

April 7, 2024



**2nd 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.

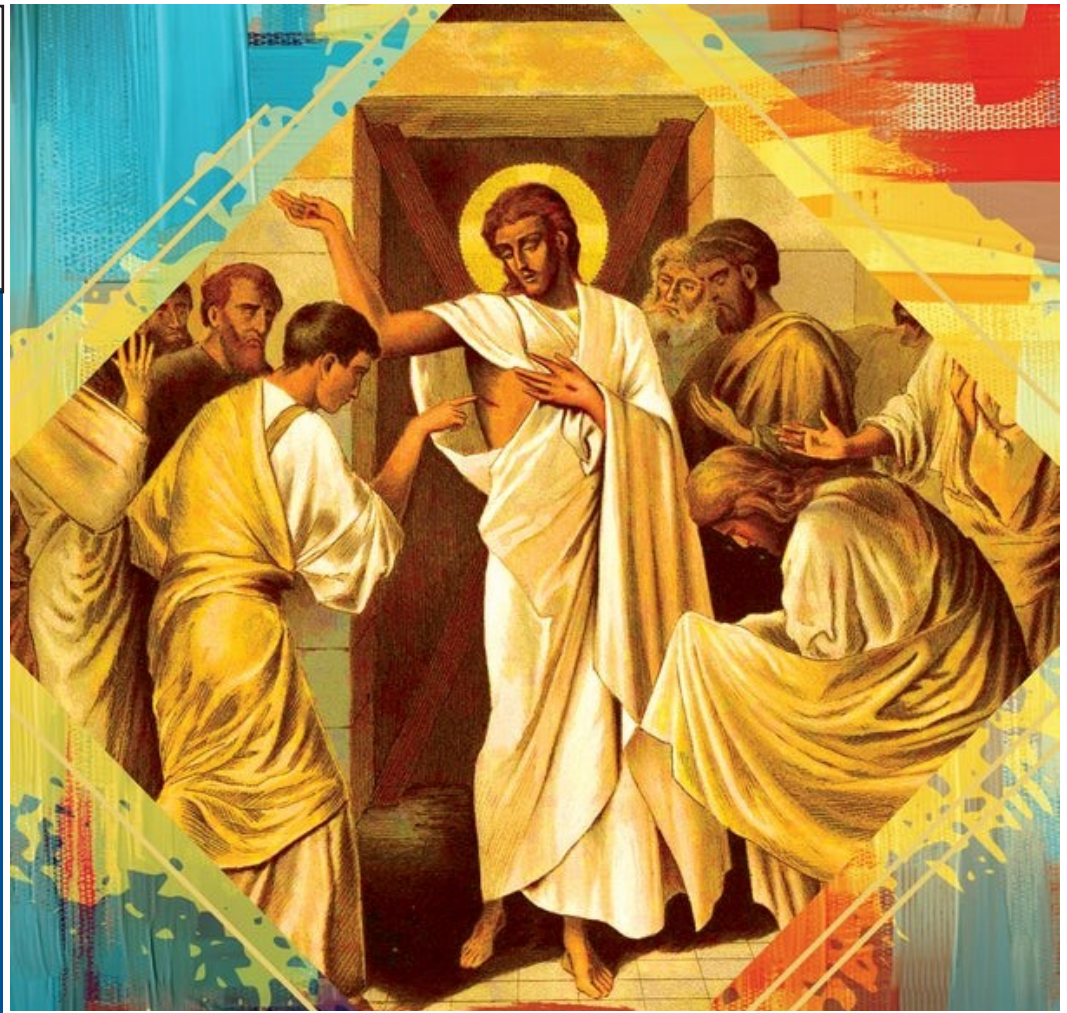
Sunday:
8:30 a.m.
10:30 a.m.

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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📞 724-684-7661

🌐 www.eolparish.com

Office Hours

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LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, April 6 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Lawrence ‘Larry’ Mauro by Ted Harhai

Sunday, April 7 — 2nd Sunday of Easter

8:30 AM † Nathan Campus by Wife and Daughters

10:30 AM † Frank Ciccarelli by Marge Talarico

Monday, April 8

8:00 AM † Christopher J. Vacccaro by Loving Family

Tuesday, April 9

8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

Wednesday, April 10

No Mass

Thursday, April 11

8:00 AM † Lorraine Nelson by Sister, Dolores Harhai, and family

Friday, April 12

8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

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

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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 13 & 14

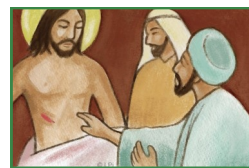
	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
8:00 p.m.	P. Fantauzzi	A. Punturiero L. Henry M. Dzurik	Volunteer
8:30 a.m.	S. Stein	J. Todd G. Pesì A. Pastella	T. Todd
10:30 a.m.	R. Kozar	K. Imbrescia T. Mazzei S. Surdyn	C. Blatnik

Money Counters

Monday, April 8—Team #1 – B. Geis

Resurrection Today

Today we celebrate the octave of Easter which reminds us that for eight days now we have celebrated the great occasion of Jesus’ resurrection. The readings throughout the Easter Season tend to have a familiar theme, so much so that it almost appears repetitious, and they focus on a single moment that happened over 2000 years ago.



One of the reasons for that is to help us shift our understanding to see that Easter is not simply a onetime event. Easter is an ongoing revelation that happens within the church every day.

