

**January 15, 2023**



Today's reading

**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



### 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 14 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Stella & Walter Anders by Sons

### Sunday, January 15 — 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM † Maiolini Family by Jeff Maiolini

10:30 AM † Josephine & Quirino & Rosetta & Frank Ciccarelli by Marge Talarico & John Ciccarelli

### Monday, January 16

8:00 AM † Jim Hazy by Bernard & Walt Anders

### Tuesday, January 17

No Mass

### Wednesday, January 18

No Mass

### Thursday, January 19

8:00 AM † Michael Duzrik by Family

### Friday, January 20

No Mass

### Saturday, January 21 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Jim Barron by John & Nira Persico

### Sunday, January 22 — 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM † Polaski & Runzo Families by Mike & Beth Teszner

10:30 AM † Petaccia Family by Lia Petaccia

#### 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 — Jan. 21 & Jan. 22

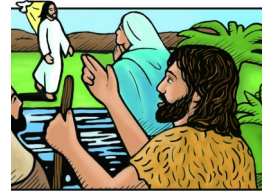
	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 p.m.	R. Kozar	A. Punteriero	S. Punteriero
8:30 a.m.	F. Petrosky	J. Brown	V. Watkins
10:30 a.m.	W. Vlasic	K. Imbrescia	T. Smith

#### Money Counters

Monday, January 16—Team #6— M. Smith

## Jesus, the Lamb of God

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. Our own understanding of who Jesus is and our own testimony to Jesus' presence is manifested through the good we do for others.

### Baptism of Our Lord

Last week we celebrated the Baptism of Our Lord, an occasion to ponder over our own Baptism and its commitments. Through Baptism we begin a journey of faith, one which does not end until we enter into God's promise of eternal glory. This journey asks us to be responsible members of the Church and calls us all to be ambassadors for Christ, bringing his presence and his love to all the people we meet.

COVID has affected all of life, and not always in a good way. Our Church is still feeling the effects of the pandemic with the low attendance. Sometimes we need to look at what we are doing and far more importantly...why? It is our faith that needs to become our guiding light. It is our faith that can help us deal with the uncertainties of life.

We all know someone who has not come back to Church. As members of Christ's body we all can make an effort to invite people to come back. Sometimes it is just that little reminder that can make a difference. As Baptized men and women we all share in the responsibility to help build a stronger Kingdom of God.

**CDA, Court Monessen #776**, will meet on Sunday, January 15 in the Church Hall **following the 10:30 a.m. Mass. The Rosary will be prayed starting at 10:00 a.m.** in the Church. All are invited to participate in the Rosary and all Catholic women are welcome to attend the meeting. For additional information, please contact Regent Debbie Genemore at 724-708-8335.



## 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 statement of your 2022 donations for your taxes, please call the office and let us know and we will get one out to you

#### Weekly Collection Jan. 8

Votive Candles:	221
Utility & Energy:	58
Accent:	9
Christmas:	725
Solemnity of Mary:	77
End of Year:	25
Children & Adult Collection:	4,793
Online Collection:	757
<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$6,665</b>
Family & Children:	45
<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$6,710</b>

### Soup Sale

The Epiphany ladies are selling **homemade soup!** Warm yourself up with a **quart** (or two) of **potato or broccoli cheese** (\$7 each); **chicken noodle or beef barley** (\$8 each). Place your order with a member or on the form in the back of the church by January 20th. Orders can be paid for and picked up after Mass on January 28th and 29th.

### Pierogi Schedule

We will begin making pierogis for our Fish Fry next week. On Sundays, we will begin after the 8:30 Mass (Come and grab a doughnut and peel potatoes!), and on Mondays, we will begin at 8 a.m. Our schedule is:

Sunday, January 22	Monday, January 23
Sunday, January 29	Monday, January 30
Sunday, February 5	Monday, February 6
Sunday, February 12	Monday, February 13

### Monthly Rosary



The Knights of Columbus will hold their monthly rosary on Wednesday, **January 18** at 7 p.m. They will meet in the Knights' Council Hall on Grand Blvd., Monessen. All parishioners are invited. Light refreshments will follow.

