

**February 25, 2024**



Today's readings

**2nd 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.

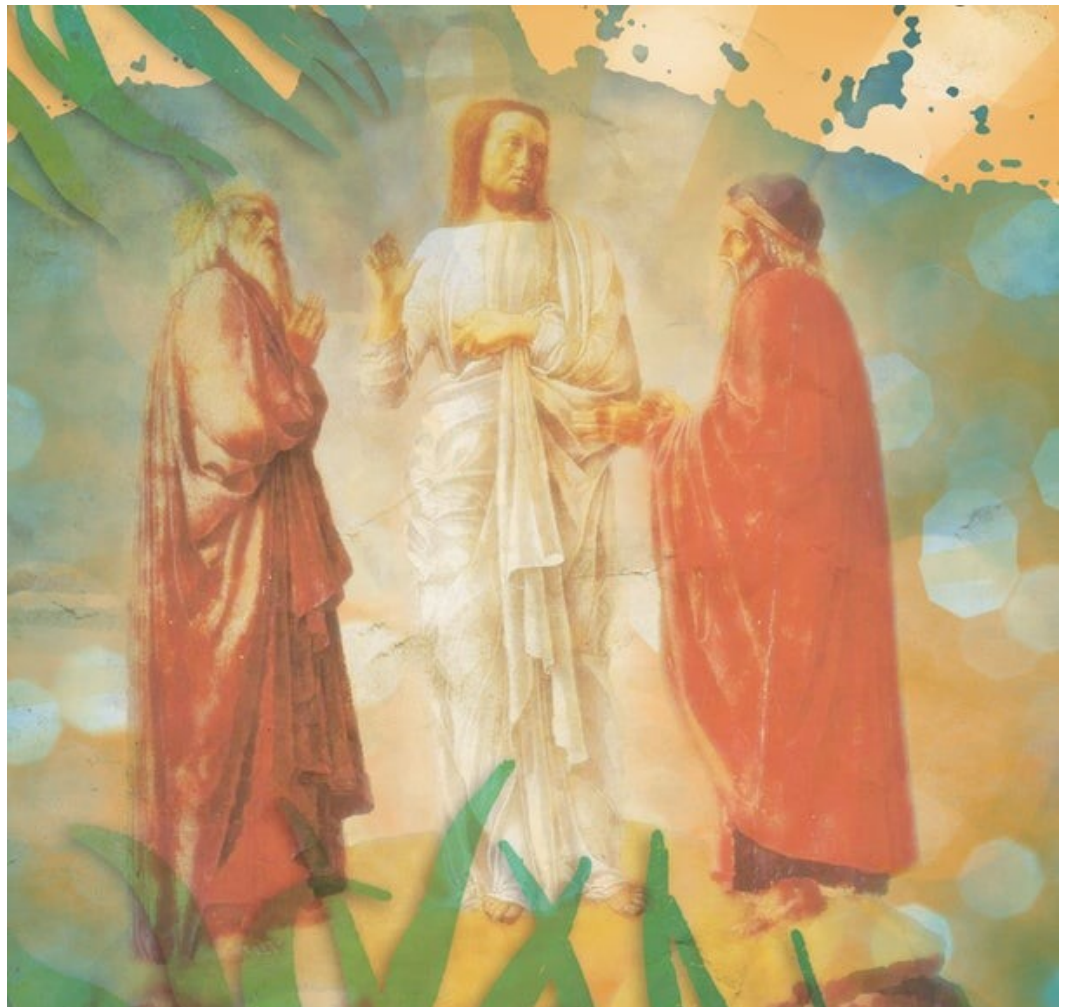
Sunday:  
8:30 a.m.  
10:30 a.m.

