



**March 13, 2022**  
**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:

Tuesday: 5:00 p.m.  
Or by appointment

### All Sacraments:

Please call the office



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## OUR LOCATION

### Epiphany of Our Lord Catholic Church

44 Pennsylvania Blvd., Monessen, PA 15062

 724-684-7661

 [www.eolparish.com](http://www.eolparish.com)

### Office Hours

Mon.–Thurs.: 8:30 am, - 3:00 p.m. Fri.: 8:30 a.m.– 12 Noon

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## LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

### Saturday, March 12 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Henry A. Aloisi by Wife, Lucille & Children, Dino & Janine

### Sunday, March 13 — 2nd Sunday of Lent

8:30 AM † Angela, Fiore & John Sacco & Maria Dolessandro by Julia Cain

10:30 AM † Ciepley & Kaminicky Families by Myron & Beatrice Ciepley

### Monday, March 14

8:00 AM † Anne Trilli by Amelia & Maria Scuteri

6:00 PM Taizé

### Tuesday, March 15

No Mass

### Wednesday, March 16

No Mass

### Thursday, March 17

8:00 AM † Patty Ledgerton by Evelyn & Michael

### Friday, March 18

No Mass

6:00 PM Stations of the Cross

### Saturday, March 19 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Julie Amendola by Lawrence Masci

### Sunday, March 20 — 3rd Sunday of Lent

8:30 AM Carl Jurkewicz by Marie Shipley

10:30 AM † Deceased Members of Grovagnorio & Nahas Family by Helen & James Nahas

### Parish Office:

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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 19 & 20

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 p.m.	S. Surdyn	A. Punturiero	B. Rizzuto S. Punturiero
8:30 a.m.	J. Petritis	N. Mazzie	D. DeFelices
10:30 a.m.	M. Melvin	K. Byron	T. Smith

### Money Counters

**Monday, March 14 —Team #4—J. Petritis**

## We Can't Live on the Mountain

During this season of Lent the goal has

been laid out for us. Jesus went up the mountain to pray and was transformed.

Lent is not only about being in the desert,

but we also must climb the “mountain”

that we may also be transformed. Our

liturgy this week asks us to think “symbolically” so that we can learn from what is being given.



In the first reading we see Abram entering into a covenant relationship with God. It does help if we understand a little about what the symbols of an ancient covenant ritual of the Near East means. Our reading is taken from the book of Genesis which is a book about beginnings; and our selection today is about the birth of the Jewish people whose chief ancestor is Abraham. The covenant ritual centers on cutting animals in two and then walking between the pieces to symbolize being bound by the covenant. Should they fail to keep the covenant or violate it in any way, they were cursed to share the same fate as the animals, which is death. The birds of prey that swoop down are symbolic of the evils that Israel will encounter throughout their history. With the brazier passing through the animals Yahweh’s intention is to keep the covenant and establish Abraham as the receiver of the covenant to be passed on to all future generations. It is in this covenant that is referenced through the Transfiguration of Jesus in the Gospel.

The Transfiguration of Christ is shrouded in mystery and like the covenant we need to understand what this mystery is telling us. As we hear about the experience of the disciples in seeing Moses and Elijah, we are immediately thrown back to the fact that both the law and the prophets are represented which makes the encounter a reminder of that same covenant that Abraham made with Yahweh. When all became silent and Jesus remained alone without Moses and Elijah he becomes both lawgiver and prophet. As the disciples hear the voice of God telling them that Jesus was God’s “chosen Son” they didn’t want that moment to pass. They wanted to erect tents so that they could all stay on that mountain and not let go of the moment. Jesus quickly reminds them 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.”

## Groups

The **Knights of Columbus** Family **Rosary** will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Wednesday, March 16 at 7:00 p.m. All parishioners are invited. Light refreshments will follow.

## Around the Diocese

**The production of MAGDALENE** will be held on Saturday, March 26 at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, March 27 at 1:00 p.m. at Saint Bruno Church, 1715 Poplar Street, South Greensburg. The audacity to hope that all He says is true! Witness the faith of Mary Magdalene, Peter and the disciples, restored from despair to overflowing joy. For tickets, please call Alabaster Box Office (724-516-5189).

## Festival Meeting

There Festival Planning Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, March 15 at 6:30 p.m.** in the church hall.

**With Deepest Sympathy** — Condolences are extended to the family of JAMES SEPESKY. May God grant him eternal rest, and comfort to his family. We commend his soul to rest in the peace of Christ.

