



**February 27, 2022**  
**8th Sunday**  
**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:

Tuesday: 5:00 p.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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📞 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 26 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Nescot & Gallo Families by Family

### Sunday, February 27 — 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

10:30 AM Evan Shannon by Donna Wood Boerem

### Monday, February 28

8:00 AM † Marie Sickles and Carmen Dominico by Betty Nash

### Tuesday, March 1

No Mass

### Wednesday, March 2 — Ash Wednesday

8:00 AM † Mary V. Usher by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Cicci

4:00 PM Communion Service & Distribution of Ashes

### Thursday, March 3

8:00 AM † Deb Harkins by Dan Harkins

### Friday, March 4

6:00 PM Stations of the Cross

### Saturday, March 5 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Deb Harkins by Dan Harkins

### Sunday, March 6 — 1st Sunday of Lent

8:30 AM † Tom Panepinto by Barbara Shosky

10:30 AM † Roni Faust by Lynn, Jim & Madison Shrump

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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 5 & 6

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 p.m.	P. Fantauzzi	E. Yatchyshyn	S. Yatchyshyn
8:30 a.m.	K. Miller	A. Pastella	T. Todd
10:30 a.m.	M. Ssacco	T. Mazzei	E. Yatchshyn

### Money Counters

Monday, February 28 —Team #2—W. Anders

### Ministry Schedule — March 2 — Ash Wednesday

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
8:00 a.m.	M. Gallo	K. Imbrescia	Volunteer
4:00 p.m.	S. Surdyn	Volunteer	Volunteer

## Talk really can be cheap...

As we prepare to begin the season of Lent our readings this week give us much food for thought. As Jesus reminds us it is not always what we do but the thoughts and motivations behind our actions are what really matter. Sirach in the first reading reminds us that talk can be cheap! He reminds us that the way a person speaks reveals their true inner self. We all need to listen to one another carefully before judging, that is the proof of true wisdom. He is telling us that conversation is the real proof of one's character.



If you stop and think about this, we can all benefit from Sirach's words. When we speak to others, if we are gossiping, have a foul mouth, or come off as knowing it all what does that really say about our character and the kind of person we really are? The way that we speak to others gives evidence of our own interior living, our speech reveals where we have allowed ourselves to be planted, and how we view ourselves. Sirach is realistic as he assesses how people talk. If we listen we can learn a lot not only about others but far more importantly, about ourselves.

In the gospel for this Sunday Jesus once again speaks in parables and leaves it up to us to apply the message to our lives. He says "every tree is known by its own fruit", exactly what kind of fruit are we putting out into the world. The secrets of the heart are revealed by the words of the mouth. The way that we speak to or about others reveals what kind of person we really are. We are being cautioned to think before we speak or act, to be aware of how we are perceived by others. We are being cautioned that it is much easier to look outward at others rather than looking inward.

Why is it so easy for us to see the many "splinters" planted in another's eye, yet be totally oblivious to the ones that are keeping us from seeing clearly? We are always ready to help someone else remove those splinters yet don't seem to mind the ones in our own eyes. We are being reminded that it is time to get our own eyes checked, to remove the film of distrust and correct any shortsighted suspicion.

If we make these words a part of our lives, what a great way to begin this season of Lent. Last week we were reminded that awareness is always the first step, maybe it is time to become aware of the many splinters blocking us from being the people God made us to be. Remember that we are reminded that a "good person out of the store of goodness in their heart produces good, but an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil, for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks." We are all being challenged to use God's mercy as a key to making a better world both inside and out. Start this Lent by becoming more aware of your speech and the way that you relate to and about others. Remember that talk truly can be cheap if they do not speak of what is in our hearts!

### Weekly Collection Feb. 20

Votive Candles:	28
Utility & Energy:	0
Accent:	3
Lenten Folder:	3
Ash Wednesday:	2
Easter Flowers:	5
Children & Adult Collection:	3,557
Online Collection:	1,431
<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$5,029</b>

## Ministry Call Out

It's that time again. If there are any changes to your schedule, please let Tara know by calling the office or email: tmanderino@dioceseofgreensburg.org by **Friday, March 4**. This schedule will run from **March 20 —May 8**. Anyone new to the ministry, please be sure to let us know your availability during these dates. Don't hesitate to call if you have questions.



## Stewardship

This year, for our Stewardship project during Lent will focus on Cross Catholic's "Wells of Salvation" project to help provide access to clean water sources. Any gift that we are able to collect will help to install 65 wells to provide clean, refreshing water for these struggling areas in our world. This Lent won't you consider giving a little so that many people will benefit a lot more? Any money you want to donate, simply **mark an envelope with "Wells of Salvation"** marked on it. At the end of Lent we will send in all of the money we have collected and ensuring that many people will benefit from our generosity.