### 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

44 Pennsylvania Blvd., Monessen, PA 15062

📞 724-684-7661

🌐 [www.eolparish.com](http://www.eolparish.com)

### 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, February 24 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Angeline Forlini by Children & Grandchildren

### Sunday, February 25 — 2nd Sunday of Lent

8:30 AM † Doris Kukler by Husband, Alex & Family

10:30 AM † Robert A. Mascetta by Phil & Art Trozzi

### Monday, February 26

8:00 AM † Tom & Paul Sowko by Family

### Tuesday, February 27

8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

### Wednesday, February 28

No Mass

### Thursday, February 29

8:00 AM † Charles Urbanowicz by Steve & Amy Hudak

### Friday, March 1

8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

Noon Stations of the Cross

6:00 PM Stations of the Cross

### Saturday, March 2 — Vigil

4:00 PM † James Sepesky by Carol Sepesky & Family

### Sunday, March 3 — 3rd Sunday of Lent

8:30 AM † Vincent Burger by Clemmie Malec

10:30 AM † Ron Godla by Wife, Pat and sons

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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 — March 2—3

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 p.m.	R. Kozar	A. Punturerio S. Stein L. Henry	L. Assenat
8:30 a.m.	G. Pesi	J. Brown F. Petrosky R. Lucas	Volunteer
10:30 a.m.	P. Fantauzzi	T. Mazzei D. Harkins K. Imbrescia	M. Speicher N. Speicher

### Money Counters

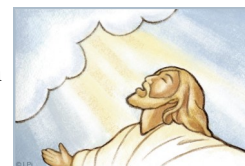
Monday, February 26—Team #5—M. Smith

## Bake Sale Reminder

Those whose last name begins with **A—H**, please remember we need your help to provide goods for the March 1st Fish Fry bake sale on Friday. Thank you!

## Listening to God's Voice

This second Sunday of Lent presents us with the familiar story of Abraham prepared to sacrifice his only son. Although this story is hard to understand with Yahweh even asking Abraham to entertain such action, it is layered with deeper meanings that we need to carry with us in life. It is easy for us to see the parallel of Abraham sacrificing his son with Jesus being offered up by God. In the first scenario it is the love of God which eventually saves Isaac, Abrahams “beloved son.” In the second, it is God’s vast love that allows his “Beloved Son” to be sacrificed for all people. The common thread that can be clearly seen in both is the all-encompassing power of God’s love.



Rather than loose our thought on why Yahweh would ever ask such a task from Abraham, we need to focus our attention on the faith that allowed Abraham to hear, let alone follow the voice of God. It was because of his great faith and belief in God’s goodness that he was given a promise of a lasting heritage. Sometimes I wonder what would have happened if Abraham ignored God’s voice and did not respond to God’s request. It was his faith that allowed him to trust in God. It was his faith that gave him the courage to venture forward not knowing how things would turn out.

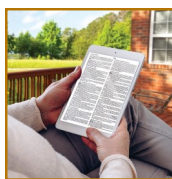
We can learn an awful lot from the example of faith that Abraham shows us. How well do we even listen to God let alone follow through with action. What a leap of faith it must have been for Abraham to be willing to sacrifice so much. As we look at our lives today we need to ask ourselves how far are we willing to go to respond to God’s voice, what are we willing to sacrifice?

From our gospel reading this week we see how the disciples reacted when they heard the voice of God. They wanted to hold onto that moment and not move from the mountain. We all have mystical moments in life when we can feel God’s presence, and we too would like to hold onto those moments. We learn from Abraham that we must have faith in God when God speaks to us but that we must also respond; we simply cannot just do nothing. We cannot stay on top of the mountain like the Disciples wanted to. We cannot hold onto God and try to keep God locked up in some remote place. God must be found in the everyday routine of our lives, at the foot of the mountain where we live. It is there that we must “listen to him.”

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## Daily Readings

### Readings for the week of February 25



**Sunday:** Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 (116:9)/ Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

**Monday:** Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38

**Tuesday:** Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 23:1-12

**Wednesday:** Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/Mt 20:17-28

**Thursday:** Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31

**Friday:** Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

**Saturday:** Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

**Next Sunday:** Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/1 Cor 1:22-25/ Jn 2:13-25 *Scrutiny:* Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/ Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

### Diocesan Lenten Appeal

By now, everyone should have received from the Diocese their information along with a pledge card for this year's DLA. I do believe that the letter explains this year's campaign very clearly along with our goal amounts. Lent is not only a time for penance and prayer, but it is also a time to look at our Alms Giving.

If we look around the world and see all of the suffering and pain that people are going through, it makes our freedom even more of a blessing. **We all need to embrace just how fortunate we have it in life.** We can worship however and whenever we want; this is not so for many people around the world. All of us need to be grateful for the Church we have and the Diocese which provides so much support to all of us.

