



**January 22, 2023**



Today's reading

**3rd 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 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

### Monday, January 23

8:00 AM † Rosemary Ferrara by Knights of Columbus

### Tuesday, January 24

8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

### Wednesday, January 25

No Mass

### Thursday, January 26

8:00 AM † Emily Zboyovosky by Scott A. Sepesky

### Friday, January 27

8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

### Saturday, January 28 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Anthony J Mascetta, and Joseph & Carmella Mascetta by Adelina Mascetta

### Sunday, January 29 — 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM † Joe Minno by Wife & Children

10:30 AM † Nathan Dzimiera by Ted Harhai

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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. 28 & Jan. 29

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 p.m.	S. Surdyn	J. Elias	B. Rizzuto
8:30 a.m.	M. Melvin	L. DeFelices	D. DeFelices
10:30 a.m.	A. Blatnik	T.Mazzei	C. Blatnik

### Money Counters

Monday, January 23—Team #1— B. Geis

### Readings for the week of January 22, 2023

**Sunday:** Is 8:23—9:3/Ps 27:1,4, 13-14 (1a)/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/ Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

**Monday:** Heb 9:15, 24-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Mk 3:22-30

**Tuesday:** Heb 10:1-10/Ps 40:2 and 4ab, 708a, 10, 11/Mk 3:31-35

**Wed.:** Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18

**Thurs.:** Tit 1:1-5/12/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/Mk 4:21-25

**Friday:** Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40/Mk 4:26-34

**Sat.:** Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Mk 4:35-41

## 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.

Ultimately, the question we all 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, 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.

### Weekly Collection Jan. 16

Votive Candles:	262
Utility & Energy:	120
Accent:	3
Children & Adult Collection:	5,143
Online Collection:	1,572
<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$7,100</b>

**Catholic Trivia:** The church started allowing for Catholics to attend Mass on Saturday night to fulfill their weekly Sunday obligation in 1970.



## Councils Meeting

I would like to have a meeting of the Pastoral and Finance Councils on **Tuesday, January 31 at 6:30 p.m.** in the church hall. Please let me know if you are able to attend. If you are interested in serving on either council, please call the office.

## 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

## Lenten Fish Fry

I am still amazed at the number of people who are involved in making our Fish Fry happen. Even though it is a month away, we need to start thinking of this year's Fish Fry. Things are lining up nicely. However, **we will need your help.** There are many ways that you can support this important fund raiser of our parish. We will need people to wait on tables, work in the kitchen, fry fish, help with making fried dough and even deliver. If you think that you might be able to help this year we will have the opportunity for you to sign up after the Masses at church.. Even if you are not able to physically help with the fish fry, it will be nice to see you come and enjoy a delicious dinner with our family!



## Mardi Gras

It is time to start thinking about this year's Mardi Gras which will be on **February 21, just a month away!** For many years this has been a fun evening before beginning the Lenten Season. Every year for our Mardi Gras we crown a King and Queen. Last year we gave the honor to **Rita Lucas and Dobie Pastella.** They have both served our parish well, however Rita certainly carried the honor to every event throughout the year.



It is time to think about who will represent us for the coming year...we are going to have you, the parishioners, nominate anyone who you think will "embrace" the responsibilities of being King and Queen for this coming year. Anyone (even Rita and Dobie) can be nominated. Before our celebration we will have a vote as to who will share in that honor. If you would like to nominate someone, simply put their name in the collection or you may call the office.

## 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.**

## Faith

### Congratulations!

As a Parish Family, we congratulate and we share in his joy as **Dylan Shrader** received Holy Communion for the first time last week. We pray that the goodness of Jesus grows ever stronger in Dylan's heart!



### Volunteer Needed

We are need of at least **one more person** to help out as a money counter. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated. If you are interested or have any questions, please call the office.

### Furthering Our Faith



Consider joining us for our Bible Study / Adult Ed beginning **Monday, February 13** as we continue to explore what we do and why we do things as Catholics. We will meet in the Epiphany of Our Lord Church Hall at 6:30 p.m.

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. 24. The book is \$16. If you would like to order the book and the workbook, it is \$30. **There is no fee to participate and you can do so without the book.** The study will run for five sessions. 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.

### Questions of the Week

Too often we fail to see the connection between the day's readings and our present day life. *Questions to reflect on based on this week's readings.*

#### First Reading:

The prophet Isaiah foresaw a future reversal of fortune for the people living in the land of Zebulun and Naphtali. *When have you received an unexpected blessing or gift in your life?*

#### Second Reading:

Paul urged the believers in the city of Corinth to be of one heart and one mind as a community of faith, united in Jesus. *How do you resolve division or conflict in your home or workplace?*

#### Gospel:

In the Gospel reading we hear about the beginning of Jesus' public ministry in Capernaum which included teaching, healing, and calling the first four disciples. *How do you think people initially reacted to Jesus?*

## 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.