## Stewardship

### DLA: Sharing Our Gifts

This year's DLA has started and we are off to a very good start, thus far we have almost \$10,000 in pledges and gifts! I am very grateful to those of you who have made your gift for this year. Remember that **we are going to use the money we raise over and above our goal to take trees down in the cemetery.** If we get real ambitious and get any more money in, we will continue to do work inside the Church. The floors that are competed in the Sanctuary area look very nice. We were able to do that from last year's campaign and a grant that we received. I am asking that you please consider making a contribution to this year's campaign. If you have any questions, please know that I am here to answer them.

### Wells of Salvation



Which would you rather drink? For some people in countries such as Malawi and Zambia it's not an option as to what is available. Through your help, and Cross Catholic's outreach of Wells of Salvation, there is hope that people in these remote areas will be able to have clean

water to drink. Any gift that we are able to collect will help to install 65 wells to provide clean, refreshing water for these struggling areas in our world. Any money you want to donate, simply **mark an envelope with "Wells of Salvation"** marked on it, or you can contribute online at our website under Give Online. There is a separate <https://eolparish.weshareonline.org/ws/opportunities/WellsofSalvation>

#### Weekly Collection March 6

Votive Candles:	137
Utility & Energy:	285
Accent:	41
Lenten Folder:	360
Ash Wednesday:	620
Easter Flowers:	107
Children & Adult Collection:	9,278
Online Collection:	1,177
<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$12,005</b>
Home Mission:	279
<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$12,284</b>

### Prayer for Ukraine

This prayer to the Most Blessed Virgin Mary which dates back to the 10<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup> century. It is special to the people of Ukraine. As the tragic conflict unfolds in Ukraine, we pray this prayer:



We fly to Your patronage, O Virgin Mother of God.

Despise not our prayers in our needs,  
but deliver us from all dangers,  
since you alone are pure and blessed.

O most glorious Ever-Virgin Mary,  
the Mother of Christ our God, accept our prayers  
and present them to Your Son and our God,  
that for the sake of You, He enlightens and saves our souls.  
Slava Isusu Khrystos – Praised be Jesus Christ  
Slava Na viky – Now and forever.

Additionally, if you would like to make a donation to Catholic Relief Services to help families affected in Ukraine, please visit the Diocese website. CRS partner Caritas Poland assists Ukrainians crossing into Poland for safety and nearly 3 million people are in need of help. The website is [DioceseofGreensburg.org/HelpForUkraine](http://DioceseofGreensburg.org/HelpForUkraine).

## Bake Sale

### Bake Sale Reminder

Help provide something sweet for the Fish Fry. Those whose last names begin with **A-I**, please bake and donate some of your great baked goods on **Friday, March 18**.

## Religious Movie Night

The Epiphany Ladies will be sponsoring a **religious movie nights** on Thursdays during Lent, starting at 6:30 p.m. **Everyone** is welcome! This is not just for Epiphany Ladies. Join us on **Thursday, March 10** as we watch *Faustina: Love and Mercy*. This docudrama traces the life of St. Faustina Kowalska. The following week we will watch *Paul the Apostle*.

## Monthly Overview

Each month we will be listing what our monthly expenses were as opposed to the amount of money taken in. Below is the report for February, 2022

Feb. Expenses	Amount	Week	Collection
Maintenance	\$1,374.16	Feb. 6	\$6,571.40
Phone	\$632.31	Feb. 14	\$8,528.00
Utilities	\$2,481.67	Feb. 21	\$5,029.00
Misc. Office	\$1,100.86	Feb. 28	\$5,570.27
Church/Liturgy	\$1,772.47		
Payroll	\$16,384.66		
Diocesan (breakdown)	\$14,034.99		
Accent	\$985.76		
Ed. Assessment	\$6,672.74		
Diocesan Assessment	\$3,772.48		
Insurance	\$2,579.00		
Email	\$25.00		
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>\$37,781.12</b>	<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>\$25,698.67</b>

## Merit Scholarship

The Monessen knights of **Columbus #954** will award a **Merit Scholarship** to a senior student who is a practicing member of Epiphany of Our Lord Catholic Church or St. Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church, or whose father or grandfather is a member of Monessen KOC #954. Complete details are available on the form, which can be picked up in the church office or will be available online. Deadline for submission is Friday, April 15.

## Sausage Sale

### HOMEMADE SAUSAGE SALE

The **Holy Name Society** will hold a sausage sale on April 12 & 13. All orders must be in by **Saturday, March 26**. Put in your order now to make sure you get it! The **sausage will be sold at \$5.00 /lb. Minimum order is 2 lb. per item.**

LINK	LOOSE	
____ 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 **Holy Name Society**