



March 5, 2023



Today's readings

2nd 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



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



A PENNSYLVANIA CHARITABLE TRUST

OUR LOCATION

Epiphany of Our Lord Catholic Church

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LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, March 4 — Vigil

4:00 PM † James A. Sepesky by Carol Sepesky & Family

Sunday, March 5 — 2nd Sunday of Lent

8:30 AM † Ron Pro by Rosalie Nicksich

10:30 AM † Calvin & Adeline Smith by Family

Monday, March 6

8:00 AM † Angelo Pro by Ted Harhai

6:00 PM Taizé

Tuesday, March 7

8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

Wednesday, March 8

No Mass

Thursday, March 9

8:00 AM † Carol Sheehan by Marge Talarico

Friday, March 10

8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

6:00 PM Stations of the Cross

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

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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 11 & 12

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 p.m.	D. Harkins	L. Henry	M. Smith G. Smith
8:30 a.m.	K. Miller	J. Todd	T. Todd
10:30 a.m.	M. Sacco	K. Byron	M. Guiliford

Money Counters

Monday, March 6—Team #1— B. Geis

The Office will be closed on Thursday morning, March 9 for staff to attend the first of the “Know Him” series as part of the Diocesan Eucharistic Revival. **To register** for this and future events visit the Eucharistic Revival page at Dioceseofgreensburg.org

Where Will Our Journey Lead Us?

There are a number of “personal” challenges laid out for us from our readings this week. The familiar story of the Transfiguration of Jesus tells us of God’s dream for who we shall be by grace. Abraham shows us what is necessary for the success of our journey; that we should leave home with all of its familiar surroundings and venture into God’s unknown future. Then, Paul advises us not to expect that our own hopes and plans will be a trustworthy guide to what God might have in store. All of this points to our own journey of faith and life.



First we hear how Yahweh reaches out to Abram with a promise. The very first word spoken to Abraham by God is simply “go.” This is where his journey begins; he starts a pilgrim journey towards a land yet unknown to him but which God promises to show him. A true leap of faith demonstrating the trust Abraham put in that command. Abraham has to put all of his trust in God’s word. His personal story now becomes the story of a people; a story brightened up by God’s countless blessings. The question we are to ask ourselves is: who and what have we left behind in order to be faithful to God’s call?

While we tend to understand faith, Catholic or otherwise, as the adherence to a given set of beliefs and rules, it is all the more refreshing to be sent back to the beginnings of biblical faith and to be reminded of what the first steps and the essence of faith are. What comes first is God’s word which is clearly an invitation to set out on a journey, whose destination is known by God alone. Do we walk with this kind of faith, or do we have to be certain where our journey will take us? Are we open to something new that God may have in store for us or do we not like surprises on our journey? Abraham went as the Lord asked. This is faith, pure faith at its best: trusting in the Lord and in all of the promises made, opening our lives to a journey towards unknown territory.

Paul advises in the second reading that we should not trust our own hopes and plans to be a trustworthy guide to what God might have in store. To what extent have we kept that kind of flame alive? Sometimes we focus way too much on the internal problems facing our church today. We worry about what tomorrow might or might not bring. We forget that God keeps calling us to new challenges and to new discoveries, accomplishments and rewards. Have we lost sight of our final destination or would it be that on our own journey in faith we have never experienced the rewards and the blessings of the journey itself?

The Transfiguration reminds us that it is all about our journey and where that journey will lead us. While it was safe for the disciples to remain on the mountain where everything was familiar and comfortable, Jesus quickly reminds them that their journey does not end there, that they must go down from the mountain, into the world where both pain and love co-exist. There Peter, James, and John will find God; and so will we. We cannot stay on top of the mountain like the Disciples wanted to. We cannot hold onto God and try to keep God locked up in some remote place. God must be found in the everyday routine of our lives, at the foot of the mountain where we live. It is there that we must “listen to him,” no matter where our journey might lead us or what change might be waiting for us in life.

