



January 14, 2024



Today's readings

**2nd 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:

Saturday: 11:30 a.m.
Or by appointment

All Sacraments:

Please call the office



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OUR LOCATION

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LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, January 13—Vigil

4:00 PM † Vincent Burger by wife, Ethel & Sons

Sunday, January 14 — 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM † Helen Alessio by Ron & Roxanne Radacsy

10:30 AM † Teresa Trozzi by Sons, Phillip & Arthur

Monday, January 15

8:00 AM † Marie Lipari by Bob & Deb Kuzynski

Tuesday, January 16

8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

Wednesday, January 17

No Mass

Thursday, January 18

8:00 AM † Michael Dzurik by Mary Dzurik Family

Friday, January 19

8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

Saturday, January 20 — Vigil

4:00 PM † James, Lucille & Marrie Lipari by Family

Sunday, January 21—3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM † Leo Janol by Sophia

10:30 AM † Ronald Campana by Knights of Columbus

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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 20 & 21

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 p.m.	D. Harkins	S. Beneccio	L. Assenat
8:30 a.m.	F. Petrosky	J. Todd	T. Todd
10:30 a.m.	M. Melvin	K. Imbrescia	M. Guiliford M. Speicher

Money Counters

Monday, January 15—Team #4— J. Petritis

Our Mission as Followers of Jesus

At first glance our readings for this Sunday of Ordinary time seem to reflect in an exact way what we celebrated last week with the Baptism of our Lord.

However, there is an important distinction which sets our readings apart from focusing solely on Baptism. The readings for this week move us to reflect on Jesus' identity and mission.

John calls Jesus the "Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world." We know these words from Mass, but what is the real significance of the title?

The sacrifice of animals to remove guilt for wrongs committed was part of the religious landscape of Israel. The sacrifice of the Passover lamb originally belonged to liturgy celebrated in the home. In time, the Passover liturgy and the sacrifice of the lamb formed a part of the annual Passover liturgy of the temple. Part of the significance attached to this liturgy was the removal of the people's sin and guilt accumulated during the preceding year.

John places the crucifixion of Jesus one day before the Passover, the Day of Preparation. It was on this day that the Passover lamb would have been sacrificed in the temple. John wants his readers to think of Jesus as the true Passover sacrifice. He would like his readers to understand Jesus, and not the lamb slaughtered in the temple precincts, as the lamb that takes away the sins of the world.

Our baptismal task is continually to deepen our own understanding of who Jesus is and to make him known, and to deepen our own understanding of our Christian identity as the beloved daughters and sons of God, as the Body of Christ. Like John, we go from not knowing to seeing to testifying. More than likely, we are not called to testify to the Son of God by going out and baptizing or doing great things. We testify to Jesus' identity and carry forth his saving mission by being faithful to the ordinary things in life, by doing God's will. The revelation of Jesus' identity and how he is made known in the world is mediated by the way we die and rise every day.

Thus we also must become more fully the "Lamb of God." This means that like Jesus, we must be willing to die to ourselves for the sake of others. Like John the Baptist, to whom "Jesus came toward," opportunities to die to self-come to us every day. Like John, we simply need to open our eyes to recognize and respond to opportunities to carry forward Jesus' ministry to others. From the first reading we are reminded of how we are amiss in listening to the voice of God. If we never take the time or make the effort to hear what God might be saying to us, how can we follow? We must be attentive to God's voice in life; only then will our own understanding of who Jesus is and our own testimony to Jesus' presence is manifested through the good we do for others.



Weekly Collection Jan. 6

Votive Candles:	143
Utility & Energy:	245
Accent:	11
Solemnity of Mary:	143
Children & Adult Collection:	3,867
Online Collection:	919
End of Year:	370
Total Collection:	\$5,698
Children & Family	35
Total Collection:	\$5,733

OUR LIVES
BEGIN TO
END THE DAY
WE BECOME
SILENT ABOUT
THINGS THAT
MATTER.

Martin Luther
King, Jr Day
January, 15

||| DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

With Deepest Sympathy — Condolences are extended to the family of SHIRLEY SACHAROV RENO. May God grant her eternal rest, and comfort to her family. We commend her soul to rest in the peace of Christ.