## Fish Fry



Our Fish Fries will continue throughout Lent beginning on Ash Wednesday starting at **11:00 a.m. and continuing until 6:00 p.m.**

We have fried cod, baked haddock, fried shrimp, French fries, halushki, and pierogies. There will be take out available as well as dining in. There will be social distance seating for dine-in customers. There is also free local delivery between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Also, during our Fish Fries we will be raffling off two Lenten Baskets. Then winner will be selected at the last fish fry.

## Bake Sale Reminder

Help make our Bake Sale a success. For Ash Wednesday, if your last name begins with **A—M**, please bring in baked goods; if your last name begins with **N—Z**, please bring in baked goods for Friday. You may bring baked goods to the church hall that day. As always, your generosity is sincerely appreciated.

## Religious Movie Night

The Epiphany Ladies will be sponsoring a **religious movie nights** on Thursdays during Lent, starting at 6:30 p.m. **Everyone** is welcome! This is not just for Epiphany Ladies. Some of the movies we are looking are: "Love and mercy", the true story of Sister Faustina and the Divine Mercy; the new Fatima movie, the true story of our Lady of Fatima; Saint Theresa, as well as the Chosen series, season one, We will begin on **Thursday, March 3, at 6:30 p.m.**, with the showing of family theater production called **Pray**, a documentary story of the Life of Fr Patrick Payton. Fr Peyton was an Irish immigrant who came to America in 1928 and soon became a priest and touched millions of lives including celebrities, with his phrase "the family that prays together stays together." It's a wonderful way to start the Lenten season.



## Mardi Gras



This Tuesday we will celebrate "**Fat Tuesday**" with this year's Mardi Gras. The evening will begin at **6:00 p.m.** In preparing for this celebration we are going to ask that you once again **bring one of your famous deserts.** We can also use pop and water if you are able to donate some. Whatever we don't use for the Mari Gras we will make good use of during the Fish Fry. Remember that our celebration closes with a parade leading to the burning of our old palm. Don't forget to **bring in all of your old palm branches from last year** so that we can burn them. The ashes from the palms will be used the next day on Ash Wednesday.



## Faith

### The Season of Lent

With the celebration of Ash Wednesday we begin the season of Lent. This is a period of time set aside by the church to afford us the opportunity to look at our relationship not only with God but also with one another.



- **Ash Wednesday:** Liturgy will be celebrated at 8:00 a.m., and there will be a communion service with the distribution of ashes at 4:00 p.m. I will be celebrating Mass at St. Sebastian's at 6:00 p.m. and there will be distribution of ashes at 4:00 p.m.
  - **Monday evenings** during Lent we will celebrate Taizé Prayer at 6:00 p.m.
  - **Monday evening** at 6:30 p.m. we study a series on the Book of Revelation
  - **Fridays** during Lent we will pray the stations at 6:00 pm.
  - **Daily Liturgy** at 8:00 on Monday and Thursday with mass at St. Sebastian's on Tuesday and Friday.
- There also will be those "**Little Black Books**" available in church to help you journey through the season. You can pick one up after Mass. I am hopeful that you will be able to avail yourselves to some of these events

### Stations of the Cross

We will hold Stations of the Cross here each Friday during Lent. Every other week, I am asking that one or two parishioners lead the stations for those gathered. If you would like to lead one of the weeks, please see me or call the office so that we can schedule you. We need people for March 11 & 25, and April 8.



## Bethlehem Christian Families

It was really a great excitement to observe **so many kind people at your parish**, who were interested in our religious articles, and some expressed their intention to visit the Holy Land! Please remember that you, and the members of your Parish are included in our prayers.

**Thank you for your support** in helping us and our brothers and sisters in Christ with compassion, dignity and respect, especially in these difficult times.

**May you enjoy God's many glorious blessings!**

Roni Salsa – Executive Director

## Sausage Sale

### HOMEMADE SAUSAGE SALE

The **Holy Name Society** will hold a sausage sale on April 12 & 13. All orders must be in by **Saturday, March 26**. Put in your order now to make sure you get it! The **sausage will be sold at \$5.00 /lb. Minimum order is 2 lb. per item.**

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#### LOOSE

\_\_\_\_ lbs. **Sweet Sausage**  
\_\_\_\_ lbs. **Hot Sausage**  
\_\_\_\_ lbs. **Hot Hot Sausage**

**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 **Holy Name Society**