



February 6, 2022

**5th 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



OUR LOCATION

Epiphany of Our Lord Catholic Church

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📞 724-684-7661

🌐 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 5 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Julie Amendola by Joe & Sandy Greco

Sunday, February 6 — 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM † Naccarato & Reda Families
by Mr & Mrs. Fred J. Naccarato

10:30 AM † Nicholas Shrank
by Grandparents, Helen & James Nahas

Monday, February 7

8:00 AM Evan Shannon by Donna Wood Boerem

Tuesday, February 8

No Mass

Wednesday, February 9

No Mass

Thursday, February 10

8:00 AM † Bill Bielawski by Ruth, Billy & Jeff

Friday, February 11

No Mass

Saturday, February 12 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Roxanne Russell by Mom, Dad & Rozalyn

Sunday, February 13 — 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM † Helen Veschio by Martin & Madalyn Dudas

10:30 AM † Irene Horn by Richard & Debra Kozar

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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 — February 12 & 13

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 p.m.	S. Surdyn	A. Puntuerio	S. Puntuerio
8:30 a.m.	F. Petrosky	L. DeFelices	D. DeFelices
10:30 a.m.	A. Blatnik	K. Byron	C. Blatnik

Money Counters

Monday, February 7 —Team #5—R. Croushore

Saying Yes to God...

Sometimes we look at our faith and wonder how we ever got the notions that we have. For example, it has always been said that Catholics are notorious for their feelings of “guilt.” I can understand where guilt comes from but I can also see



that notion found in many other faiths and religions. I don't think that we have the market on guilt. This week our liturgy deals with another one of those “myths” that has always been a part of faith and belief in God, namely believing that we are not worthy of God's love or care. Often we use this feeling of being unworthy as an excuse for not following the call God may be giving us. In all three of our readings for this week we are given an example of how this “unworthiness” ultimately worked out to God's advantage. Isaiah in the first reading cries out: “Woe is me, I am doomed! For I am a man of unclean lips...” St. Paul in the second reading professes to be “...the least of the apostles...because I persecuted the church of God” and then St. Peter tells Jesus: “Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man.” As we can see, weakness and fear do not have the last word, for each of these men reconcile themselves to God and do what is asked of them.

What is it that makes us feel so insignificant that we focus on our weaknesses? It becomes our task to look beyond our fears and embrace the power that God has entrusted to us. In both the first reading and the gospel it is clear that while God is present to us and calls us, our freedom is respected. We are always given a choice about answering God's call. Just like Isaiah, we often feel afraid and unworthy to answer God's call. But as we see today it is always the unworthy ones that are accepted by Jesus. We are all called, each one of us by name to answer the mission Jesus wants us to do. We all need to decide for ourselves what it is about us that keep us from saying yes. Fear is a factor that cannot be denied; we are all afraid of many things. Fear is part of being human and comes in all sizes and shapes. We are afraid of things coming back from our past to haunt us. Fear of letting our failings known to anyone but God. Fear of the future. Fear of putting our fear up front so others can see it. Too often in life we live out of our fears and we never venture forward.

We are just like Peter, Isaiah and Paul! We can allow ourselves to become paralyzed by our own shortcomings and fears that we choose not to say yes to God's call. Too often we might feel the burdens of life are solely on our own shoulders leaving us feel totally alone. The gift which the gospel brings to us today is that we are never alone when we hear and follow God's call. Divine always abides within us and enables us both to answer the call and remain faithful to it. God meets us where we are in life. Our sinfulness should never be a stumbling block to follow God's call. God is forever giving us the choice to say yes. God will always initiate the call; it is up to us to say yes!

Olive Wood Items

Bethlehem Christian Families

Just to give you a heads up...we will be sponsoring the Bethlehem Christian Families on the **19-20 of February**. As in the past they will bring many gift items made in the Holy Land out of Olive Wood.

Catholic Charities offers counseling

Catholic Charities provides virtual and in person counseling. Call Catholic Charities at 724-837-1840 or email counseling@dioceseofgreensburg.org.



With Deepest Sympathy — Condolences are extended to the families of PAULINE DEROSE AND VIRGINIA SAUNDERS. May God grant them eternal rest, and comfort to their families. We commend their souls to rest in the peace of Christ.

Stewardship

CRS Spotlight

Young women in Gaza often struggle to find work after finishing college. Thanks to support from Development Canada, the Salalem Leadership Institute offers young women and people with disabilities a chance to build professional networks and gain experience through internships. Visit www.crs.org for more information!

