

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday:
4:00 p.m.
Sunday:
8:30 a.m.; 10:30 a.m.
Monday, & Thursday
8:00 a.m.
Tuesday, Wed., Friday
NO MASS

January 16, 2022

THE Epiphany OF OUR Lord

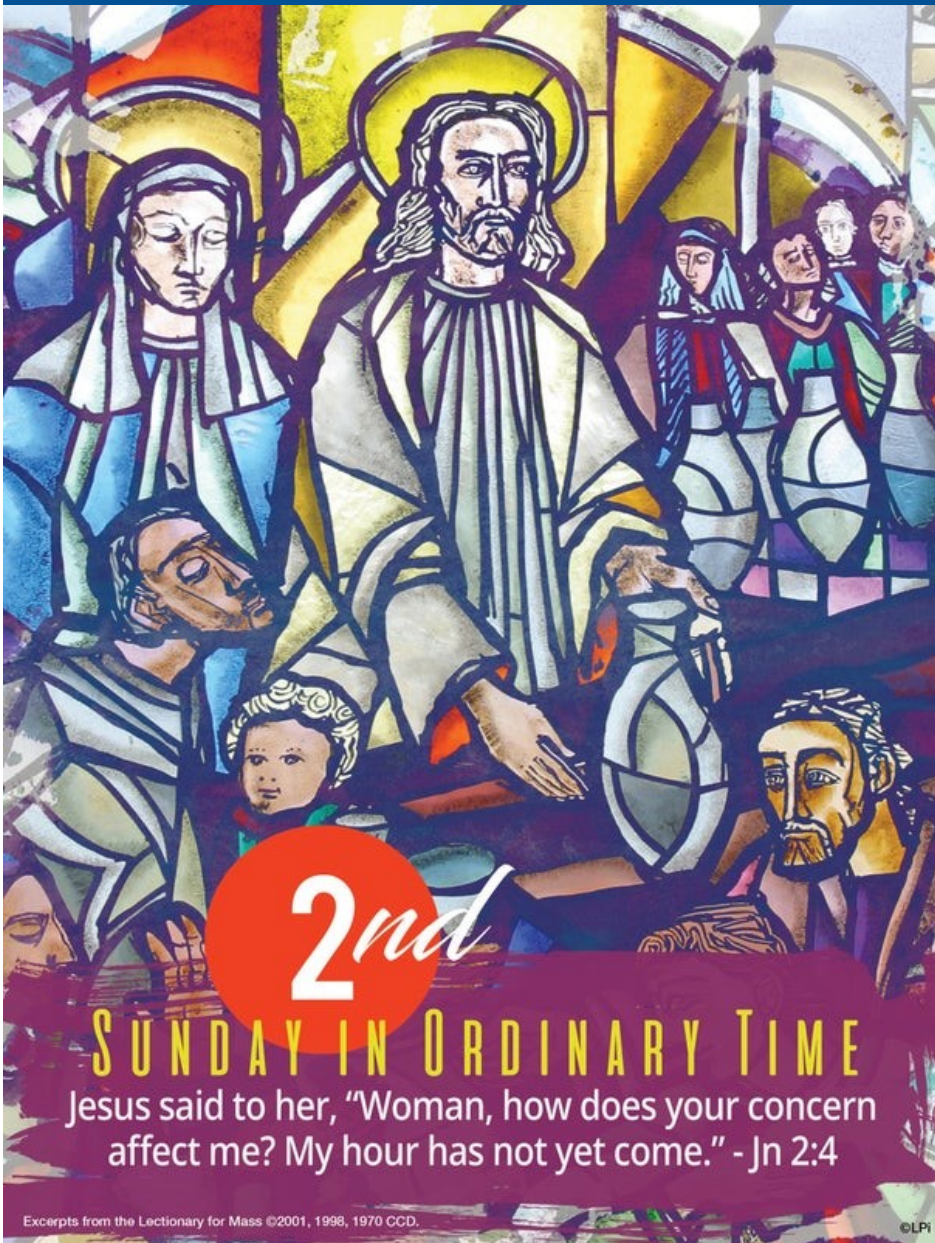
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RECONCILIATION

Tuesday at 5:00 p.m. or you may call the office to make an appointment.

BAPTISM

We baptize during all Masses. Parents are required to attend a Pre-Baptism session prior to the Baptism. Please call the office for more information.

MARRIAGE

Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance.

