

**March 10, 2024**



**4th Sunday  
Of Lent**

Today's  
readings

## 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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### Office Hours

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## LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

### Saturday, March 9 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Moe, Joe & Dorothy Vizza by Rosalie Nicksich

### Sunday, March 10 — 4th Sunday of Lent

8:30 AM † Emily Zboyovsky by C D of A Court 776

10:30 AM † Deceased Member of the Volpe Family by Rosina Volpe

### Monday, March 11

8:00 AM † Albert 'Cooky' Foglia by Jim & Cathy

### Tuesday, March 12

8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

### Wednesday, March 13

No Mass

### Thursday, March 14

8:00 AM † Mary Balant & Ray & Olive Bronder by Family

### Friday, March 15

8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

Noon Stations of the Cross

6:00 PM Stations of the Cross

### Saturday, March 16 — Vigil

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

### Sunday, March 17 — 5th Sunday of Lent

8:30 AM † Ann Maisano by Ken & Linda

10:30 AM † Robert Fuoco by Angela Fuoco & Family

### Parish Office:

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### Ministry Schedule — March 16—17

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 p.m.	P. Fantazuzzi	L. Henry S. Surdyn D. Harkins	L. Assenat
8:30 a.m.	K. Miller	S. Campus J. Brown F. Petrosky	V. Watkins
10:30 a.m.	G. Pesi	K. Imbrescia T. Mazzei R. Lucas	C. Blatnik

### Money Counters

**Monday, March 11 — Team #2— W. Anders**

## The Presence of God's Mercy



God's mercy. In the first reading we hear about the political situation of the Jewish people who are reminded of the warnings spoken by the prophet Jeremiah that unless the people repented, they would have to pay the price for their infidelities. As a result Israel was taken into captivity and the people were the servants of the people of Persia. St. Paul in the second reading reminds us that "God, who is rich in mercy," is always with us. Then the gospel gives us the famous line, "God so loved the world that he gave his only son." In all three readings we see that God's incredible love for all people will never be undimmed.

We can see from our readings today that history has a way of repeating itself. There are so many times in life when God might be telling us something, or at least trying to tell us something and we just are not paying attention. Hind sight might help us to see what we should have been seeing all along. We have many prophets in our world today that are trying to get us to see God's hand in creation, but we are so caught up in our own lives, our own issues that we just aren't seeing what we should be seeing or hearing. In spite of the many mistakes we might make in life, in spite of the many things that go wrong in our world, we are being told today that God restores all things and brings back to life. When all seems hopeless and lost, it is when we learn to trust in God's care that we are given hope and situations get better.

As we look back to the people of Israel, one of the greatest lessons that can be learned is that God's mercy is always with us in life. The Jewish people often felt that they had to earn that mercy and love. They believed that when they did wrong God would take that mercy away and only when the people earned the love of God was it returned to them. St. Paul is quick to remind us that God's mercy is always there, we could never earn it. He tells us that we do not earn God's grace or mercy, and salvation is not something we can boast about. It has been said that "Christ is the savior of sinners rather than a rewarder of the sinless." Christian holiness and the good works we do are not the cause of salvation. They are the result of it. The Lenten season is a time when we respond more deeply and generously to the grace that inspires us to perform the good works of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

The gospel shows us that eternal life comes from Jesus being lifted up on the cross. We simply cannot earn that ourselves, God freely gives us that gift through Jesus. It is through the death of Jesus that we are given life. We need to remind ourselves that the salvation that God brings to us is belief in Jesus accompanied by good deeds done in his name. God's mercy is always there, even when it is hard for us to see and recognize it. It is good for us to look back over our life and recognize how our lives have been changed by God's grace and mercy without any effort on our part. It is only when we realize how gifted we are with God's mercy, freely given that we are able to be lifted up and freely embrace this life that we have been given.

### Weekly Collection March 2

Votive Candles:	248
Utility & Energy:	421
Accent:	23
Lenten Folder:	225
Easter Flowers:	250
Holy Thursday:	135
Good Friday:	125
Easter:	485
Heifer:	165
Children & Adult Collection:	\$6,726
Online Collection:	\$1,693
Online Heifer:	\$280
<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$10,776</b>

## Bake Sale Reminder

Those whose last name begins with **Q—Z**, please remember we need your help to provide goods for the **March 15** Fish Fry bake sale on Friday. Thank you!

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

**Diocesan Lenten Appeal**

Our Lenten Appeal is picking up momentum! Thus far we have a total of **\$20,020** in gifts and pledges. This amount comes from 72 families which is 12% of our parish, and we are at 31% of our **parish goal of \$64,354**.