I am asking that you prayerfully consider making a gift to this year's DLA. Not only do you provide an opportunity for people around our Diocese to continue being able to worship in their churches, but you also are helping our parish as well. If you have any questions or issues with this year's DLA, please feel free to let me know.

#### Weekly Collection Feb. 18

Votive Candles:	334
Utility & Energy:	115
Accent:	0
Ash Wednesday:	723
Easter:	20
Children & Adult Collection:	\$4,588
Online Collection:	\$1,446
<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$7,226</b>
Home Mission:	442
<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$7,668</b>

### Heifer Project

Just as a reminder, if you wish to make a contribution to purchasing an "ARK" through Heifer International, you can put it in an envelope and drop it in the collection basket. The ARK consists of a collection of animals that will provide an opportunity for people around the world to support not only their families but also help build their communities. To understand what your donations can do, each week I will talk about the animals and how they are used.



**Gift of a Buffalo:** The Water Buffalo is certainly any farmer's friend! Thai farmers respectfully refer to the water buffalo as "the farmer's friend" because the animal provides the draft power that makes rice cultivation practical, particularly in remote areas. For farmers in Thailand and others throughout Asia, the huge animals

provide high-protein milk for families and organic fertilizer for their farms. One Water Buffalo costs \$250.

In the verdant, rugged mountains of the Philippines, farmer Bagwan and his wife Loge remember the days before Heifer International helped them obtain a water buffalo. "We had to do everything manually, even till our land," he and other barefoot villagers used sharpened sticks to prepare mountain rice paddies for planting. The arduous labor left the villager exhausted, often nursing bruised and bleeding feet. **Hand planting produced barely enough rice to love on. "Today our water buffalo has improved the lives and health of our family,"** he said. Water buffalo allow subsistence-level farmers to harvest four times what they can produce by hand-planting.



*Remember that we have a delicious Fish Fry every Friday from 11:00 am until 6:00 pm!*

### A Journey of Our Faith... what we believe and why...

We will continue A Journey of Our Faith next Monday at 6:30 p.m. in the church hall. I hope you will be able to join us for this discussion to learn a little more about our faith. We will discuss what it is we believe as Roman Catholics and why... as well as **why is our Church so important in life.**

Please know that everyone is invited! We will not be using a book; there is no cost. I hope to see you there!



### Lenten Stations of the Cross

The Stations are an ancient practice of faith and devotion for the Lenten Season. We will pray the Stations at **Noon and at 6:00 p.m. on Fridays during Lent.**

**Inspiration for the Week** — The Transfiguration left the disciples with more questions than answers. What had they just seen? What had they just heard? They were confused, but they trusted Jesus. Let's follow in their example, trusting in God's care as we journey deeper into Lent.

### Ministry Callout

The next ministry schedule will run from March 16 through May 5. Please let Tara know if there are any changes to your schedule by Friday, March 8. Either call the office of email [tmaderino@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:tmaderino@dioceseofgreensburg.org). Since this schedule will include Easter, please note your availability and if there are any preferences for services during Holy Week. If you are interested in serving in the ministry in any capacity, know that you are most welcome.

### Scholarship Applications

There are Scholarship applications for senior girls from the Catholic Women's College Club, and from the Knights of Columbus #954, for senior boys. Both applications and their criteria can be found on our website: [www.colparish.com](http://www.colparish.com), and are available in the parish office.



### Sausage Sale

#### HOMEMADE SAUSAGE SALE

The **Holy Name Society** will hold a sausage sale on March 26 & 27. All orders must be in by **Saturday, March 9**. Put in your order now to make sure you get it! The **sausage will be sold at \$5.50 /lb. Minimum order is 2 lb. per item. All orders MUST be made on the order form.**

<u>LINK</u>	<u>LOOSE</u>	
___ lbs.	___ lbs.	<b>Sweet Sausage</b>
___ lbs.	___ lbs.	<b>Hot Sausage</b>
___ lbs.	___ lbs.	<b>Hot Hot Sausage</b>

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Orders may be placed by filling out the order form above, placing it in an envelope marked "Sausage Order" and depositing it in the collection basket. To call in your order, or for info, contact Kenny at 724-929-3464. Please make checks payable to the **Holy Name Society**