

July 2, 2023



Today's readings

**13th 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

Epiphany of Our Lord Catholic Church

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LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, July 1 — Vigil

4:00 PM † John "Bud" McGinley by Patti & Herman Bigi

Sunday, July 2 — 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM † Deceased Doty & Paytas Families by Charles & Dorothy Urbanowicz

10:30 AM † Ronald Skira by Jim & Carol Natall

Monday, July 3

8:00 AM † Andrew L. Terensky by Wife, Patricia

Tuesday, July 4

8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

Wednesday, July 5

No Mass

Thursday, July 6

8:00 AM † Angie Weathers by Lucille and Richard Senko

Friday, July 7

8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

Saturday, July 8 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Steve Beck by Vince & Ethel Burger

Sunday, July 9 — 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM † Nate Campus by Clemmie Malec

10:30 AM † Gene Yatchyshyn by Rosalie Nicksich

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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.

The office will be closed on Tuesday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day.

Ministry Schedule — July 8 & 9

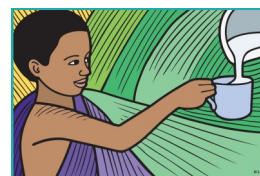
	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 p.m.	M. Melvin	A. Punturiero	S. Puntuero B. Rizzuto
	J. Duds	F. Petrosky	A. Pastella V. Watkins
10:30 a.m.	M. Gallo	K. Byron	J. Smith B. Smith

Money Counters

Monday, July 3—Team #6 — M. Smith

Being Hospitable in Life...

It is certainly true that in life we all take many things for granted, this goes with material things as well as relationships we have with one another. It isn't that we do not appreciate the blessings we have received, it is just that they become commonplace and we expect them to be there. It becomes a matter of trying to become more aware of people and things outside of ourselves. This is what our liturgy deals with today, simply becoming aware of the good things that people do for us and being grateful. It is easy for us to become so involved with our lives and the tasks that are always before us that we allow ourselves to be blind to what is around us. Once this happens we start taking one another for granted and show absolutely no appreciation for the goodness that we receive.



In the first reading we find that Elisha who was known as “a man of God” was not taken for granted or overlooked by a woman who rewards him for his goodness. It was through her generous hospitality that Elisha is given a place to stay, and for her kindness Elisha does not overlook her generosity rather he rewards her. It is interesting that he is rewarding her not for her faith rather for her generosity, something that we can all learn from.

In the letter to the Romans St. Paul reminds us that by virtue of our Baptism we all belong to Christ. This is not something that can be taken lightly. Paul is telling us that because we do belong to Jesus that our behavior and our attitudes in life should follow accordingly. It is not just the fact that we share in the resurrection of Jesus, but we also are to be a part of his ministry as well. By our actions and attitudes we give glory to what our Baptism is all about and how it calls us to live.

In our Gospel from Matthew this week Jesus goes even further in reminding us how we all need to be hospitable to one another and sometimes just forget about our own agendas in life. The world in which Jesus lived was one that was riddled with many social rules. These pertained to simple etiquette as well as to how one lived their life from day to day. Being born into a family brought with it many obligations and responsibilities. Depending on the order of birth and the gender, there was much that was demanded. Jesus was not overlooking these responsibilities, he was simply reminding people that there was more to life, and there were obligations outside of the family in which you were born. The love of God and the simple hospitality to others must never be overlooked. We must never use our responsibilities, even to our families as an excuse not to be loving and welcoming to others. If we want to be a follower we must daily carry the cross of what it means to follow. That cross calls each of us to be aware of the goodness that is around us, the kindness that people offer and the generosity that we share, and in turn be grateful for that. If we start to overlook the simple things in life because we feel our responsibilities are more important, then we need to re think what it means to call ourselves followers of Christ.

If we are good and kind even to the stranger then God will reward us for our kindness. The opposite is also true. As we gather this week end we all need to look around and be grateful for the people in our lives and for the many blessings that we share, and in that gratitude we need to let other people know just how grateful you are.

Weekly Collection June 18

Votive Candles:	237
Utility & Energy:	127
Accent:	26
St. Anthony:	40
Children & Adult Collection:	5,241
Online Collection:	710
Total Collection:	\$6,381
Peter's Pence:	534
Total Collection:	\$6,915

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

Stewardship

St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store



The St. Vincent store certainly has become a mainstay here in Monessen, as well as throughout the Mon Valley. People come from all around and it is good to know that so many people are being helped. Please know that all of your donations have been greatly appreciated!

