

## 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 23, 2022**

# THE Epiphany OF OUR Lord

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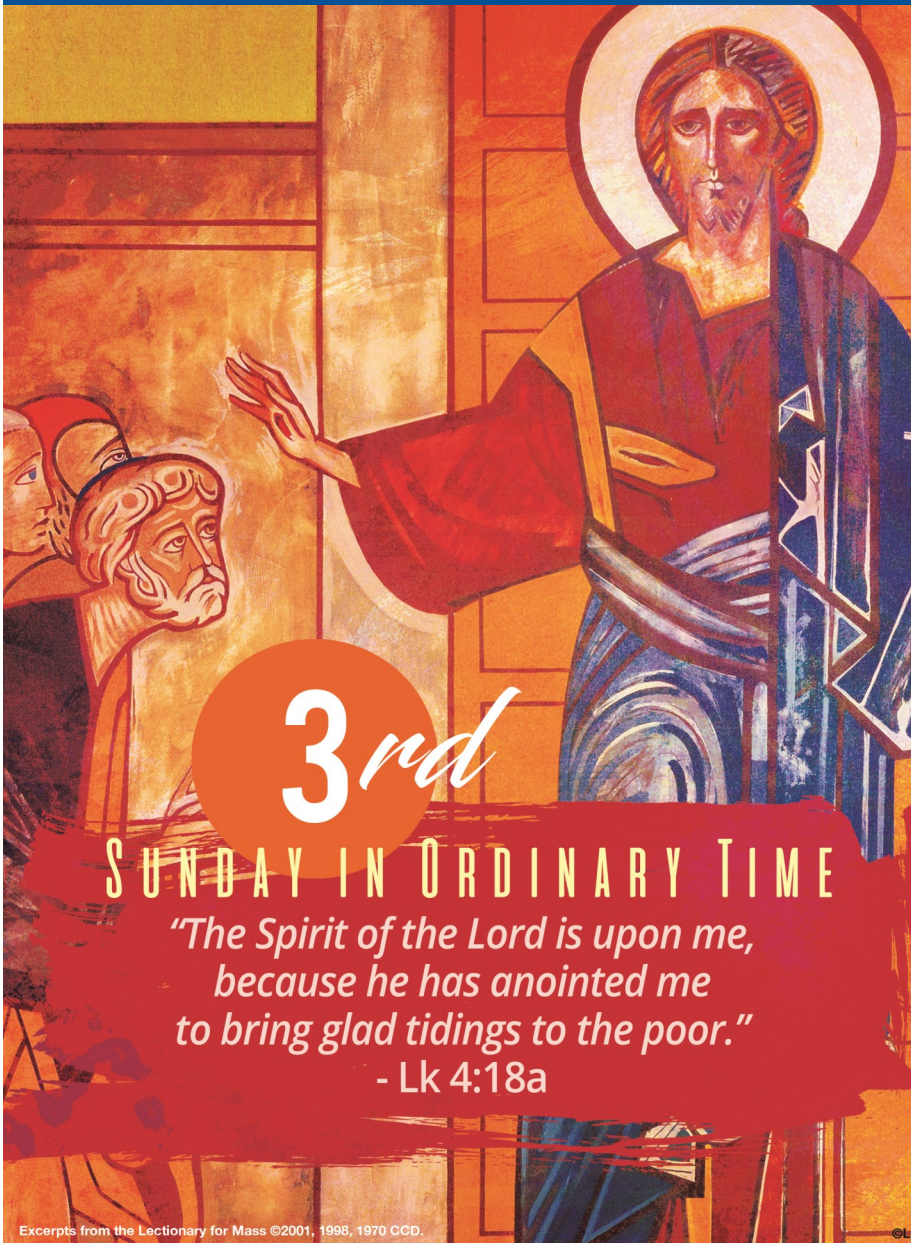


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**SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

*"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to bring glad tidings to the poor."*

- Lk 4:18a

## 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.

## PARISH STAFF

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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 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

### Monday, January 24

8:00 AM † Rita Cocca by Clemmie Malec

### Tuesday, January 25

No Mass

### Wednesday, January 26

No Mass

### Thursday, January 27

8:00 AM † Lawrence Victoria Jr.  
by Jim & Carol Sepesky Family

### Friday, January 28

No Mass

### Saturday, January 29 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Joseph Minno by Wife & Children

### Sunday, January 30 — 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM † Leo Janol by Sophia

10:30 AM † Theresa DiPiazza by Family

### Parish Office:

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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 29 & 30

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 p.m.	G. Pesi	J. Dudas	M. Guilidford
8:30 a.m.	F. Petrosky	J. Todd	T. Todd
10:30 a.m.	W. Vlasic	E. Yatchyshyn	G. Yatchyshyn

### Money Counters

Monday, January 24—Team #3—K. Byron

## No Compromising Discipleship

The message from our readings this week is very clear and yet in spite of its simplicity, it is difficult to make a part of our lives. We are reminded of the centrality of Jesus in the mission of the church, and our call to discipleship. If



we all looked at our lives as individuals and then looked at our community, we would have to admit that there are many distractions that keep us from following the demands Jesus puts on us.

St. Paul moves from his comforting prayer and support of the people of Corinth to a sharp criticism of their behavior. He is very specific in addressing the unity and the divisions that were present in the community. Paul was much saddened by the reports about these divisions in the community of Corinth. He quickly addresses the people about how they need to realign their priorities and focus on what really is important, namely the mission of Jesus.