Please remember that I am grateful for anything that you are able to give this year. We are going to have to have some major work done on our Church roof so this will be what we are using this year's campaign for. I pray that our campaign in the parish is a success this year. Again, if you have any concerns or questions about DLA, know that I am here to answer them.

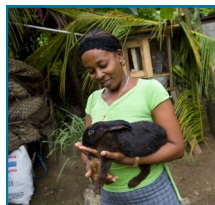
**Filling the ARK!**

This week because of your generosity we were able to board onto the ARK:

**1 Llama 1 Water Buffalo 2 Pigs 2 Sheep 1 OX**

**A Gift of a Pig:** To help hungry, undernourished families put protein back in their diets at little cost, Heifer teaches farmers how to raise healthy pigs even with scant resources. A farmer who may not be able to manage cows can raise pigs. In Latin America, pigs eat rejected bananas or damaged yams that otherwise would be wasted. They grow to market weight while producing manure that improves crop production. Around the world, using resources once considered worthless, impoverished families supply themselves with the protein and income they need to build better houses, put their children in school and improve their lives.

**A Gift of a Rabbit:** Because even a family without the land or resources to raise cows or even goats can find a warm dry spot where rabbits can thrive. They can be fed with vegetable waste and kitchen scraps, so they conserve farm resources as they grow. And, like other livestock, rabbits are sources of healthy protein to help feed the hungry. Their nitrogen-rich manure makes excellent fertilizer to put on crops as compost. And everyone knows how rabbits proliferate. With as many as 40 offspring a year, a trio of rabbits can provide a family with a steady source of protein and income.



**Penance Services**



We are already in the fourth week of Lent and the Penance services for our region have begun. I hope that you will make the effort and take the time to come and share in this sacrament of God's forgiving love.

- March 12: Seven Dolores, Yukon, 6: 00 p.m.
- March 18: St. Anne's, Rostraver, 6:30 p.m.
- March 19: St. Edward's, Herminie, 6:00 p.m.
- March 20: Holy Family, West Newton, 6:30 p.m.
- March 21: St. John's, Perryopolis, 6:30 p.m.

**A Journey of Our Faith...what we believe**

We have one more session of A Journey of Our Faith. We will meet this Monday at 6:30 p.m. in the church hall. I hope you will be able to join us for this discussion. Please know that everyone is invited! We will not be using a book; there is no cost. I hope to see you there!

**Upcoming Events and Services**

It is amazing how quickly this month is passing by. Before you know it, Easter will be here! As we look at the services of Easter, there are a few matters that need our attention. First of all on **Holy Thursday** at the Mass of the Last Supper I will need people interested in being a part of the Foot Washing. Also that evening we will need volunteers to help "dress" the altar during Mass. If you are interested in either of these, please let us know by calling the office.

**Bethlehem Christian Families**

Next Weekend, **March 16 and 17** following all Masses, Roni Salsa representing the Bethlehem Christian Families, a not-for-profit organization through Land of Peace, will be with us to speak about the Christina situation in the Holy Land. The goal of this mission is to help Christian families in the Holy Land and Churches in the Middle East who have been affected by the continuous violence and the depletion of tourist to the area. Crucifixes, rosaries, and religious articles, all made of Olive Wood, which is native to the Holy land and Bethlehem, are available to purchase. The sale of these goods will help them very much and will give you the opportunity to have something "authentic" from the Holy Land to help your personal devotion. For more information, please see [www.bcfmission.com](http://www.bcfmission.com)

**Last Supper Program**



The Last Supper program will be displayed in the hall of the Church of St. Anne, Rostraver Twp., and run continuously on Sunday, March 17 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. and on Monday, March 18 from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Vatican Art Historian, Dr. Elizabeth Lev, recorded a captivating talk about the scriptural nuances of this historic piece of art. This is a wonderful opportunity to immerse yourself in the Eucharistic Revival!

**CDA, Court Monessen #776** will meet on Tuesday, March 19 in the Epiphany of Our Lord Church Hall beginning at 7:00 p.m. All Catholic women are welcome to attend the meeting and learn about the mission and purpose of the organization. Call regent Debbi Genemore for additional information: 724-708-8335.

**HOMEMADE SAUSAGE SALE**

The **Holy Name Society** will hold a sausage sale on March 26 & 27. All orders must be in by **Saturday, March 9**. 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.	<b>Sweet Sausage</b>
_____ lbs.	_____ lbs.	<b>Hot Sausage</b>
_____ lbs.	_____ lbs.	<b>Hot Hot Sausage</b>

**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**