### Scholarship

The 2023 annual scholarship of the **Catholic Women's College Club** will be awarded to a deserving Catholic senior girl who is a current resident of: Belle Vernon, Bentleyville, California, Charleroi, Donora, Finleyville, Fredericktown, Monessen, Monongahela or Rostraver Twp. and has a GPA of 3.50 or higher. Applications for the award are available at the parish office or guidance offices at Belle Vernon, Bentworth, Beth Center, California, Charleroi, Monessen, Ringgold, Geibel, Serra, Seton LaSalle or Greensburg Central Catholic High Schools. Deadline for the application is **March 13, 2023**.

### CDA Education Contest

#### Catholic Daughters of the Americas

The 2023 CDA National Education Contest is now underway. **Deadline for entries is Monday, January 24<sup>th</sup>**. Students in **Grades 4-12**, both Catholic and Non-Catholic, are invited to participate, as well as CDA Members. Entry forms are available at the Epiphany Church Office. Completed entries may be returned to the Church Office by the deadline. For additional information, **contact Pat Godla, Chairperson**, at 724-684-7235.

## Faith

### Eucharistic Revival



Our desire for God can only grow when we place ourselves in His presence.  
-Pope Francis

You may have noticed mention of the Eucharistic Revival in the Accent, on religious sites, and on our social media pages, and thought, “what is it?”

At the most basic level, it is a reaffirmation of who we are as Catholics. Baptized in the Holy Spirit, we are called to be disciples, followers,

of Christ, and continue to share his teachings through our actions and words. As Intentional Disciples, we are making a conscious effort to be more, and do more as Christ commands. The Eucharist is the source and summit of Christian life. Each Mass is a re-creation of that first Mass. This Eucharistic Revival is a call to all Catholics to have a living relationship with Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist. To watch the introduction to the Eucharistic Revival (3 minutes), use this link [www.youtube.com/watch?v=LW4VwHEthd0&t=21s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LW4VwHEthd0&t=21s) or scan the QR code.

For prayers after Communion and other parts of the Mass, [www.arlingtondiocese.org/Jubilee/Mass-Guide-digital-English.pdf](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/Jubilee/Mass-Guide-digital-English.pdf)



Revival Intro.



Mass Guide

### Bible Study / Adult Ed

As we begin this Eucharistic Revival, take this opportunity to participate in this Adult Ed session. This session will be a little different than others in the past. We will continue loosely following What We Believe. If you already have the book, know that we will be following the chapters. If **you do not have the book, there is no problem, you can still participate**. If you would like to order one, let us know by Jan. 23. The book is \$16. If you would like to order the book and the workbook, it is \$30. **There is no fee to participate**. The study will run for five sessions beginning February 13. This is an amazing opportunity to learn more about our faith and have your questions about the church tradition and laws answered. Please call the office, or let us know if you will participate by **Friday, February 3**. If you would like to order a book/workbook, the deadline is **Tuesday, January 24**. Again, the book is not necessary to participate.

### Pray for Life

The Greensburg Diocesan Council of the National Council of Catholic Women will host a “Pray for Life Day” Friday, Jan. 20, at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg, beginning with Rosary for Priests at 11:30 a.m., Mass celebrated by Father Eric J. Dinga, and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. The day's schedule also includes Rosary for Life at 1:30 p.m., Stations of the Cross – “A Reflection on the Trafficking of Human Persons” at 2:15 p.m., Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3 p.m., Litany for Life at 3:30 p.m., and closing prayer and Benediction at 4 p.m. Donations of diapers, other baby items and money will be collected for pro-life organizations. For information, contact Millie Krinock, 724-537-2064

### Fishing for Ideas

We want this year's Fish Fry to be one of our best ever, so we're fishing for ideas. On **Tuesday, January 17 at 6 p.m.**, we will hold a special meeting in the church hall. This is open to anyone who has any suggestions as to how we can improve, or change what we have been doing.

