

August 7, 2022
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Epiphany
of Our Lord
**PARISH
FESTIVAL**

**AUGUST
6 & 7**
44 Pennsylvania Blvd.
Monessen

Festival Time!

This week we celebrate our festival....
I hope you have time to stop by and
enjoy the festivities! ~ Fr. Mike

**SUNDAY ONLY:
DUMPSTER FIRE CHICKEN & BEANS—\$15**

Complete menu & band details at www.eolparish.com
Pierogis, Halupki, Stuffed Shells, Sausage & more

Uptown Band 🎵 **Dave Kroskie** 🎵 **American Pie oldies**

Saturday, August 6 Sunday, August 7
5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. 11:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, August 6 (weather permitting)
Fireworks 9:30 p.m.
Outdoor Mass 10:00 p.m.



LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, August 6 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Lena & Pete Salotti
by Michael & Donna Apostolakis

Sunday, August 7 — 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM † Joe & Stella Reda & Russell & Adeline
Sherrd by Children

10:30 AM † Sam Dalfonso by Ida & Family

Monday, August 8

8:00 AM † Matthew & Anna Musial, and sons, John & Thomas Musial by Daughter, Luicall A Aloisi & Children, Dino & Janine Aloisi & Families.

Tuesday, August 9

No Mass

Wednesday, August 10

No Mass

Thursday, August 11

8:00 AM † Nicholas Vaccaro by Loving Family

Friday, August 12

No Mass

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

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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 13 & 14

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 p.m.	G. Pesi	J. Elias	B. Rizzuto B. Smith
8:30 a.m.	K. Miller	L. DeFelices	V. Watkins
10:30 a.m.	M. Sacco	E. Yatchyshyn	S. Yatchyshyn

Money Counters

Monday, August 8—Team #1 — B.Geis

It's about the final victory!

How many of us feel that we have been “called” through our Baptismal promises. How often do we as people stop and think about the commitment we have agreed to?

Today our readings speak to us about how much faith dominates our lives. It causes us to pause for just a moment and think about how we are living. Remembering that life is not about us, rather it is all about the final victory, is sometimes far from our thoughts. Our liturgy today is telling us that if we have faith, there is no room for fear.

“Faithful readiness” seems to be the theme which we are to carry with us this week. Our first reading is from the book of Wisdom. Wisdom literature was written to build up the faith of the Jewish people amidst the troubles of life. As the people of Israel became associated with other peoples and their cultures many of them left their faith and were enticed to embrace other beliefs. It was the responsibility of the writers of the scriptures to help them find their way back. Readings such as what we hear today are to give the people hope in the midst of temptations to stay loyal to the promise of Yahweh.

Why is it so difficult to be true to what we profess? It is so easy for people today to say one thing and in reality mean something completely different. There are literally millions of Christians out there in our world (and in our midst) who were baptized in the faith but are now no longer associated with any church. We all know people like this, many of them are within our own families. Yet, whenever they want the church for their own purposes they feel entitled! This is as frustrating today as it was in the day that Wisdom was written. It is for that reason that we constantly hear about the virtue of faith and how important it is in life, not just when we decide we need it.

In the second reading, a letter to the Hebrews, Abraham is presented as that man of faith who, not knowing the future and what it will bring, nonetheless, goes out into a foreign country to establish a new people with his descendants Isaac and Jacob. All the ingredients necessary for a strong faith are there: perseverance, trust in God, confidence, and hope. Abraham never saw the fulfillment of his promise, but remained steadfast in his pursuit. The author of Hebrews puts us Christians into the world of Abraham to help us to try to emulate the trust and faith of Abraham, our father in faith.

Jesus speaks to us about living the faith that we profess. If we live by what we say we are then we will always be prepared for life or death. Jesus never meant for his parables to put fear into our hearts, rather he calls us to live out of the motive of faith and vigilance for the day of his return. Being a disciple is not something that we schedule into our lives once a week, rather being a disciple is simply that—*being a disciple!* The way we live, witnesses to where our treasure is. Our lives should challenge others to prioritize their own treasures. Clearly, God must have priority in our lives.



Weekly Collection July 31

Votive Candles:	192
Utility & Energy:	194
Accent:	15
Assumption:	20
Children & Adult	5,456
Collection:	1,050
Online Collection:	\$6,927
Total Collection:	
Seminarian	17
Catholic university:	8
Total Collection:	\$6,952

The **Prayer Shawl Ministry** will meet on **Monday, August 8** at 1:30 p.m. in the church hall. Come and participate! If you don't know how to crochet, but would like to learn, someone will teach you. For more information, contact Barb Mandarino, 724-684-5547; Betty Geis, 724-684-5037 or Evie Yatchyshyn, 724-84-9294.

