

**January 30, 2022**

**4th 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.

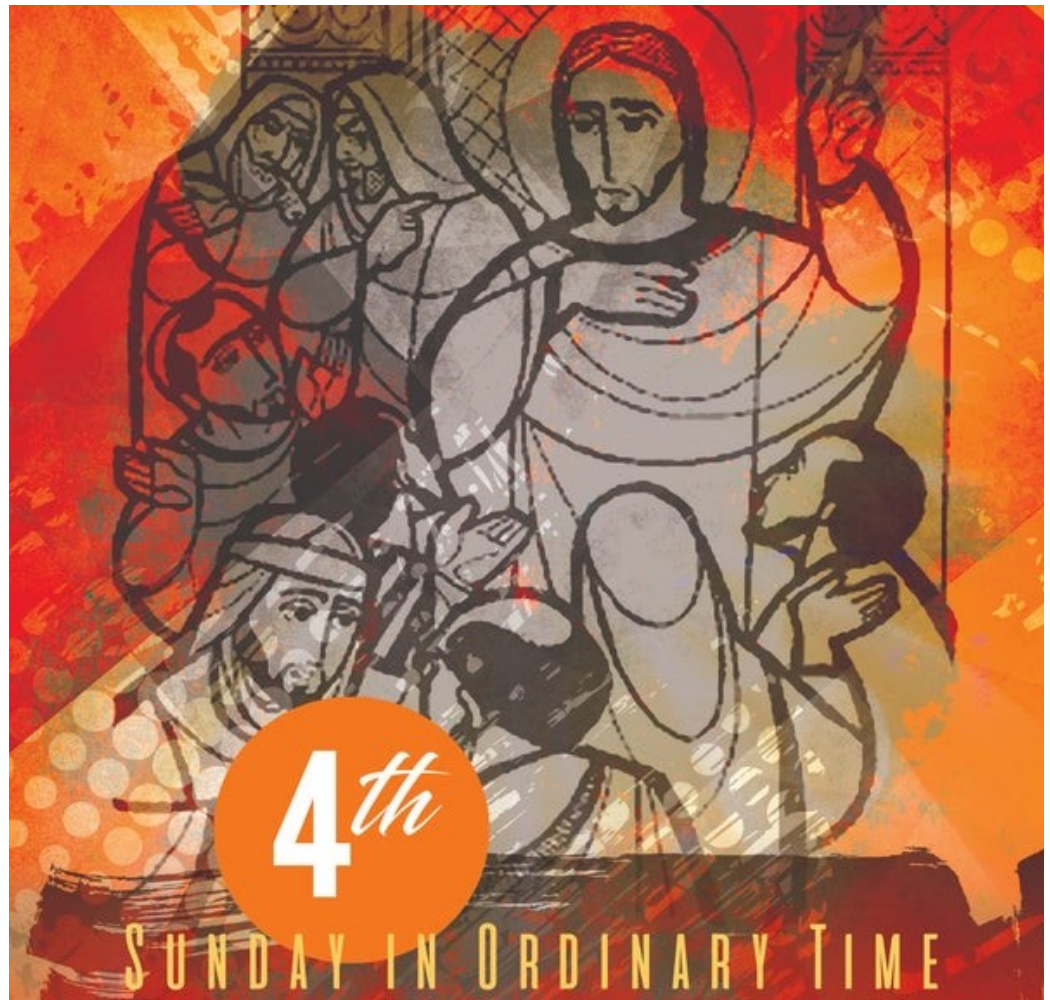
Sunday:  
8:30 a.m.  
10:30 a.m.

#### 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

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, 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

### Monday, January 31

8:00 AM † Joe Rusnak, Joe Minniti, Ed Fiordigigli and All My Friends by Melvin Nickolich

### Tuesday, February 1

No Mass

### Wednesday, February 2

No Mass

### Thursday, February 3

8:00 AM † William Marino by Family

### Friday, February 4

No Mass

### 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

### 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 — February 5 & 6

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 p.m.	P. Fantauzzi	S. Beneccio	M. Guiliford
8:30 a.m.	J. Petritis	J. Elias	J. Smith
10:30 a.m.	B. DuBreucq	K. Imbrescia	B. DuBreucq

### Money Counters

**Monday, January 31—Team #4—J. Petritis**

## Love is a Call to Action

Today's liturgy gives us a taste of what love is really all about. St. Paul presents love not as something that we find in advertisements or product endorsements, rather love is seen as an ethical challenge. He speaks to a community that



was sharply divided over the value of gifts. Some felt that they were more blessed than others. Some believed that their gifts were better than everybody else's. What was missing among the people of Corinth was the unifying power that love is about. You can be blessed beyond your wildest dreams but if it is not grounded in love, than it is all for naught. Love must be active. Love is what love does. Love teaches, love forgives, love has no limits, and love never ends. Love must be the criterion against which all gifts are measured. Those who love as Paul tells us what love is and does, love God.

