

**March 27, 2022**  
**4th 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



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## OUR LOCATION

### Epiphany of Our Lord Catholic Church

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📞 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 26 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Frank "Moe" Vizza by Carole Foglia

### Sunday, March 27 — 4th Sunday of Lent

8:30 AM † Shirley "Chichi" Kuvinka by Son, Lenny & Teresa

10:30 AM † Mary Ann Germinario by Andrea Leach

### Monday, March 28

8:00 AM † Helen Veschio by Dom & Shirley Vaccro

6:00 PM Taizé

### Tuesday, March 29

No Mass

### Wednesday, March 30

No Mass

### Thursday, March 31

8:00 AM † John Talarico by Knights of Columbus

### Friday, April 1—Stations

6:00 PM Stations of the Cross

### Saturday, April 2 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Angela Lancas by Mr & Mrs Armand DeRose

### Sunday, April 3 — 5th Sunday of Lent

8:30 AM † Mary Louise Assenat by Gary, Doreen & Abigail

10:30 AM † James Weldon by Pat

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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 — April 2 & 3

|            | Lector    | Eucharistic Minister | Altar Server  |
|------------|-----------|----------------------|---------------|
| 4:00 p.m.  | S. Surdyn | J. Elias             | S. Puntuerio  |
| 8:30 a.m.  | K. Miller | A. Pastella          | T. Todd       |
| 10:30 a.m. | W. Vlasic | T. Mazzei            | G. Yatchyshyn |

### Money Counters

Monday, March 28 —Team #6—M. Smith

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

## Repent and Feast

During this Fourth Sunday of Lent we hear the familiar story of the prodigal son.

There is probably no other story that speaks so well of God's loving compassion than this parable. Throughout history this story has been the subject of much art work depicting the absolute mercy of the "loving father" and the "repentant son." Although the story is well known to us all, we can take a second look at the elements presented and learn much about ourselves and our relationship to God. There is always much power found in stories about unconditional love. Nations have been moved by events where love and compassion are present. We often hear stories about the unconditional love of a parent or concerned citizen performing miraculous deeds for perfect strangers. The characters in this parable certainly are not strangers and the miracle that is presented touches us all.



There is a story about Fyodor Dostoevsky the Great Russian writer of *The Brothers Karamazov* who when he was dying he called his family to his bedside and requested that his wife read Luke's story of the prodigal son. He listened with closed eyes, absorbed in this message of mercy and forgiveness. Then in a weak and halting voice he said: "My children never forget what you have just heard. Have absolute faith in God, and never despair of his pardon. I love you dearly, but my love is nothing compared to the love of God...Even if you should be so unhappy as to commit a crime in the course of your life, never despair of God...You are God's children; humble yourselves before God as before your father, implore his pardon, and he will rejoice over your repentance as the father rejoiced over that of the prodigal son."

The real mystery about this story is that we can identify with each of the characters portrayed. We all like to think that we are compassionate and forgiving as the father is, and at the same time we can all be as self-seeking as the younger son. Then there is the reality of life that causes us to be as jealous and insecure as the older brother. There is certainly something for all of us in this story.

The older son's feelings challenge us to rise above probable anger at the younger son and the father and lead us to see that God's forgiveness is absolute. God's forgiveness is not mere pardon like ours; not a half forgiveness with a promise not to forget, not a negative repair for the sake of social harmony. This is a story of God's everlasting friendship who says that all of us are honored guests in the household of God as we seek forgiveness.

This week we are reminded of the power that can be found in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It is through the grace of that forgiving gift that we are all made to feel welcome. Each of us has been invited to the feast, we simply need to search our hearts and determine if we are ready and willing to accept and embrace God's absolute forgiving love.

### Weekly Collection March 20

|                              |                |
|------------------------------|----------------|
| Votive Candles:              | 200            |
| Utility & Energy:            | 95             |
| Accent:                      | 89             |
| Lenten Folders:              | 280            |
| Easter Flowers:              | 441            |
| Children & Adult Collection: | 5,334          |
| Online Collection:           | 1,672          |
| <b>Total Collection:</b>     | <b>\$8,111</b> |
| Home Mission:                | 5              |
| Wells of Salvation:          | 255            |
| <b>Total Collection:</b>     | <b>\$8,371</b> |

If you recently updated your phone, or for some reason no longer have the **church app**, this is how to get it: Text ParishApp 1 to 555888 (Apple) / ParishApp 2 to 555888 (Android). You can also directly download **ParishApp** from the Google Play store or Apple Store.



## Diocesan Lenten Appeal

We are already in the 4<sup>th</sup> week of Lent which means we are well into this year's Diocesan Lenten Appeal. I know that there are always questions about this appeal and people wonder where the money ends up. This is not a simple question to answer, because basically, **our parish benefits from every dollar that is given.** As a parish, we simply could not exist without the Diocese, for we are all one Church, and the reverse is also true that the Diocese could not exist without us. We co-exist with each other for the benefit of every member of the Church of Greensburg. We all share in the responsibility to help one another.

