

Epiphany of Our Lord Parish Festival



A PENNSYLVANIA CHARITABLE TRUST
A PARISH OF THE DIOCESE OF GREENSBURG

Home made & ethnic food:

Pierogi, halupki,
stuffed shells, meatballs....

Street food

Bake Sale

Basket Auction

Games

*Complete menu &
line up on the website!*



Tune in!

Friday, August 4

5 p.m.—9 p.m.

Saturday, August 5

Noon—10 p.m.

Friday 5 p.m.—9p.m.

Street Level Band

All Wheels

Saturday Noon—10 p.m.

Car Show * Pittsburgh Belairs

Elvis Impersonator * Balloon Guy

American Pie Oldies Band

Fireworks (weather permitting)

Outdoor Mass

44 Pennsylvania Blvd., Monessen, PA
www.eolparish.com



LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, July 29 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Lena & Pete Salotti by Michael & Donna Apostolakis

Sunday, July 30 — 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM † Emily Zboyovsky by George & Michelle Zboyovsky

10:30 AM † Nathan Campus by Kathy & Ted Harhai

Monday, July 31

8:00 AM † Miceky Stinogle by Russel & Mavis Perney

Tuesday, August 1

8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

Wednesday, August 2

No Mass

Thursday, August 3

8:00 AM † Gerald Stasicha by Ted Harhai

Friday, August 4

8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

Saturday, August 5 — Vigil

10:00 PM † Sam Dalfonso by Ida & Family

Sunday, August 6 — 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM † Barbara Felak by Dr Martin & Madeline Dudas

10:30 AM † Joe & Stella Reda Russell & Adeline Sherred by Children

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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 — August 5 & 6

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
10:00 p.m.	D. Harkins	E. Yatchyshyn	J. Smith B. Smith
8:30 a.m.	S. Stein	J. Brown	V. Watkins G. Yatchyshyn
10:30 a.m.	B. Sherred	E. Yatchyshyn	S. Yatchyshyn

Money Counters

Monday, July 31—Team #4 — J. Petritis

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What is our Pearl of Great Price?

Today we have more of Jesus' parables in the gospel, but their tone and audience are different. Now it is no longer the crowds Jesus addresses, as for the past two weeks, but his disciples. And unlike the focus in the past on the mysterious power of growing things, today we hear how wise people seize the moment: There is a treasure to be gained, there are fish to be caught and sorted for those of worth. Like the parables of the past few weeks, we are given a story to ponder in our hearts and see how they apply to our lives.



It seems we are always searching for treasure. We spend billions of dollars on lottery tickets each year hoping to hit the jackpot. Metal detectors enable us to comb beaches and parks for coins and other possible treasures. TV game shows are growing more and more popular. Our search for treasure isn't necessarily an indication that we are unhappy with our lot in life; it is an indication that we hope for more. So it is with our life in God! The stories we hear today show us different ways people find the Kingdom of God: by chance, by diligent search, by careful discernment.

The stage is set for the "wisdom" one needs to find this great treasure through the first reading with its presentation of the great King Solomon and his unusual request from God. No matter how we choose to set out finding the Kingdom there are two things that we will all need. First of all we will need the wisdom to recognize the overwhelming worth of the Kingdom when it appears, the same wisdom requested by Solomon of God. Secondly we will need the boldness to be willing to stake all on the kingdom. The gospel calls each of us to be wise and bold.

The wisdom that Solomon requested and for which he is famous is one of the most valued virtues of the Old Testament tradition. Like Solomon, we must ask for wisdom so that we can recognize the great treasure of the kingdom of God when it appears. We all need the "understanding heart" so that we can be wise and bold about our discipleship, about recognizing the presence of God's Kingdom and about cultivating grateful hearts for the great treasure God has offered us in Jesus Christ. There can be no other treasure than this: to have an "understanding heart" and to "know what is right."

The message that we find in the gospels is definitely good news. However, do we live our Christian life as a tedious routine or as the joyful response of people who know they have found the treasure and the pearl that fulfill all their dreams and aspirations? Ultimately the question we all must ask is: does our faith in Jesus make us happier? The question is worth asking, and no one but us can know what the answer is.

