



March 6, 2022

**1st 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

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🌐 www.eolparish.com

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LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, March 5 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Deb Harkins by Rick & Deb Kozar

Sunday, March 6 — 1st Sunday of Lent

8:30 AM † Tom Panepinto by Barbara Shosky

10:30 AM † Roni Faust by Lynn, Jim & Madison Shrump

Monday, March 7

8:00 AM † Alice Selcan by Norma Scalise

6:00 PM Taize

Tuesday, March 8

No Mass

Wednesday, March 9

No Mass

Thursday, March 10

8:00 AM † Deceased Members of the Volpe Family by Rosina Volpe

Friday, March 11

6:00 PM Stations of the Cross

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

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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 12 & 13

| | Lector | Eucharistic Minister | Altar Server |
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| 4:00 p.m. | M. Melvin | L. Henry | M. Guiliford J. Smith |
| 8:30 a.m. | D. Harkins | K. Zimmaro | D. DeFelices |
| 10:30 a.m. | A. Blatnik | T. Mazzei | J. Smith C. Blatnik |

Money Counters

Monday, March 7 —Team #3—K. Byron

With Deepest Sympathy — Condolences are extended to the families of **DUSTIN HARVEY** and **MARY LOUISE ASSENAT**. May God grant them eternal rest, and comfort to their families. We commend their souls to rest in the peace of Christ.

Temptations of Life

We begin Lent the same way we do every year, with the story of Jesus being tempted in the desert. Sometimes we think that we have heard the story so often that we know and understand all of its meaning and ramifications. However, if we look



closer at what is happening, we see that there is much for all of us to learn from this familiar story. First of all, the desert into which Jesus went was a dangerous place. It was full of wild animals and bandits. The people of that time believed that the desert was the haunt of demons, so it is no surprise that Jesus meets the devil there. The 40 days is a reminder of the time that the Jewish people spent wandering aimlessly in the desert before they reached the Promised Land. It reminds us of the saving event of the Exodus.

The temptations that Jesus was confronted with were nothing more than a test to see if Jesus would use his power for his own advantage and gain. The choices that Jesus made throughout his ministry helped to define who he was. Every choice ultimately is about identity. We clearly see that the true identity of the Son of God is revealed not by using his power selfishly but by preparing himself for his mission to bring salvation to others. As we listen to the temptations that Jesus went through in the desert we are reminded of the temptations he would be confronted with his entire life. And it serves as a preview of our own lives and the temptations we face on a daily basis.

Let's take a look at the temptations we face in life. First of all we need to understand that temptations are not sins, they simply allow us to discover our boundaries for our strengths and weaknesses. Everywhere we look in society today we are being told how we can improve our looks, make life easier, enjoy our leisure time better. Many of these "temptations" are things that we simply do not need or can afford. We are told over and over again that we can buy things even if we can't afford them, just put it on a credit card. Again temptations show us our strengths and weaknesses.

We have no problem admitting to our temptations in life but at the same time we love to find someone else to blame them on. Jesus could have blamed the devil, but he didn't. He was aware of his boundaries and how he wanted to use his power. Temptation always presents us with an option; one that we think will guarantee getting more. Adam and Eve had it all but wanted more. It is hard to deal with temptations today because of the universal notion that we should have everything we want. Whatever Lenten practices we undertake, it is important to remember what their purpose is. Lenten practices are not about losing weight or finally stopping smoking, but they are about deepening our baptismal identity as children of God and members of the Body of Christ. By remaining faithful to who we are, knowing our limits in spite of temptation, we will grow in relationships with God, self, and others. Lent is all about not taking the easy way out. It is looking at the temptations we have around us and know our limits, our strengths and our weaknesses. The more aware we become of ourselves the better we will be as Disciples of Christ. Jesus was well aware of who he was and what he was able to do, but in spite of the temptations he endured, he never went for the easy way out!

