



August 14, 2022

20th Week in Ordinary Time

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

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LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, August 13—Vigil

4:00 PM † Karen Salotti by Mr & Mrs John Cattaneo

Sunday, August 14 — 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM † David & Rose Perotti & Irene & Frank Vizza by Family

10:30 AM † Elmer Wisyanski by Loving Family

Monday, August 15 — Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 AM † Helen Veschio by Knights of Columbus

Tuesday, August 16

No Mass

Wednesday, August 17

No Mass

Thursday, August 18

8:00 AM † Minno & Mascetelli Families by Family

Friday, August 19

No Mass

Saturday, August 20 — Vigil

4:00 PM † All Deceased Members of the Alvarez Family by Family

Sunday, August 21 — 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM † Romeo Buccy by Bob & Deb Kuzynski

10:30 AM † Rita Gronemeyer by James Brian Smith

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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 — August 20 & 21

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 p.m.	R. Kozar	L. Henry	S. Yatchysyhn
8:30 a.m.	D. Harkins	N. Mazzie	G. Pesì
10:30 a.m.	M. Gallo	T. Mazzei	T. Smith

Money Counters

Monday, August 15—Team #2 — W. Anders

The Cost of Peace!

How often have you kept “peace” no matter what the cost; probably more often than you care to remember. Most of us were probably raised with the notion that it is better to do whatever is necessary to keep the peace rather than to be fighting all of the time. Well, if we are to do what the gospel is asking of us today, peace should not be one of our priorities. Jesus is telling us that if we are to be sincere about following the gospel then we must be willing to forgo peace.



We like to imagine Christianity as a religion of harmony and peace and sometimes we blind ourselves to passages such as today’s: “I have come for division” (Jesus in the gospel); “You have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood” (Hebrews, second reading); “He is demoralizing the soldiers...and all the people by speaking such things” (Jeremiah, first reading); “I have come to set the earth on fire” (gospel).

History has certainly shown us what can happen to people who speak against the norm in the name of the common good. We can all remember Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. in his struggle to lead a nonviolent civil rights movement. It eventually led to his death and the ruination of many people along the way. Prophetic voices are not the most welcome in any day or age. Even today prophetic voices in Latin America, Africa, and Asia, who cry out for justice and religious tolerance, are killed. Nobody likes to be told that they are living wrong or that their priorities are all out of sync, and for certain no political leader likes to hear the truth about their mistakes or foiled plans.

The decision to follow Jesus can meet harsh rejection. To walk in the footsteps of Jesus can mean a loss of peace and security. If we look at how Jesus lived and the way he taught we can clearly see that he is the supreme model of faith who allows us to maintain our hope in the promises that God has made to us. Like Jesus we do not choose division and strife, divisions occur simply by being faithful to God’s message. This becomes the real shock of the gospel: being a faithful disciple of Jesus will instigate a clash of values, of principles, of priorities. The message of Jesus is divisive because it calls others to a radical way of living – self-giving for the good of others. We all have to make a conscious decision to follow him or not, to share his passion or not, to be self-giving as he is. If we compromise our gospel message in order to have peace now, we forfeit the everlasting peace which is promised to the faithful disciple. The choice is ours.

We are hardly called to be like Jeremiah to announce to the Israelites that their beloved Jerusalem fell into the hands of the Babylonians – nor are we thrown into a cistern to die! Nor like Jesus will we be nailed to a cross because of our preaching. Nevertheless, we are called to be faithful to God’s word in the small, everyday things as well as at times when the more serious challenges come along. We do not seek division, but we seek consistency in living gospel values. Gospel living is never easy!

Weekly Collection August 7

Votive Candles:	192
Utility & Energy:	266
Accent:	17
Assumption:	33
Children & Adult	5,423
Collection:	895
Online Collection:	\$6,826
Total Collection:	
Seminarian	10
Catholic university:	20
Total Collection:	\$6,856

Brown Bag Sunday

Remember that we will have a collection of **school supplies** for children starting back to classes on the weekend of **August 20 -21**. If you are able to donate any supplies, simply bring them to church with you next weekend and we will see that they get to any child who might need them. We can use tablets, pencils and pens, crayons, backpacks and anything else you might think of. This has always been a very good collection and know that we have helped many students on their journey through school.