The full meaning of the resurrection does not stop with the empty tomb; rather the resurrection leads us to an entirely new way of living. One that shows us that peace, forgiveness, believing and love can and should be expressed within the community and fidelity to our Baptismal promises. We are shown a new way of life within the community which is predominately relational in nature. We hear from Acts today as to how we should live out our commitment to Christ through service and love to one another, in other words living a life of justice for all. This new order of life through resurrection gives us an opportunity to overcome our own fears and doubts in life through the “peace” Jesus brings to our world. This peace leads us directly to God’s love. In our second reading John is telling us that God is love and wherever love is lived and shared we find God. For John this love is found in our belief in Jesus. When we find this kind of love it becomes the very essence of all of our choices in life. No matter what we do or think, no matter how we relate to one another, if we live in this love we become the presence of the risen Lord to the people in our world. By living lives through basic human compassion we are living the love that Jesus made real for us. It is in the caring and tending to the basic needs of the individuals in our community that we live the resurrection of Jesus.

Along with the examples we find of the early Christian community by living in love with compassion and mercy, we also can see the reality of human doubt and failure. In the Gospel for this week we find that Thomas is the one who doubts. In spite of all the things that he saw and experienced, he still had doubt. Jesus tells us that we are blessed because we believe and have never seen. We live our lives out of the love of Jesus trusting in that divine goodness. By sharing the gifts we have received we show our belief in spite of our own doubts. There will always be times in life where we will want to know facts before we believe, but the reality that lies beneath our doubts is still rooted in the love that the resurrected Jesus brings to us.

This great season of resurrection challenges each one of us to live as Jesus did. Through the example of Jesus we too are to surrender ourselves to God’s will, and in so doing we will be surprised by the new life to which God will raise us. The resurrection took place 2000 years ago in a dark tomb, but the resurrection is still very much alive and active in every baptized man and woman who live the command of love and follows the law of Christ’s peace.

Readings for the week of April 7, 2024

Sunday: Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/1 Jn 5:1-6/
Jn 20:19-31

Monday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:410
Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21

Thank You

Thank you to Flo Petrosky for her donation towards this year’s Paschal Candle in memory of Metro Petrosky, Jr.

Stewardship

Diocesan Lenten Appeal

As of last week, our parish has accumulated \$38,821 which is **87% of our Diocesan goal of \$44,354**. We have only heard from about 28% of our parishioners for this year's campaign. **I was hoping for a much better participation.** It certainly



would be nice to get enough money over our goal to do the needed repairs to our Church roof. If you have not yet responded, I am asking that you prayerfully consider doing so. If you have any questions or concerns about this year's DLA, please let me know.

Weekly Collection March 25

Votive Candles:	239
Utility & Energy:	44
Accent:	59
Lenten Folder:	115
Easter Flowers:	87
Holy Thursday:	58
Good Friday:	68
Easter:	236
Heifer:	825
Children & Adult Collection:	\$4,153
Online Heifer:	30
Online Collection:	\$738
Total Collection:	\$6,652

Weekly Collection March 31

Votive Candles:	0
Utility & Energy:	35
Accent:	14
Lenten Folder:	65
Easter Flowers:	80
Holy Thursday:	415
Good Friday:	1,005
Easter:	2,526
Heifer:	150
Children & Adult Collection:	\$9,325
Online Collection:	\$1,710
Total Collection:	\$15,325

Knights News

This month, The Knights of Columbus donated:

- ◆ \$200 to the Monessen Family Center,
- ◆ \$1500 to the Food Bank.

In addition, the Knights made \$1100 worth of renovations to their Council Hall.

Also, there will be a Spaghetti Dinner Fund raiser to be held on April 21st. See any Knight or Epiphany Ladies member for tickets, or contact Dan Harkins, 412-885-0022. Tickets are \$13 for adults and \$9 for children.



Heifer International

What a wonderful expression of gratitude to have completed our Heifer Project for Lent. It is certainly nice to know that **because of all of your generosity, we have filled an ARK!** Believe me, many communities of people will have better lives because of your generosity. You have certainly made a difference and for that we all should be glad. I am very proud of this accomplishment, and it speaks well of our parish family.



Groups

Holy Name Sunday is next Sunday, April 14.. Corporate Communion will be at the 8:30 a.m. Mass. The regular monthly meeting will follow in the church hall.

Epiphany Ladies will meet on Tuesday, April 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the church hall. All women of the parish are invited to attend.

Faith

We Journey through the Season of Easter

We finish the Octave of Easter this weekend and I just want to thank all of you for the Beautiful Easter Celebrations we had last week. **Your attendance and participation were wonderful.** I truly believe we celebrated the Resurrection of Jesus with Style and Grace!



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 during the Season of Easter. Along with the conferring of Confirmation, there will be a reception immediately following 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 et up in the hall for Saturday's reception. Confirmation rehearsal will be in the church at 7 p.m.

Purse Bash!

On Sunday, April 28th we will have our second Designer Purse Bash. Last year we had a wonderful time and it was a tremendous success. I do believe that all who came enjoyed themselves. Once again, the Purse Bash will be held at Epiphany, **the doors will open at 1:30 p.m. and the event will begin at 2 p.m.** The cost for the afternoon is \$35 which will include lunch, dessert and door prizes. You may also BYOB to make the afternoon even more festive! Throughout the afternoon there will be many specials sold for various style handbags. Some of the purses may include Very Bradley, Michael Kors, Kate Spade and more.

This Purse Bash will **benefit both Epiphany of Our Lord as well as St. Sebastian parishes.** Tickets are available at the church office in both parishes or you may call Kathy Imbrescia at 412-996-0775. Everyone must have a ticket to enter.

We will also have a **"Unique" Bake Sale** at the event. If anyone would like to donate any baked goods, they will be most welcome. You may bring any donations to Epiphany Church Hall on Friday April 27 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Last but certainly not least...if anyone wants to donate a Louis Vuitton, it will be most welcome!!!

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