Weekly Collection Feb. 27

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| Votive Candles: | 0 |
| Utility & Energy: | 110 |
| Accent: | 12 |
| Lenten Folder: | 90 |
| Ash Wednesday: | 142 |
| Easter Flowers: | 20 |
| Children & Adult Collection: | 4,779 |
| Online Collection: | 417 |
| Total Collection: | \$5,570 |
| Home Mission: | 5 |
| Wells of Salvation: | 100 |
| Total Collection: | \$5,675 |

Stewardship

Lenten Stewardship



Credit: ADMI/K.Wozniak

Along with fasting and prayer, stewardship is another aspect of Lent that cannot be overlooked. It is important for all of us to never forget the many people in this world who are far less fortunate than we are. We cannot eliminate poverty but in our own small ways, we can truly make a difference in

other people's lives.

This year for our parish stewardship we are going to team up with Cross Catholic Outreach and help provide water to people around the world through the "Wells of Salvation." Our donations throughout Lent will help extend gift of mercy to those in desperate need. Water is one of the basic needs we all share in life and at the same time water is one of those parts of life we too often overlook and take for granted.

Try to imagine if you can a life where you did **not have access to fresh, clean water**. It is hard for us even to imagine. We are so used to just turning on the faucet and have clean water come out. It is hard for us to imagine what life would be like without water. Families in developing countries such as Ghana, Malawi and Zambia are longing for just a sip of safe water. With no access to clean sources, they struggle each day to collect the water they need and often suffer from painful diseases when they must draw from a contaminated stream or shallow well. Through the "Wells of Salvation" we can all help these people and provide to them good, clean water.

Throughout this Lent, save your spare change and drop it off at Church and we will see to it that it goes to help these needy people. I will have more information about this program throughout Lent. In the meantime, pray about what you might be able to do to help just a little bit.

Fish Fry Menu Dine in or Take out

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| Baked Haddock on dish | \$12 |
| Fried Cod on dish | \$12 |
| Baked Fish Sandwich | \$15 |
| With French Fries & Coleslaw | |
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| Fried Butterfly Shrimp | \$1.50/ea. |
| French Fries, Large | \$2.50 |
| Halushki | \$5 |
| Mac & Cheese | \$5 |
| Coleslaw | \$1.50 |
| Green beans | \$1 |
| Applesauce | \$0.50 |
| Pierogies | \$1 /ea. |

**Gluten Free Made to order: Baked or Fried
Dish: \$15 Sandwich with sides \$18**

11 a.m. — 6 p.m. Free local delivery: 11 a.m.—3 p.m.
Call 724-684-5512

Bake Sale

Bake Sale Reminder

We are having our once again having our bake sale during the Fish Fry. Those whose last names begin with **N-Z**, please bake and donate some of your great baked goods on **Friday, March 11**. A-I is scheduled for March 18 and H-M for March 25.

Faith

The Season of Lent

The season of Lent has just begun. As we travel these forty days, we may find we need strength for the journey. If you picked up a **Little Black Book**, keep it handy and follow along with devotions and bits of information. In addition, if you have a smartphone or tablet, consider downloading the free Amen app from the Augustine Institute. The free **Amen: Calm Catholic Medication App** has daily bible readings and prayers. It can be found in the Google Play Store and Apple Store.

<https://apps.apple.com/us/app/amen-catholic-prayer/id1573298413> for Apple

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=org.amenapp.amen> for Android

Groups

Epiphany Ladies will meet this Sunday, March 13 after 10:30 a.m. Mass in the church hall. All ladies are welcome.

Holy Name men will meet for corporate communion at the 8:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, March 13. The regular monthly meeting will follow in the church hall.

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**.

Festival Meeting

There will be a Festival Planning Meeting on **Tuesday, March 8 at 6:30 p.m.** in the church hall.

Merit Scholarship

The Monessen knights of **Columbus #954 will award a Merit Scholarship** to 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.**

| <u>LINK</u> | <u>LOOSE</u> | |
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| _____ 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**