



March 12, 2023



Today's readings

3rd Sunday of Lent

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

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🌐 www.eolparish.com

Office Hours

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LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, March 11 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Deceased Members of the Ciepley & Kaminicky Families by Myron & Beatrice Ciepley

Sunday, March 12 — 3rd Sunday of Lent

8:30 AM † John A. Imbrogno by Dan & Jane Laurion
10:30 AM † Angela, Fiore & John Sacco & Frank, Marie & Frank J. Dolessandro by Julia Cain

Monday, March 13

8:00 AM † Elaine Nickolich & daughter, Melaine Falbo by Melvin Nickolich
6:00 PM Taizé

Tuesday, March 14

8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

Wednesday, March 15

No Mass

Thursday, March 16

8:00 AM † Deceased Member of the Volpe Family by Rosina Volpe

Friday, March 17

8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian
6:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 18 — vigil

4:00 PM † Mary Louise Persico by John & Nira Persico

Sunday, March 19 4th Sunday of Lent

8:30 AM † Naccarato & Reda Families by Mr & Mrs. Fred Naccarato
10:30 AM † Jerry Tonarelli by Patti & Family

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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 — March 18 & 19

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 p.m.	R. Kozar	J. Elias	B. Rizzuto
8:30 a.m.	M. Melvin	J. Brown	L. Assenat
10:30 a.m.	M. Gallo	K. Imbrescia	M. Guiliford

Money Counters

Monday, March 13—Team #2— W. Anders

Thirst for Living Water

What does it mean to “thirst for living waters” as prescribe today in our readings, and furthermore, where do we find this water? This was the question that Jesus posed to the woman at the well and it is being asked of us as today. Sometimes we don’t think about the gift we find in our faith and how much that faith satisfies our “hungers” in life. Water is definitely a theme in today’s liturgy. It is no wonder that such a simple thing as water has become such a powerful symbol of our faith. Everything we are as children of God is because of the “water” from our Baptism. This cleansing gift of God has embraced us into a family of eternal goodness and life.



Our first reading plunges us into the lives of the people of Israel who were literally “thirsting” for the waters of life. It is amazing how quickly things changed for those people. They had just witnessed the greatest miracle of all when their God led them from the bondage of Egypt to freedom. They experienced the miraculous presence of God as they were led through the waters of the red sea. Now, here they are a short time later wondering if God was even with them. How quickly they forgot all that God had done for them. This experience of the people of Israel speaks very clearly of our own experiences in life. How easily we can become unappreciative of God’s greatest gifts and, even though we consider ourselves belonging to the very family of God, we do question God’s presence among us. We cannot become too critical of those people sojourning through the desert, for we are often guilty of the same crime.

The gospel reading although lengthy, speaks so eloquently about the gift we can share through the presence of Jesus. Jesus, who is in the awkward position of asking the woman at the well for water, is in the privileged position of being able to offer the woman “living water.” Throughout scriptures the symbol of living water is directly linked to “the gift of God” or God’s presence among the people. In the gospel of John, “living water” is the Spirit which is how Jesus himself remains in his disciples after his resurrection and ascension.

The source of our own living waters if found in the baptismal font. There we are plunged into the death of Christ. There we receive a share in divine life. The living waters of baptism promise eternal life for all who are faithful to baptism’s commitment and live faithfully their identity as members of the Body of Christ.

Unlike the Samaritan woman at the well, we will not come face-to-face with Jesus at a well to have a chat about identity and everlasting life. But we do meet him every time we gather for Eucharist and listen to his word and feast at his table. There, week after week, we encounter our identity and receive the gift of everlasting life. The Lord which we share in through the Eucharist is as fresh flowing as living water. To have living water as an internal spring means that believer will never thirst for God, for the Spirit is in them leading them to “eternal life.”

Weekly Collection March 5

Votive Candles:	266
Utility & Energy:	363
Accent:	17
Lenten Folder:	565
Easter Flowers:	345
Children & Adult Collection:	\$6,257
Online Collection:	\$1,596
Total Collection:	\$9,409

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

Bake Sale Reminder— Those with last names beginning N—Z are asked to contribute to the Fish Fry Bake Sale on Fri., March 17

Diocesan Lenten Appeal

We are starting our third week for this year’s DLA campaign. Thus far we have collected **\$6,634 in pledges and gifts**. We have a long way to go! Remember that our Diocesan goal is \$43,854 and our parish goal is set at **\$53,854**.