MINISTRY OF THE SICK

If you know of anyone who is sick and cannot get to Mass, and they wish to receive the Eucharist, please call the office so arrangements can be made.

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BULLETIN DEADLINE

Any article for the bulletin must be in the office by Monday noon.

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, January 15 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Walter & Stella Anders by Sons

Sunday, January 16 — 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM † Rita Cocca by Goddaughter Mary Anne Turkovich Hackinson

10:30 AM † Adina Mancini by Family

Monday, January 17

8:00 AM † Matilda Tobacco by Family

Tuesday, January 18

No Mass

Wednesday, January 19

No Mass

Thursday, January 20

8:00 AM † John and Anne Petritis by Family

Friday, January 21

No Mass

Saturday, January 22 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Pearl Hunter by John & Therese Balistere

Sunday, January 23 — 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM † Anthony J. Mascetta, Joseph & Carminella Mascetta by Lena Mascetta

10:30 AM † James & Lucille Lipari by 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 — January 22 & 23

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 p.m.	S. Surdyn	L. Henry	M. Guiliford
8:30 a.m.	K. Miller	J. Todd	T. Todd
10:30 a.m.	M. Melvin	J. Elias	A. Blatnik C. Blatnik

Money Counters

Monday, January 17—Team #2—W. Anders

Changing Water into Wine

As we embark into the season of Ordinary Time, we once again get to revisit the life and ministry of Jesus. We get to hear the stories of His ministry all over again as we try to apply their meaning to our lives. This church year we hear the readings from the gospel of St. Luke. Today however, we revisit the beginning of Jesus' ministry as we hear from John's gospel.



The liturgy of the Word for this week starts out reminding us of the joy the people of Israel felt as they returned to their homeland. For a long time the chosen people had been humiliated and persecuted but now the God of their Fathers was leading them back home. They refer to their relationship to God as a bride groom welcomes his bride. God refers to his people as "My Delight and Espoused." Isaiah gives us a reading that is filled with hope and promise for the people.

It is interesting that the people of Israel felt that God punished them for their sins. It was because they were not faithful to the covenant that they had to suffer. I believe that we can relate to that notion for there always seems to be that idea weaving its way through religious beliefs that God punishes people for their sins, either individually or collectively. During the hurricanes that devastated Florida, the Eastern Shore and New Orleans, and the 9/11 attacks on the World Trade Center, there were powerful voices from the religious right who claimed God was punishing the victims of these natural disasters because they had sinned. This idea certainly does not do justice to a loving God like the one we hear about in the first reading. We would all do well to emphasize the joy and rejoicing that comes into all of our lives when we experience God's saving power and love rather than blaming God for the wrongs in life.

It is because of this hope and promise that we are able to relate to God through one another. Our second reading reminds us that we are all given gifts in various degrees to work for the betterment of society. It becomes our responsibility to work together sharing our gifts to help one another. We could never emphasize enough the importance of building up the community through the shared gifts of individual members. Even though there is an ever present notion of "individualism" permeating our society, we must always trust that there will be people of good heart and will to come forward whenever needed.

The Gospel blends the joy of the first reading with the responsibilities of the second reading to a conclusion with the miracle at Cana. The miracle of changing water into wine is probably one of the more popular miracles of Jesus, at least most people (even non-Christians) are aware of it. But, what we don't realize is how this miracle pertains to us. Wine in Jewish religious rituals meant life, blood, spirit and divinity. It was the sign of the Kingdom of God. The water symbolized life. The water jars that are part of the story represent the Old Law because jugs were used at Jewish ceremonial rites. In changing the water and making it wine Jesus is telling us that He is the new law which will give spirit and life. We are all transformed into abundance with Jesus and we are to become that wine to others. Jesus shows us how social He is and that He cares about the simple things of life. We are called to use that miracle in our own lives to share our gifts beyond measure to touch the lives of others. We are called to be social in the same way by being the presence of Jesus to others and helping to work this miracle every day.

With Deepest Sympathy — Condolences are extended to the families of CARL JURKIEWICZ AND MARY ANN DOMJANCIC. May God grant them eternal rest, and comfort to their families. We commend their souls to rest in the peace of Christ.

Pastoral / Finance Councils will meet on Monday, January 17 at 6:30 p.m. in the church hall.

