



**March 3, 2024**



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



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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

## PARISH STAFF

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## LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

### Saturday, March 2 — Vigil

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

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

8:30 AM † Vincent Burger by Clemmie Malec

10:30 AM † Ron Godla by Wife, Pat and sons

### Monday, March 4

8:00 AM † Dorothy Novakovich by Ted Harhai

### Tuesday, March 5

8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

### Wednesday, March 6

No Mass

### Thursday, March 7

8:00 AM † Joseph A. Salvino by Mr. & Mrs. Fred Naccarato

### Friday, March 8

8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

Noon Stations of the Cross

### Saturday, March 9 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Mo, 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

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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 9—10

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 p.m.	D. Harkins	J. Elias S. Surdyn M. Dzurik	M. Guiliford
8:30 a.m.	S. Stein	L. DeFelices J. Todd A. Pastella	T. Todd
10:30 a.m.	M. Melvin	K. Byron S. Beneccio G. Pesi	C. Blatnik

#### Money Counters

**Monday, March 4—Team #3— K. Byron**

## A Cleansing of Our Hearts

Today our liturgy is packed with violence as well as the very laws that were given to protect people from violence. It seems that we are presented with yet another contradiction in the message of Jesus. Here is a man who most often shows us the extreme example of what it



means to live a peaceful life losing his temper and exhibiting a great deal of violence directed at a number of people. Jesus is cleansing the temple alright, but why is he doing it in such a violent manner? Try to imagine yourself inside that temple, going about your own business when all of a sudden Jesus freaks. I am sure that it was unsettling to say the least.

Why was Jesus so angry? Was it because there were people in the temple taking advantage of others? Were people taking advantage of a sacred space for their own gain? Was it because Jesus was far more concerned with justice rather than sacrifice? It is probably a little of all these reasons. Were the people really doing something wrong? Was not the temple the “safe” place to offer sacrifice and do commerce? So, why did Jesus all of a sudden object to what had been happening in the temple for hundreds of years. It is obvious that he wanted the people to understand he was claiming absolute authority over the Temple, that his risen body would become the central shrine that would replace the Temple.

We as Christians do not like violent images of Jesus. When we think of Jesus we like to do so as that gentle man who sat peacefully on the mountain giving his life changing sermon, or the individual who beckoned the children to come to him. We don't mind seeing Jesus feeding the 5,000 or raising someone from the dead. These are all peaceful images of how we like to imagine Jesus. However, the man brandishing the whips and cords doesn't necessarily sit well with us.

Life as we live it has an awful lot of violence to it. As we see Jesus reacting so violently we are confronted to the violence within ourselves, or at least the potential of violence. We are confronted in the same way that the love of Jesus may be lacking in us. We react to violence in a number of ways. Often we tend to take out our rage and anger on someone or something else exhibiting passive aggressive behavior. Or, we can embrace a mass amount of guilt and take on the responsibility for the evil in life making ourselves to blame. However, the real meaning of violence lies somewhere between these two extremes. It is good for all of us to probe the meaning of violence in our own lives as well as in our nation.

Not all anger need explode into violent behavior. There is a certain violence in the way we speak of other people who are different from us, the ways we use power to exploit the weak, the ways we are silent in the face of massive injustice, the ways in which people in leadership lie to us and their lies lead to violence. There is violence in any behavior that de-humanizes people. Jesus did purify the temple, maybe to show us how during lent we all need to purify the temples of our hearts.

### Ministry Callout

The next ministry schedule will run from March 16 through May 5. Please let Tara know if there are any changes to your schedule by Friday, March 8. Either call the office of email [tmaderino@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:tmaderino@dioceseofgreensburg.org). Since this schedule will include Easter, please note your availability and if there are any preferences for services during Holy Week. If you are interested in serving in the ministry in any capacity, know that you are most welcome.

**With Deepest Sympathy** — Condolences are extended to the families of GAIL FRANCIS BAUMGARDNER, CONSTANCE LUKAS CHIOCCHIO, AND LORI A, NAHAS. May God grant them eternal rest, and comfort to their families. We commend their souls to rest in the peace of Christ.



### 'Receive and Share' with 2024 Diocesan Lenten Appeal

The 2024 Diocesan Lenten Appeal is offering parishioners throughout the Diocese of Greensburg a chance to "Receive and Share" for their faith community. The Lenten season is a reminder that Christ is the light in our lives and this is an opportunity to "Be the Light" for those in need. There is a way to help by supporting the 2024 Diocesan Lenten Appeal. Even a small gift can make a big difference in our parish. Donate to the "Receive and Share" campaign to support God's work that is being done in our Diocese.

Thus far we have heard from **9 of our parishioners** and they have pledged over \$9,000. **This is a wonderful start** and if we keep this momentum up we will have no trouble doing the work in the Church.

I am asking that **you please consider being a part of the DLA this year, any gift no matter how large or small will make a difference.** If you have any questions about this year's DLA, please know that I am available to answer them.

#### Weekly Collection Feb. 25

Votive Candles:	190
Utility & Energy:	125
Accent:	0
Lenten Folder:	20
Easter Flowers:	25
Holy Thursday:	5
Good Friday:	5
Easter:	50
Children & Adult Collection:	\$3,487
Online Collection:	\$783
<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$4,690</b>

### Christian Families

The Christian Families from Jerusalem will be here at our parish over the weekend of **March 17 – 18**. With all that is going on in their country, they can really use our support!

### Filling the ARK!

Many people have asked what animals go into filling up an ARK and how much are they. Here is a breakdown of those animals and the cost:

There are **two of each of these animals that go on each ARK** bringing the total cost of an ARK to \$5,000.00.

1 Sheep \$120	1 Trio Rabbits \$60	1 Pig \$120
1 Ox \$250	1 Goat \$120	1 Beehive \$30
1 Trio Ducks \$25	1 Water Buffalo \$250	1 Trio Guinea Pigs \$60
1 Flock Geese \$40	1 Flock Chicks \$25	1 Cow \$800
1 Donkey \$400	1 Camel \$450	1 Llama \$150

We are off to a good start at getting our ARK filled! I am reporting the animals that were put on the ARK this week. Because of your generosity we were able to board:

#### 1 Trio of Rabbits, 1 Goat, and 1 Flock of Geese

Remember if you wish to make a donation, simply put it in an envelope and drop it into the collection.



**Gift of a Lama:** Domesticated by the Incas 6,000 years ago and selectively bred for their gentle nature and fine fiber, llamas 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 them up with goods for market and trek with them across rugged slopes at high altitudes.

### A Journey of Our Faith... what we believe and why...

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

### Groups

**Holy Name** Sunday is Sunday, March 10. 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 10 after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. The meeting and social will be held in the church hall. All women of the parish are welcome to attend.

**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.

### Scholarship Applications

There are Scholarship applications for senior girls from the Catholic Women's College Club, and from the Knights of Columbus #954, for senior boys. Both applications and their criteria can be found on our website: [www.eolparish.com](http://www.eolparish.com), and are available in the parish office.



### Bake Sale Reminder

Those whose last name begins with **I—P**, please remember we need your help to provide goods for the March 8 Fish Fry bake sale on Friday. Thank you!



*Remember that we have a delicious Fish Fry every Friday from 11:00 am until 6:00 pm!*

### 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**