Stewardship

Tax Statements

It is that time of year when we need to start gathering our information to file taxes! If you would like a statement from the Church, please let us know and we will get one sent to you after the first week of the new year.

Lenten Fish Fries

With the season of Lent coming, we are getting ready for our "Fish Fries." This has always been a tremendous success, and we are certainly looking forward to another successful season. In order for this to work, **we are going to need much help**. Over the coming weeks you will have the opportunity to offer to help. I am asking that you consider lending a hand with our Fish Fries this year. The more people we have involved, the better everything will turn out.

Mardi Gras



It is only January, but in one month we will be celebrating the season of Lent! Our participation at Mardi Gras has fallen off in the past few years, and I am not really sure why. We will plan on having one this year on **February 13**, and we

will see how it goes. Plan on being there and joining in the fun! In preparing for the evening we are going to ask that you once again bring something. Since Mardi Gras, or Fat Tuesday, is all about "junk food" we will need lots of that. I am asking that you bring your favorite desert. If you are able and choose to do so, you can bring a case of pop or water. 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. If you have any questions about our celebration this year, please give me a call at the office.

As an afterthought...since our Fish Fry will be in the hall beginning on Ash Wednesday, we will have to get the hall cleaned up after our celebration. If you are able to stay and help tear things down it would be extremely helpful.

Pierogi Making

We will be making pierogis for our Fish Fries beginning on January 14 after the 8:30 a.m. Mass (We plan to be out an hour in time to watch the Steelers!), and on Monday, January 15 at 8:00 a.m. Other dates are Sunday, January 21 and Monday, January 22 and Sunday, January 28 and



Councils Meeting

There will be a meeting of the Pastoral and Finance Councils on **Monday, January 15 at 6:30 p.m.** in the church hall. Please let us know if you are unable to attend.

Faith

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

The first Sunday of Lent will be here before we know it, and we will once again be permitted to receive the Precious Blood with Holy Communion. It has been while since we have been able to share in this gift because of COVID. It is important for you to remember, that even though we are permitted to share in the cup, you certainly do not have to, the choice is yours as it was before.



As I mentioned last week, we will not be able to offer the "cup" if we do not have enough ministers to help. If you would like to help, please let us know. As with all of the ministries in the Church, everybody needs to have their clearances. If you were a minister before and wish to continue, please call the office and see if you are up to date with your clearances. If you will be new to the ministry, we will help you to get your clearances done. If you need your clearances, they can be done online. The list is on the website: <https://www.eolparish.com/clearances.html> If you need paper copies, they are in the church and in the office.

We are all called to share who and what we are with the community making up the Body of Christ. I am asking that you consider being a part of this ministry.

Confirmation Candidates

Students who are in the 8th Grade and will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on April 20, are to **meet with Bishop Kulick this coming Saturday, January 20**. Candidates are to attend this gathering at St. Joseph Church, 180 Old Walnut Hill Road, in Uniontown from 9:30 until Noon. This meeting is for students only.

Inspiration of the Week:

"Come and see," Jesus said to the disciples who were curious to know about him. Today, he whispers this invitation into the deepest place of our heart. **Have courage — go, and see what Christ has to show you.**

Created in God's Image

Bishop Larry J. Kulick is inviting men and women in the Diocese of Greensburg to attend gatherings this month at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Greensburg. **"Transformed," a gathering for men, will be held Monday, Jan. 22**, and **"Beloved," a gathering for women, will be held Monday, Jan. 29**. Both begin at 6:30 p.m. and will feature the Bishop speaking on "Created in God's Image." The gatherings will include prayer, reflection, small group discussion, Eucharistic Adoration and opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation with multiple confessors. There is no cost, and no reservations are required.

Groups

The Epiphany Ladies will meet on **Sunday, January 14** after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Meeting and social will be held in the Church Hall. All women of the Parish are welcome to attend.

CDA, Court Monessen #776, will meet on Sunday, January 21 in the Church Hall following the 10:30 a.m. Mass. All Catholic women are welcome to attend the meeting. For additional information, please contact Regent Debbie Genemore at 724-708-8335.