Weekly Collection Jan. 30

Votive Candles:	145
Utility & Energy:	42
Accent:	0
Children & Adult	
Collection:	3,476
Online Collection:	949
Total Collection:	\$4,425
Eastern Europe:	5
Total Collection:	\$4,430

Pierogi Making

For February our official start time is after the 10:30 Mass but **you are more than welcome** to come earlier. Last week, we had a number of people start after the 8:30 Mass. The February line up is:



Sunday, February 6 — 9:30 a.m. Potatoes and prep only

Monday, February 7 — 9:30 a.m. — Pierogi making

Sunday, February 13 — No Pierogies

Epiphany Ladies Meeting. All ladies welcome!

Monday, February 14 — 9:30 a.m. Pierogi making

Sunday, February 20 — 9:30 a.m., Pierogi making; prep

Monday, February 21 — 9:30 a.m. Pierogi making

Mardi Gras

Don't forget to mark your calendars for our **Mardi Gras** celebration on **March 1st**. If you could donate a case of Pop or water it would be appreciated. Remember to start collecting your **old Palms** from previous years... we will burn them in preparation for Ash Wednesday. Hope you are able to make it to this celebration. Be sure to **come in your most festive attire!**



Groups

Holy Name Sunday is next **Sunday, February 13**. Corporate Communion will be at the 8:30 a.m. Mass. The regular monthly meeting will be held in the church hall following Mass. Holy Name members are reminded that their dues for 2022 should be paid at this time. Please place your dues (Blue Envelope) in the regular church collection.

Cinnamon Rolls

We are taking pre-orders for cinnamon rolls that can be picked up in the church hall on **Saturday, February 12**. **Pans of 6 rolls will be sold for \$9**. You can pre-order and pre-pay using the form below and dropping it in the collection basket, or the office. Orders must be in by **Tuesday, February 8**.

Cinnamon Roll Order Form

Name: _____

Best Contact No.: _____

I would like _____ pans of rolls @ \$9/pan

Total Due: _____

Make checks payable to Epiphany of Our Lord Church

Faith

Synod on Synodality

Most of you have already completed the survey we distributed the other week. If you have not, there is still a little time. You have until February 14 to complete the survey online (link in on our website). The survey is step one. **Next, there will be town meetings** held throughout the Diocese. This will give you the opportunity to meet and discuss the issues presented by the facilitator. They are the same throughout the Diocese. A Zoom session will be held for those who prefer not to gather. In addition, we will be holding a group Zoom meeting for those not able to attend other sessions. I encourage you to choose a session and let your voice be heard. The list of meetings is also available on the website.



Town Hall Meetings

Tuesday, February 8 from 6-8 p.m.

St. Rita Parish, 116 S. Second St., Connellsville

Thursday, February 10 from 4-6 p.m.

St. Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish
101 West High St., Kittaning

Wednesday, February 16 from 6-8 p.m.

Our Lady of Grace Parish, 1011 Mt. Pleasant Rd., Greensburg
Interpreted for the deaf and hard of hearing

Thursday, February 17 from 6—8 p.m.

St. Margaret Mary Parish
3055 Leechburg Rd., Lower Burrell

Tuesday, February 22 from 6—8 p.m.

St. Joseph Parish, 180 Old Walnut Hill Rd., Uniontown

Register for a Zoom Town Hall listening session! (Individuals)
Details can be found at DioceseOfGreensburg.org/synod

We will be holding a Zoom session in the **Epiphany Parish Hall** on Monday, February 28 from 6—7:30 p.m. If you plan to attend that session, please use the sign up sheet in the back of the church or sign up on our website.

Bible Study



We will be holding in-person Bible Study beginning **Monday, February 21 in the church hall**. Sessions begin at 6:30 p.m. We will be looking at **Revelations** through Little Rock Scripture Study. If you are interested, please register by **Thursday, February 10**. Cost for the book is \$15. If you are not able to attend but would like to follow along, you may purchase a book and access the videos from home. There is a sign up sheet in the back of the church, or you may call the office or email Tara at tmanderino@dioceseofgreensburg.org

Parent Meeting

First Eucharist Parent Meeting will be held on **Monday, Feb. 14** in Saint Sebastian Parish Hall beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Sacrament of Confirmation

There will be a meeting for the **parents** of students eligible for the Sacrament of Confirmation in November 2022 (date to be announced) on **Monday, February 28 at 6:30 p.m. in Saint Sebastian Parish Hall**.

Catholic School Open House

Catholic School Open Houses /Private Tours

The 12 Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Greensburg are hosting open houses and private tours for prospective students. Our Catholic Schools offer an outstanding curriculum integrating faith, and a 13:1 student-teacher ratio. More than \$4 million in available tuition assistance. To learn more, visit www.CatholicSchoolsGuide.org or call 724-552-2565.