With Deepest Sympathy — Condolences are extended to the family of RICHARD FANTAUZZI. May God grant him eternal rest, and comfort to his family. We commend his soul to rest in the peace of Christ.

Brown Bag Sunday

It is that time of year again when our children will be going back to school for another year. As we have done in the past, we have helped many children who are unable to procure the needed school supplies. We will have a collection on the weekend of **August 20 - 21**. If you are able to donate any supplies, simply bring them to church with you on that weekend and we will see that they get to any child who might need them. We can use tablets / notebooks, 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.



FESTIVAL MENU

INSIDE MENU

Cheese Shells	\$1.50 / each
Meatball	\$2.00
Sausage (w/ sauce, onion, pepper)	\$6.00
(Hot or Sweet)	
Kielbassa (w/ sauerkraut)	\$6.00
Halupki	\$5.00 /each
Haluski	\$3.00
Mac & Cheese	\$3.00
Pierogis	\$1.00 each
Toppings	\$0.50 / each
Cole Slaw	\$1.00
Green Beans (butter, bacon, onions)	\$1.00
Sandwiches	\$7.00 / each
Sausage (hot or sweet)	
w/ sauce, peppers, onions	
Kielbassa (w/ sauerkraut)	
Pulled Pork w/ coleslaw	
Meatball (3) w/ cheese & sauce	



CORN ON THE COB—FRIED DOUGH—PIEROGI BAR

OUTSIDE MENU

Pizza	\$4.00
Pepperoni Pizza.....	\$5.00
Pizza Burger	\$8.00
Hot Dog	
(w/ or w/out sauerkraut).....	\$2.00
Hamburger.....	\$4.00
Cheeseburger	\$5.00
French Fries.....	\$3.00
w/ Cheese	\$4.00
Walking Taco	\$5.00
Chicken Tenders w/ Fries	\$10.00
Italian Ice.....	\$1.00
Freeze Pop.....	\$0.50
Pop / Water /Iced Tea	\$1.00

SUNDAY ONLY! SUNDAY ONLY!

This year we're offering Pat's **Dumpster Fire Barbecued Chicken & beans** for \$15.



Looking to September...

It certainly won't be long until the children start back to school and the schedules for Fall kick in. I guess it is a good thing that we cannot stop time; it constantly challenges us to move forward. In looking forward to the coming months, many organizations resume their monthly meetings and new activities are planned.

In looking at our **busy lives**, sometimes we need to assess how we spend our time and energy. Sometimes we find that we are busy running all of the time and get nothing done. This is the time of year when we look at the various ministries in our Church, and try to see what we are able to do. It is not always taking something more on as much as it is just **utilizing our time more wisely**. If we are already at Mass, why not share some of your time by assisting at the liturgy? There are many ways that your help will benefit the entire community. Throughout this month I will be talking about the various ways you will be able to help and explain the different ministries that are part of the liturgy. For now, just look at your life and see just how you might be able to manage things so that you are not driving yourself crazy!



Scheduling Funerals



Because I am at both St. Sebastian and Epiphany, there are often conflicts when scheduling a funeral, especially when they are scheduled more than 3 days out. I am going to have to put into effect a policy for scheduling.

If a funeral is **more than 3 days out**, the time for the funeral will be: 9:00 a.m. for the blessing service at the funeral home and 9:30 a.m. in Church. This way the second funeral (if one comes in) will be at 11:30 a.m. for the blessing at the funeral home with the Mass at Noon.

Are you married to a stranger?

Do you feel alone? Do you argue - or have you just stopped talking to each other? Do you dread the drive home? Does talking about it only make it worse? This program has helped countless couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment and deep misery. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on September 30, 2022, please contact **Retrouvaille** at 412-277-3434. E-mail 3041R@helpourmarriage.org. More information is available at helpourmarriage.org.

Golden Anniversaries

Bishop Kulick desires to recognize all couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary during the calendar year 2022. The Jubilarians, their children, relatives or friends should contact the parish office to register couples for this recognition. **Please submit names to the Epiphany Church Office by Thursday, August 11.** Ideally, the Jubilarians will be invited to join the bishop for a special **Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass** to be celebrated in Blessed Sacrament Cathedral on **Sunday, October 9, 2022.** Even though personal circumstances may not permit individuals to participate in the Mass, all registered couples will receive a scroll signed by the bishop commemorating their anniversary.



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