Paul's explanation of love builds up the community and invites people to care for those left out, for those who go astray and prompts generosity among its members. This type of love is very practical and calls for mutual respect for all members of the body of Christ.

Love needs to be at the root of all of our ambitions in life. If not, then we are missing the point. Jeremiah in the first reading shows the people of Israel that God's love must be seen through all of life, the good along with the bad. He talks about a renewal of God's covenant rooted in love. His words were not merely spoken, it was through his life and his suffering that he gave witness to his speech. Prophets often say things to people that they do not want to hear. This is the case with Jeremiah. At times his preaching seems severe, but he tried always to raise the consciousness of the people so that they would understand their betrayal of Yahweh. Throughout his entire ministry he desperately tried to show the people the absolute love that God had for them.

Last week we saw how powerful the spoken word can be. This week we see an example of what that spoken word can really do. Jeremiah is persecuted for speaking the truth. The people did not want to listen, or they simply could not bear to face the truth about how they were living their lives. Jesus, through his words, does exactly the same thing. When he was saying things that the people agreed with he was the great, well-respected-home-town boy. As soon as he pointed to the greater picture and a closer look at reality, they were ready to throw him over a cliff.

We are confronted today with the reality that we will not always like what we hear in God's word. God's word must take us beyond where we are. It is the love found in God's words that encourage us to surrender ourselves and our own small worlds to encompass the larger vision of a world in which God assures that all are met with love and dignity. When God's words make demands on us, we are faced with new ways we must die to ourselves in order to become better disciples. Dorothy Day often quoted from Dostoevsky: "Love in action is a harsh and dreadful thing, compared to love in dreams." We all need to determine how we will put love into action and take it out of our dreams.

## 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. All of the items are authentically made by the Christian families who live in Bethlehem and Jerusalem.

**With Deepest Sympathy** — Condolences are extended to the families of EDMUND MASCI, JR., MARY ANN GERMINARIO AND JOSEPHINE L. HART. 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

Afghanistan is on the brink of a humanitarian catastrophe. This winter, 23 million people face food insecurity and possible famine. As prices skyrocket, families cannot access cash to pay for food, medicine or other basic necessities. The U.S. government must address the economic drivers of this crisis to prevent further suffering and save lives.

Please visit [www.crs.org](http://www.crs.org) to urge the current Administration to facilitate banking access for Afghans and to find new ways to support the country's critical services like hospitals, schools and utilities. The United States must remain committed to the people of Afghanistan and act now as millions of lives remain in jeopardy. Please raise your voice now to help our Afghan sisters and brothers!



#### Weekly Collection Jan. 16

Votive Candles:	111
Utility & Energy:	65
Accent:	12
Children & Adult Collection:	4,178
Online Collection:	1,163
<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$5,529</b>
Eastern Europe:	10
Home Missions:	5
<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$5,544</b>

#### Weekly Collection Jan. 23

Votive Candles:	103
Utility & Energy:	96
Accent:	3
End of Year Gifts:	200
Children & Adult Collection:	3,680
Online Collection:	966
<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$5,048</b>

## Pierogi Making

The February Pierogi work order will look a little different.



This week, we will still be making them on **Sunday, January 30**. 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**

## 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

### Blessing of Throats



Blaise, who had studied philosophy in his youth, was a doctor in Sebaste in Armenia, the city of his birth, who exercised his art with miraculous ability, good-will, and piety. When the bishop of the city died, he was chosen to succeed him, with the acclamation of all the people. His holiness was manifest through many miracles: from all around, people came to him to find cures for their spirit and their body; even wild animals came in herds to receive his blessing.

In 316, Agricola, the governor of Cappadocia and of Lesser Armenia, having arrived in Sebastia at the order of the emperor Licinius to kill the Christians, arrested the bishop. As he was being led to jail, a mother set her only son, choking to death of a fish-bone, at his feet, and the child was cured straight away. Regardless, the governor, unable to make Blaise renounce his faith, beat him with a stick, ripped his flesh with iron combs, and beheaded him.

Each year the Church commemorates the feast of Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr celebrated on **February 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Because St. Blaise is the patron saint for the protection against throat diseases, **we will bless throats after Mass on Thursday**.

### 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](mailto:tmanderino@dioceseofgreensburg.org)

### Parent Meeting

First Eucharist Parent Meeting will be held on **Monday, February 14** in Saint Sebastian Parish Hall beginning at 6:30 p.m. For those not able to attend on Monday, a repeat of this meeting will take place at St. John the Baptist Parish in Perryopolis on Tuesday, February 15 at 6:00 p.m. (please note the time difference).



### Sacrament of Confirmation

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

## Catholic School Open House



**Come and join us for our Open House at St. Sebastian Regional Catholic School**

**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 [ssbv.org](http://ssbv.org).