Thus far we have heard from **71** of our parishioners and from them we have **\$18,025** given in gifts and pledges. We have a ways to go before we reach our goal, but we are well on our way! I do hope that you will be able to be a part of this year's DLA and that you make a contribution as you are able. If anyone has **any questions or concerns about this year's DLA, please know that I am here to talk with you.**

## Pierogi Making

We will be making pierogies once more. Our final pierogi making will be on **Sunday, March 27** after 8:30 a.m. Mass and **March 28** at 9:00 a.m.

## Wells of Salvation



How much water do you drink in a day? Agnes Mwanja, 35, struggles to quench the thirst of her five children in northern Malawi. Each day, she makes six trips to the Wibogholo River — a small, contaminated body of water that often runs dry, but families in this community have no better option for quenching their thirst.

Cross Catholic's outreach of Wells of Salvation, offers hope that people in these remote areas will be able to have clean water to drink. To make a donation, 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>

## Lenten fish Fry

I want to remind you that **Bishop Kulick will be at our Fish Fry on April 1!** He will be stopping down around noon. He is looking forward to our award winning Pierogies as well as a good Fish Dinner! If you are free on the 1<sup>st</sup> please stop by and say hello.

## Bake Sale

### Bake Sale Reminder

Help provide something sweet for the Fish Fry. Those whose last names begin with **N-Z** please bake and donate some of your great baked goods on **Friday, April 1.** For April 8, we are asking those whose last names begin with **A-I** to donate as we wrap up with the final Fish Fry. The complete rotation list is on the church bulletin board. Thank you for helping to provide a sweet ending to the meal.

## Merit Scholarship

The Monessen knights of **Columbus #954 will award a Merit Scholarship** to a senior student. Complete details are available on the form, which can be picked up in the church office or is available online. Deadline for submission is Friday, April 15.

## Holy Week Liturgies

It is less than a month before we celebrate the great feast of Easter, and there are things that we need to cover to prepare of the liturgies. Holy Week is the most solemn time in the Church year and it is filled with much tradition. Each Day of the Triduum has its own significance in salvation history, and each liturgy requires much help and participation. We will need the most participation on Holy Thursday. It is at this Liturgy that we **present the Holy Oils** that were blessed at the Chrism Mass. We also will need **people to help "dress" the altar** as well as **have their feet washed.** I will have sign-up sheets in the back of the church if you would like to be a part of this. Please know how grateful I am to all of you for your participation at our church. As we continue with this season of repentance, know that the Joy and Blessings of Easter are not far off!

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Lent is a time when we turn inward and recognize the many ways we are in need of God's forgiveness. The Church provides us with the most amazing sacrament of forgiveness which brings comfort and peace to us all.

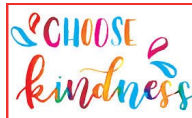
Our region will also offer the opportunity to receive Reconciliation at **6:00 p.m.** at the following places:

- March 28: Seven Dolors, Yukon
- March 29: Holy Family, West Newton
- March 31: Epiphany of Our Lord, Monessen
- April 4: St. John the Baptist, Perryopolis
- April 5: St. Anne, Rostraver
- April 7: St. Sebastian, Belle Vernon
- April 8: St. Edward, Herminie

There will be no weekly confessions from March 31 — Easter.

**Lenten Reflection** for Men sponsored by the Holy Name Society of St. Anne, Rostraver will be held on Sunday, March 27 at 12:30 p.m. in the social hall. All men are invited to attend **"The Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist"**. No reservation is necessary. There is no fee for the event.

## Acts of Kindness



**The First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association (FCSLALife)** is celebrating **130 years of service!** Over the years our Diocese as well as our parish has benefitted from their generosity. In recognition for all of their generous support, I am asking that we make note of this anniversary. What I am hoping to do is **"130" acts of kindness** in recognition for the many ways our parish has benefitted from the money given to our parish by FCSLALife. You may pick up a letter in the back of the church along with a pen. All you have to do is **"1" act of kindness for anyone and let them know the occasion for this act.** During this season of Lent I think that this is a wonderful way of showing our gratitude. If you have any questions, please let me know.

## Religious Movie Night

Our final Lenten Movie Night will be on Thursday, April 7 when we will view **Risen.** There will be no movie on March 31. There is no charge. The movie night is sponsored by the Epiphany Ladies.

St. Anne Church, Rostraver, will be holding a movie night on Saturday, April 2 at 6:00 p.m. They will be showing **Lazarus.** Tickets can be purchased through Alabaster Performing Arts. [www.AlabasterPerformingArts.org](http://www.AlabasterPerformingArts.org). It is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 & under. Refreshments will be served.