We are all aware of the challenges posed to our Christian communities today. There is certainly a decline in church attendance in some places, shortage of priests and ministers in many places, internal problems of divisions between conservatives and progressives, loss of exposure and influence of Christian discourse and leadership, and the increasing number of religious groups and the rise of other major religions, like Islam and Buddhism. Even though there are many problems facing us today, we all need to put into perspective what our call is really all about.

To recognize the kingdom in our midst reveals our ongoing need for repentance and invites us to enter ever more fully into the kingdom by following Jesus. The good news is that the light begins shining here, among us. The way out of darkness is to hear the cry for repentance and we cannot hear it often enough, for this is the way to living in Christ's light. This is how God's kingdom is established: faithful disciples hear Jesus' call to repent, and faithfully follow!

Ultimately the question we need to be asking ourselves is: what is the gospel in which we believe and where do we stand, for the sake of the gospel, on major issues today? Are we taking enough risks, or are we satisfied just to follow the crowd? If we are Disciples of Christ, we should have something to propose concerning vital issues for everyone: environment, equitable salary and use of resources, immigration, refugees, military disarming, peace and justice, humanitarian assistance, pro-life concerns, human rights, dialog between cultures and between religions.

The gospel has no readymade solutions for such huge problems. Yet the life of Jesus and his message make no compromise whatsoever when it comes to justice and compassion for the poor and the little ones. These are non-negotiable gospel values that could change a lot in the world of today. Instead of withdrawing into our own internal problems, we Christians should be committed to joining all men and women of good will to attend the needs of the world, so that the message and the life of Christ "might not be emptied of their meaning."

We practice following Jesus in the simple, everyday things that come our way: the friend who needs a listening ear, the elderly parent who needs a comforting phone call, the sick child who interrupts our sleep. In all of these instances, do we hear Jesus' call to repent? Jesus invites us to turn from ourselves toward those in need. Turn from darkness to light. Repentance is the condition for following Jesus to the fullness of the kingdom. It is the condition for taking up his saving work.

## Pastoral /Finance Councils

Due to inclement weather, the meeting has been rescheduled for Tuesday, January 25 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in the church hall.

## Stewardship

### 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.



This week's collection will be listed next week, due to the winter storm.

### Fish Fry

Our parish family as always been known for its great Fish Fries during the season of Lent, and it is never too early to start planning. We are always in need of more help in order to provide this service not only to our parish family but the larger community as well.

There are many ways that you can help. *We are in need of people to help with the frying of fish, and cooking the pierogis. We can also use people to help bus tables as well as work on the line serving food. More dishwashers and people to stay and help clean up at the end of the evening would be a real gift. We will also be selling baked goods each week so we will need you to dig out your recipes.* If you think you might be able to lend a hand this year, your help and your presence will be greatly appreciated. There will be more information regarding the Fish Fry as the date gets closer.

### Money Counters

If you are interested in serving in this ministry, let us know. We can always use more people. Those already on teams will have received a calendar. We will have the new teams in place in the next few weeks.

### Pierogi Making

Last weekend's weather changed up our game! We are still making pierogies but for this week and next we will only be making them on Sunday. We will start after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. The February dates will be announced next week. The January Dates are:

**Sunday, January 23 and Sunday, January 30**

### Catholic School Open House

**The time to shine is NOW!** 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. **You may join our Open House at St. Sebastian Regional Catholic School on Sunday, January 30,** which will also begin the annual observance of Catholic Schools Week. We are grateful to **Mrs. Carol Aiello,** our Principal, for her leadership and to our teachers and staff for their dedication and hard work.

As we celebrate Catholic Schools Week, may God continue to bless SSRCS administration, faculty, staff, students and families. **Saint Sebastian Regional Catholic School will hold an open house on January 30th from 1:00-2:00 p.m.** Please register online at [sssbv.org](http://sssbv.org).

Tuition Assistance Available **SPREAD THE NEWS!** The 12 schools of the Diocese of Greensburg Catholic (which includes SSRCS) now have millions of dollars in tuition assistance available! Become a TOP Student today. Visit [www.CatholicSchoolsGuide.org](http://www.CatholicSchoolsGuide.org) or call 724-552-2565.

## Faith

### Survey for the Synod on Synodality"

As was mentioned last week, this weekend has been designated as the kick off for our portion of the Synod. **The Holy Father himself has requested that all of us share our ideas** about the future of our faith. This gathering of ideas is called a Synod. It is a massive effort to listen to a broad range of people throughout our faith community and discuss major issues together with a goal of hearing where the Holy Spirit is calling the Church.

You will find in the bulletin this week a **short 15 question survey.** You can leave the completed survey in the collection basket. On the bulletin insert, there is also a QR code, which you can scan with your cell phone if you prefer to complete the survey online.

This process, called the “Synod on Synodality” is intended to inspire people to **dream about the Church we are called to be.** I do hope that you will consider participating in this survey. There is a space for comments so please feel free to use that for anything not covered in the survey.

### Mardi Gras

Lent does not start until the 2nd of March but I wanted you to mark your calendars for this year's **Mardi Gras celebration** on “**Fat Tuesday**”, **March 1st.** The evening will begin at 6:00 p.m. There will be more information about this year's celebration in the coming weeks. **Mark your calendars** so that we can make up for the ones we missed!



### Day of Prayer

Join the Greensburg Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (DCCW) in our sixth annual Day of Prayer and Education to combat human trafficking. This year it will be held at **St. Rita's Social Hall in Connellsville, 116 S. 2nd St., from 1:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 5.** Admission is free.

There is more to human trafficking than you think. The event includes a prayer service for the intercession of St. Josephine Bakhita to combat trafficking, an international speaker, fair trade goods, and a chance to help the mission in El Salvador. Please join us. For more information, call 724-787-2415.



### 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*