their feet washed**. I will have signup sheets in the back of the church if you would like to be a part of this. Please know how grateful I am to all of you for your participation at our church.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

As we get closer to Easter, it is time to think about sharing in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The services will continue this week at the following places:

April 4: St. John the Baptist, Perryopolis

April 5: St. Anne, Rostraver

April 7: St. Sebastian, Belle Vernon

April 8: St. Edward, Herminie

I do hope that you will be able to make one of these services. There will be no more confessions on Saturday until after Easter.



### Bishop to Celebrate Divine Mercy at Christ Our Shepherd Center

Bishop Larry J. Kulick welcomes all of the faithful, along with the clergy of the Diocese, to join him for a liturgical celebration of Divine Mercy **Sunday, April 24, at 1:30 p.m.** in St. Joseph Chapel at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg. **Weather permitting, the Eucharistic procession will be outdoors.** Divine Mercy celebrates the love that Christ has for all of us, despite our sins that separate us from Him. Always celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter, the liturgy commemorates the Divine Mercy of Christ, as revealed to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, a Polish nun.

## Bake Sale

### Bake Sale Reminder

Help provide something sweet for our **final Fish Fry**. Those whose last names begin with **A-I** please bake and donate some of your great baked goods on **Friday, April 8**. Thank you for helping to provide a sweet ending to the meal.

## Merit Scholarship

The Monessen knights of **Columbus #954 will award a Merit Scholarship** to a senior student. Complete details are available on the form, which can be picked up in the church office or is available online. Deadline for submission is Friday, April 15.

## Religious Movie Night

Our final Lenten Movie Night will be on Thursday, April 7 when we will view **Risen** at 6:30 p.m. in the church hall. There is no charge. The movie night, sponsored by the Epiphany Ladies, is open to everyone.

St. Anne Church, Rostraver, will be holding a movie night on Saturday, April 2 at 6:00 p.m. They will be showing **Lazarus**. Tickets can be purchased through Alabaster Performing Arts. [www.AlabasterPerformingArts.org](http://www.AlabasterPerformingArts.org). It is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 & under. Refreshments will be served.