If we are to continue to be of service to our area, we do need some help. **The Gospel calls all of us to help the poor and the needy whenever we can. The store can certainly use your help!** If you are able to volunteer a few hours a week, please know that it would be greatly appreciated. They are also in need of some men to help moving things around in the store. While our youth are home from college, if you could spare a few hours it would be greatly appreciated. If anyone is interested please call the store at 724-684-5147 and speak with Kathy Steffy.

Groups

Holy Name Sunday is next Sunday, July 9. There will be Corporate Communion at the 8:30 a.m. Mass. There will be no meeting in July.

AED Update

If you are interested in learning how to use the AED machine, or even how it is used, **Bob Stark**, Education and Outreach Coordinator for Rostraver-West Newton Emergency Services, will **present a demonstration of AED usage** in our Church Hall following the 4:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, July 22. He will also present the same demonstration following the 8:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, July 23.

Around the Diocese

St John the Baptist, Perryopolis Festival

Join us on **Sunday, July 16 from 11am-7pm**. BBQ Chicken + Italian Booth + Funnel Cakes, Homemade Halupki, Haluski and Pierogi, Fresh Cut Fries, Burgers, Hot Dogs, Sausage and Fresh Squeezed Lemonade. 50/50 Drawing, Basket Raffle & Drawings. Music by **DJ-ATM Productions throughout the day** and **Tim Litvin and the Natureboy Band 1pm-3pm**

Trash 'N Treasure event Saint Paul Parish in Greensburg on Thursday, July 13, (9am-6pm) and Friday, July 14, (9am-6pm) with ½ off starting on Friday. A special Early Bird preview will be held on Wednesday, July 12, from 4-8 p.m. for a \$5 admission. There will be a \$5 "Bag Sale" on Saturday, July 15 from 9am-1pm (Large items will be ½ off original sticker price). For more information, please contact the St. Paul Church Office at 724-834-6880.

Il Festival Italiano July 7-8 in Jeannette

Ascension Parish will hold its Il Festival Italiano Friday, July 7, from 4-9 p.m. and Saturday, July 8, from 1-9 p.m. On Friday, July 7, there will be an *Italian Dance Workshop* from 6-7 p.m. along with the sounds of *DJ 57* all evening. For information, call 724-523-2560.

Moses Sight and Sound Bus Trip to Lancaster will be sponsored by St. John the Baptist, Perryopolis on August 2-3. **Cost: \$379 per person double room.**

We will see the production, and visit the National Shrine of Grotto of Lourdes / National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Emmitsburg, MD. For more information, please contact Pat Filak at 412-691-6083

Faith

Embracing the challenges of freedom

This 4th of July Weekend should be celebrated with as much enthusiasm and gratitude that we can offer. Our Freedom is something that we should never take for granted and should always celebrate.

Too often in life we don't appreciate the blessings we have; tending to take things for granted. Our freedom is one of those things. **Our prayers need to focus on just what it is that makes our country such a blessing.** Freedom is never "free" it comes with such a cost, and as a nation we look with grateful hearts to the countless men and women who have made our freedom possible. This 4th of July, just be grateful for the people you have in your life, be grateful for the families you have been blessed with and above all else, be grateful for this great nation that we call "home."



Prayer Shawl Ministry



The Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on **Tuesday, July 11 from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.** in the church hall. Come and join us to participate. If you would like to participate but need to learn how to crochet, we can help you with that!

Additional future meeting dates are: Tuesday, August 1, and Tuesday, September 5.

For more info please contact Barb Mandarino at 724-684-5547.

50th Reunion

Mon Valley Catholic High School will be celebrating their 50th anniversary reunion. The event will be held on **Saturday, August 26** at the Mon Valley Country Club and an informal meet and greet social will be held on **Friday, August 25**. Contact information on any classmate is appreciated.

Please call **Kathy Gales Costantino** (724-258-7508 or 412-916-6900) or **Susan Brandemart Pankiewicz** (724-797-1712). All former faculty are cordially invited to attend. Those wishing to attend can **email Dominic Pantoni** at Dome-nic.pantoni31@gmail.com.

Sausage Sale

HOMEMADE SAUSAGE SALE

The **Epiphany of Our Lord Church** will hold a sausage sale on July 28 & 29. All orders must be in by **Saturday, July 15**. Put in your order now to make sure you get it! The **sausage will be sold at \$5.50 /lb. Minimum order is 2 lb. per item. All orders MUST be made on the order form.**

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____ lbs.
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LOOSE

____ lbs. **Sweet Sausage**
____ lbs. **Hot Sausage**
____ lbs. **Hot Hot Sausage**

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Orders may be placed by filling out the order form above, placing it in an envelope marked "Sausage Order" and depositing it in the collection basket. To call in your order, or for info, contact Kenny at 724-929-3464. Please make checks payable to the **Epiphany of Our Lord Church.**