Weekly Collection Feb. 26

Votive Candles:	169
Utility & Energy:	90
Accent:	3
Ash Wednesday:	674
Lenten Folder:	50
Easter Flowers:	15
Children & Adult Collection:	\$6,676
Online Collection:	\$1,062
Total Collection:	\$8,739
Home missions:	368
Total Collection:	\$9,107

Bake Sale Reminder— Those with last names beginning H—M are asked to contribute to the Fish Fry Bake Sale on Fri., March 10

DLA: "One Body in Christ"

If we have learned anything from our experiences with COVID, it is the simple fact that we do need each other. The longing for being with people was felt by practically everyone in our society. This indicates to all of us how important it is to be part of the Body of Christ and our need for one another.

During the Lenten season, we all work to deepen our awareness of building a relationship with the Lord and with each other. Through fasting and almsgiving and prayer we can grow into a deeper relationship not only with God but also with our Church. With that in mind I am asking that you consider sharing your blessings to help our faith community **Grow in the Lord.** You can make your donation to the 2023 Diocesan Lenten Appeal at Dioceseofgreensburg.org/OneBodyinChrist.

Filling the Ark!

Thus far our ARK is empty. We have a long way to go to fill it up. Remember if you wish to make a contribution to the Heifer project, just drop your donation into the collection basket.

The gift of a goat: Did you know that more people rely on goats for milk than Cows. They're a great alternative for families who live in rocky mountainous Areas or own little land. Goats often give about four quarts of milk a day – just the right amount if you don't own a refrigerator. Goat manure makes a fantastic fertilizer for increasing vegetable crop yields, and goats give birth to two kids a year, providing a steady source of income.

We can all do our part by helping our parish purchase an ARK through Heifer International. Each week of Lent, I will let you know just which animals have boarded the ark!

Knights of Columbus Council #954 is accepting applications for its annual academic award. Applicant must be a high school senior member of Epiphany of Our Lord Catholic Church, or St. Mary's Byzantine Church, or father or grandfather to a member who is a member of Council #954.

Application deadline is Saturday, April 15. The application can be obtained from the Epiphany church office, your school, or downloaded from the church website: www.eolparish.com

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.**

Stations of the Cross

The stations have been a Lenten Devotion probably since Lent has been celebrated. Through the years there have been many different versions of the stations. During Lent we will use a different Station of the Cross booklet each week. Stations start at 6:00 p.m., so you have plenty of time to enjoy our delicious Fish Dinner beforehand!

Furthering Our Faith

During this Lenten Season, join us as we Further Our Faith on Monday evenings. We will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the church hall and learn more about *Why We Do What We Do* as Catholics.

St. Sebastian's Lenten Reflection

All women are invited to attend an Afternoon of Lenten Reflection, sponsored by the Ladies of Faith of St. Sebastian, on **Saturday, March 11 from 1-3 p.m.** in St. Sebastian Church. Our guest speaker will be Seminarian Mario Porreca, followed by the Stations of the Cross, Through the Eyes of Mary. We look forward to seeing you there. A light reception will follow.

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., followed by the Rosary at 9 a.m. and Mass at 9:30 a.m. celebrated by Father Eric J. Dinga. The schedule also includes a DCCW information session, brunch, a talk, and Mary's Way of the Cross. 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.

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 Reflection

During the Lenten Season, Bishop Kulick will hold several Lenten Reflections throughout the Diocese. On Tuesday, **March 7 it will be at St. Mary (Nativity) Parish, Uniontown** at 6:00 p.m. The topic is "Transfiguration through Listening." On Wednesday, **March 29 at 6:00 p.m. it will be at St. Bruno Parish, Greensburg.** The topic will be, "The Compassion of Christ: Rising to New Life." Each of the 5 Lenten reflections are being recorded and will be posted on the Diocesan Facebook page and on the Eucharistic Revival Page on DioceseofGreensburg.org.

Groups

Holy Name Sunday is next **Sunday, March 12.** Corporate Communion will be at the 8:30 a.m. Mass. The regular monthly meeting will follow in the church hall.

Epiphany Ladies will meet on **Sunday, March 12,** after the 10:30 a.m. Mass in the Church Hall. All women of the Parish are welcome to join.