Stewardship

Weekly Collection Jan. 9

Votive Candles:	192
Utility & Energy:	25
Accent:	3
Christmas:	220
Solemnity of Mary:	110
Children & Adult	
Collection:	4,909
Online Collection:	1,251
Total Collection:	\$6,710

Tax Statements

It is that time of year when we start to think about gathering all of our “stuff” for taxes. If you would like a letter with your contributions for 2021, please let us know and we will get one out to you.



Lenten Fish Fry

Last week I asked for people who might be interested in working the Fish Fry to sign up. We did get enough people willing to help so that we are going to plan on having our Fish Fries during Lent. They will be in the Church Hall, however take out service will always be available. We will be providing more information as Lent gets closer.

“Undecorating the Church”

Last week we took all of the Christmas decorations down from Church...it looks bare....

I want to **thank everyone who stayed and helped** with this. I am grateful to our **decorating committee** for the wonderful work they do throughout the year; our church always looks beautiful!

Money Counters

If you are interested in serving in this ministry, let us know. We can always use more people. We will soon be reorganizing teams, but you are welcome at any time.

Pierogi Making

We're gearing up for our spring pierogi making. We will be making them on Sundays after 10:30 a.m. Mass and Mondays at 9 a.m. in January and February. There will be no pierogi making the week of March 1 (Week of Ash Wednesday). The January Dates are:

- Sunday, January 16, Monday, January 17
- Sunday, January 23, Monday, January 24
- Sunday, January 30, Monday, January 31

C.D.A Education Contest

The 2022 C.D. of A. National Education Contest is now underway. Deadline for completion is **Tuesday, January 25, 2022**. **Students in Grades 4–12, both Catholic and Non-Catholic** are invited to participate as well as C.D. of A. members. Forms are available at the Epiphany Church Office between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday this week. The form can also be found on the website: www.eolparish.com. Completed entries may be handed in at the office by the deadline.

Daily Readings

Readings for the week of January 16, 2022

Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28

Wed.: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19

Sat.: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21

Faith

The Church and the Synod on Synodality”

Pope Francis invites the **entire Church** to reflect on a theme that is decisive for its life and mission: “It is precisely this path of synodality which God expects of the Church of the third millennium.” This journey which follows in the wake of the church’s “renewal” proposed by the Second Vatican Council, is both a gift and a task: by journeying together and reflecting together on the journey that has been made, the Church will be able to learn through Her experience which process can help Her to live communion, to achieve participation, to open Herself to mission.

To understand synodality, we first need to understand what a synod is. Simply put, **a synod is a meeting or assembly of church leaders**. The idea of a synod has New Testament roots in Acts 15. **“Synodality” refers to the way that these synods make decisions**. It is a model that includes listening to a broad range of people and then discussing the issues together with the goal of hearing where the Holy Spirit is calling the church. Practically, Pope Francis has said, this means not entering the discussion with the idea that there will be “winners” who get their way and “losers” who do not but leaving agendas at the door, **speaking with *parrhesia* (a Greek word that appears in the New Testament and means “frankness,” “boldness” or “courage”),** listening humbly and being open to others’ ideas. In theory, no topic is off-limits, and disagreement is welcome.

After the discussions, the bishops of the synod draft a document and vote, paragraph by paragraph, to approve it. The Pope uses that document to inform his decisions following the synod.

After having said all of that...we have been asked to participate in this Synod through our Diocese. It is important to understand that **every voice counts, and we need to hear yours!** There is a flyer in the bulletin this week that explains how you can participate. If you have any questions or concerns, know that I am always here to listen.

Bible Study

We are planning the next bible study beginning **February 21** for seven sessions. We will be looking at **Revelations**. More details will be coming over the next few weeks.

Ministry Callout

Please submit any changes to your schedule to Tara by **Wednesday, January 19**. The new schedule will run from January 30—March 13. If you are interested in serving in any liturgy and not currently doing so, please call the office. You are most welcome. For changes: call the office or email Tara at tmanderino@dioceseofgreensburg.org

Pray for Life

The Greensburg Diocesan Council of the National Council of Catholic Women will host a “Pray for Life” day on **Friday, January 21 from 11:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.** at Christ Our Shepherd Center. The day will include a rosary for priests, Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, a rosary for life, Stations of the Cross for Life, a Divine Mercy chaplet and a litany for life. For information, call 724-537-2064.

Monthly Rosary

The Knights of Columbus Family Rosary will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall on **Wednesday, January 19, at 7:00 p.m.** All parishioners are invited. Light refreshment will follow.