Weekly Collection July 23

Votive Candles:	172
Utility & Energy:	23
Accent:	0
Assumption:	20
Children & Adult Collection:	5,620
Online Collection:	995
Total Collection:	\$6,830
Catholic University:	5
Total Collection:	\$6,835

Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass

Bishop Kulick desires to recognize all couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary during the calendar year 2023. To register, please contact parish office. Jubilarians will be invited to join the bishop for a special Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass to be celebrated in Blessed Sacrament Cathedral on **Sunday, October 1, 2023**. Even though personal circumstances may not permit individuals to participate in the Mass, all registered couples will receive a scroll signed by the bishop commemorating their anniversary.

Stewardship

Brown Bag Sunday

It is about time to start getting ready for our Brown Bag Sunday with school supplies. We will have our **Brown Bag Sunday the Weekend of August 12 - 13**. So...if you see any backpacks or school supplies on sale pick them up now for the collection. Many students from our area have benefited from this collection in years past, know that you will be helping needy children with your generosity.

Catholic University Collection

This weekend we are taking up the collection to benefit the Catholic University. The Catholic University of America. CU is a national research university with over 5,700 undergraduate and graduate students in more than 250 academic programs in the heart of Washington, D.C. By giving to the collection, you are supporting future Catholic leaders, both religious and lay, who are being formed by an exceptional, faith-rooted education.

Parish Festival

REMEMBER:

THERE IS NO 4:00 PM MASS ON SATURDAY

With the festival next weekend we are asking that people pitch in and help wherever they are able. Below are areas where **we can use a few extra hands!**

- We are in need of people to help **serve the food** inside on Sunday. If you are able to give an hour or two please call Betty Geis at: 724-989-1423.
- We will begin **Setting up** for the festival on Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. and continue on Thursday. We can use all the help that we can get to get things set up.
- Just as important as setting up is **cleaning up**...If you can help either Friday night at 10:00 p.m. or Saturday after the festival is over, it would make things go much more quickly.

In addition, we also need help with many areas before and during the festival:

- We are in need of many delicious **homemade baked goods** for the Bake sale. You can bring your things in on Friday, or Saturday morning.
- If you think you might be able to help with the **game booths**, we could certainly use you! Even if you are only able to work an hour, it will help. You may sign up in the back of the Church.
- We will celebrate **Liturgy on Saturday evening after the festival** outside under one of the tents. All are welcome!

Around the Diocese

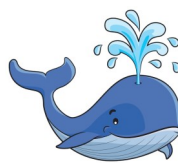
International Food Festival Aug. 25 at Christ Our Shepherd Center

Bishop Medil Sacay Aseo, Bishop of Tagum in the Philippines, will be present for the event. The food festival and Mass celebrates his visit, as well as the opportunity to give thanks for our 20 Filipino priests who serve as missionaries to our parishes. Tickets are \$75 per person, and include samples of food from Italy, Eastern Europe, and the Philippines as well as an entire room of desserts, plus two drink tickets per person.

Sponsorship opportunities are available. Your sponsorship will help provide additional support to priestly formation in the Philippine. To purchase tickets or to sponsor the event, visit DioceseofGreensburg.org/foodfest

Faith

Vacation Bible School—Make A Splash!



This year VBS will take place **August 8 –11** at Epiphany of Our Lord Parish hall & grounds from 9 a.m.—11 a.m. VBS is for children grades K—5. Water is the theme, so prepare to get splashed while hearing how Jesus uses water to teach us about God's love! We will share stories, crafts, games and snacks. Registration fee is \$15. If you have any questions, please call the Faith Formation Office at 724-929-9300.

Menu

Inside food

- Ethnic TV Dinner Specials \$12**
Italian (3 cheese shells, 2 meatballs, Vegetable, Garlic bread, Brownie, Beverage) **or**
Eastern European (Halupki, 3 pierogi, Haluski, Vegetable, Brownie, Beverage)

A La Carte

- Cheese Shells \$2 / ea. Meatballs.....\$2 / ea.**
Pierogi.....\$1 / ea. Halupki.....\$5 / ea.
Haluski.....\$3 / ea. Veg. / Coleslaw...\$1

Sandwiches & Teach

- Kielbasa w/ Sauerkraut**
Hot or Sweet Sausage w/ Onions & Peppers
Meatballs (3) w/ Sauce & Cheese
BBQ Pulled Pork w/ Coleslaw (Sat. Only)



Outside food

- Pizza \$4**
Pizza w/ Pepperoni.....\$5
Pizzaburger.....\$8
Gyros.....\$10
Hot Dog w/ or w/out Kraut.....\$2
Hamburger\$4
Cheeseburger\$5
French Fries\$3
French Fries w/ Cheese.....\$4
Water / Pop\$1