Monthly Rosary

The Knights of Columbus will hold their monthly rosary on Wednesday, **August 17 at 7 p.m.** They will meet in the Knights' Council Hall on Grand Blvd., Monessen. All parishioners are invited. Light refreshments will follow.



Faith

Assumption of Mary

Because the **Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary** falls on a Monday this year, it is not a Holy Day of Obligation. The feast day commemorates the assumption of Mary, mother of Jesus, into heaven, body and soul

Sacramental Prep / Faith Formation

It is hard to believe that school will be starting in just a couple weeks. Summer always seems to go by so quickly, and we don't appreciate these summer days until January when we long for the warmth. Regardless of how fast these months have gone, we turn our thoughts to the beginning of another school year. Sharing our faith and passing it on to our children is one of the greatest responsibilities a parent has. When we have our children baptized we make that promise to do all in our power to see that our children are raised in the church. This responsibility is not only one for parents but it is one for the church as well. We must provide an environment where your child can learn about the church they profess to belong to.

As we assume these responsibilities as your parish family, we look to the starting of this year's formation programming. We have **registration forms in the church and online** so that you can get your children registered. We are also looking for people to volunteer their services to the program this year. **If you think you might be interested in helping with our formation program**, please call the office and we will let Scott Martin know about it. There are many ways that you can help. The more people involved the more we will be able to do with the program.

Another aspect of our Formation programming is the area that deals with Sacramental Prep. If your child is in **the second grade and has completed one year of Formation**, then they are eligible to receive the sacraments of First Eucharist and First Penance. Please call the office and let us know if your child is eligible. There will be more information on our Formation Programming in the coming weeks

2022 Festival Sponsors

Our sponsors help make our festival possible. If you can, please patronize them. Thank you, too, to those who donated in memory of loved ones.

In Memoriam: **Myra Pascarella by husband, John**

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Festival

Well, the festival has come and gone...what can be said but that it truly was a wonderful weekend! The weather could have cooperated a little better, but it certainly did not hinder the excitement. There were so very many people who worked many weeks to help make our festival happen, and for all of you we are grateful. Although it may be a week or so before we get the final reports to you, the fellowship and comradery was an absolute blessing to all who came.

Robert Sassak and his co-chair **Kathryn Dzurik**, once again went above and beyond in sharing their time and talents, and for that I say how thankful I am. The food as usual was a smashing success. We owe a debt of gratitude to **Betty Geis** and **Evie Yatchyshyn** and the many ladies and gentlemen who worked tirelessly to make all of this happen. **Lisa Blatnik** and her crew saw to it that there were activities for our children and **Rita Lucas** and **Mary Dzurik** dazzled us all with their Margarettville themed Basket Auction. Every year for our festival we send out tickets to our families, this has helped with the festival. I want to thank **Cindy Pawelec**, **Kathy Imbrescia** and **Barb Weible** for the time they put into this.

When all is said and done, I think that we had a very successful weekend. I am grateful to everyone who helped in anyway, and I am proud of our parish here at Epiphany for pulling together for another festival. **Thank you** to you all!

Monthly Overview

Each month we will be listing what our monthly expenses were as opposed to the amount of money taken in. Below is the report for July, 2022

June Expenses	Amount	Week	Collection
Maintenance	\$1,004.80	July 3	\$7,413.86
Phone /Internet	\$498.44	July 10	\$7,130.79
Utilities	\$249.88	July 17	\$6,310.35
Misc. Office	\$72.48	July 24	\$3,926.35
Church/Liturgy	\$10,212.90	July 31	\$6,927.20
Payroll	\$15,943.65		
Rectory	\$159.01		
Diocesan	\$14,034.99		
(breakdown)			
Accent	\$985.76		
Ed. Assessment	\$6,672.74		
Diocesan			
Assessment	\$3,772.48		
Insurance	\$2,579.00		
Email	\$25.00		
Total Expenses:	\$42,176.15	Total	Income: \$31,708.55