This year from the portion we get back from DLA we are **going to frame a window** from the Church on Knox and backlight it for our Church.

Together we can make it happen. I am asking that you take part in this year’s DLA. If you have any questions please know that I am available to talk with you. I am grateful for all that you do for our parish and please know that whatever you are able to give will be most appreciated.

Filling the Ark!

Gift of a Lama: Domesticated by the Incas 6,000 years ago and selectively bred for their gentle nature and fine fiber, llamas appear intelligent and serene. They play a pivotal role in the cultural life of indigenous communities on the high plains of Bolivia, Ecuador and Peru. Women weave fleece into warm clothing to wear or sell. They load the animals up with goods for market and trek with them across rugged slopes at high altitudes. As they travel, llamas’ padded feet do not damage the fragile terrain and their selective browsing doesn’t destroy sparse vegetation.



Gift of Bees: The way bees work together is a lesson for us all. They produce food, care for the young, recycle waste and create an effective, efficient community. They pollinate fruits, flowers and vegetables in the process – a benefit for us all. Bees can be as much as double some fruit and vegetable yields. A package of Heifer International bees and a hive give a family better crops, candle wax, pollen for medicine and honey to eat and sell.

Knights of Columbus Council #954 is accepting applications for its annual academic award. Application and details are on the church website: www.eolparish.com

Music for Easter

Dan Godla, our accompanist, is going to work with people on music for Easter. If you are interested in helping out, there will be more information in the coming weeks.

St. Patrick’s Day Dispensation

Bishop Kulick announces dispensation for Catholics in the Diocese of Greensburg from obligation to abstain from meat on St. Patrick’s Day, Friday, March 17, 2023



Saint Patrick’s Day, or the Feast of Saint Patrick, falls on a Friday this year. The memory of this missionary apostle to Ireland recalls his preaching of the faith and encouragement to live authentic Christian lives. Lent does not disappear with the festival celebration of St. Patrick. Rather, in the Diocese of Greensburg, Bishop Larry J. Kulick will permit Roman Catholics to fittingly observe March 17 this year with another choice of penance rather than to abstain from meat.

THE WELL, Diocesan Men’s Conference

Men in the Diocese of Greensburg are invited to get out of their comfort zone and **make Catholicism a way of life** at “THE WELL – BE NOT AFRAID,” the Diocesan Men’s Conference, **Saturday, March 25** at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg. It will be a day of inspiring speakers, Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation and Mass celebrated by Bishop Larry J. Kulick. Cost is \$50 and includes lunch. Scholarships are available through the Diocesan Francis Fund. Register now at DioceseofGreensburg.org/TheWell.

Lenten Journey of Renewal

The Greensburg Diocesan Council of the National Council of Catholic Women will host “**New Wineskins: A Lenten Journey of Renewal**,” a day of prayer for women of the Diocese, **Saturday, March 18**, at St. James Parish. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. Cost is \$12. Reservations are required by contacting Millie Krinock at 724-537-2064 or Kathy Byron at 724-787-2415 or kathyb1133@gmail.com.

Volunteers Needed



We will be washing walls in the church on Tuesday, March 21 beginning at 5:00 p.m. If you are able to contribute a couple of hours it would be greatly appreciated. All help welcome! If you have any questions, please call the office.

Monthly Rosary

The Knights of Columbus will hold their monthly rosary on Wednesday, **March 15 at 7 p.m.** They will meet in the Knights’ Council Hall on Grand Blvd., Monessen. All parishioners are invited. Light refreshments will follow.



Groups

CDA Monessen Court #776

The Court will meet on Sunday, March 19, in the Church Hall following the 10:30 a.m. Mass. The Rosary will be prayed before Mass 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 and learn about the mission and purpose of the Organization. Call Regent Debbie Genemore for additional information at 724-708-8335.

HOMEMADE SAUSAGE SALE

The **Holy Name Society** will hold a sausage sale on April 4 & 5. All orders must be in by **Saturday, March 25**. 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.**

<u>LINK</u>	<u>LOOSE</u>	
_____ lbs.	_____ lbs.	Sweet Sausage
_____ lbs.	_____ lbs.	Hot Sausage
_____ lbs.	_____ 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 **Holy Name Society**.