



May 1, 2022

**3rd Sunday
Of Easter**

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



OUR LOCATION

Epiphany of Our Lord Catholic Church

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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, April 30 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Jim Sepesky by Vince, Karen & Kara Salotti

Sunday, May 1—3rd Sunday of Easter

8:30 AM † Robert M. Fuoco by Angela, Andrew, Jen, Joey & Kristin

10:30 AM † Gloria, Ella & Joseph Salotti by Sharie & John & Salotti Family

Monday, May 2

8:00 AM † Joseph & Mary DeLuca by Ida & Family

Tuesday, May 3

No Mass

Wednesday, May 4

No Mass

Thursday, May 5

8:00 AM † Panepinto and Lancas Families by Family

Friday, May 6

No Mass

Saturday, May 7 — Vigil

4:00 PM All Mothers Living & Deceased

Sunday, May 8 — 4th Sunday of Easter

8:30 AM All Mothers Living & Deceased

10:30 AM All Mothers Living & Deceased

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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 — May 7 & 8

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 p.m.	P. Fantauzzi	J. Dudas	M. Guiliford V. Watkins
8:30 a.m.	K. Miller	L. DeFelices	D. DeFelices M. Smith
10:30 a.m.	M. Sacco	T. Mazzei	T. Smith

Money Counters

Monday, May 2 —Team #5—R. Croushore

Jesus comes to us in the 'ordinary' aspects of life.



Sometimes it is interesting to see just how the scriptures reflect the political scene of the time that they were written. In that first reading from Acts there is a lot being said that the casual reader would miss. That is why it is so important for interpreters of scripture to pay close attention to the human writer's time and culture in the attempt to explain scripture's meaning.

In today's first reading we find Peter charging the Jewish authorities with killing Jesus by hanging him on a tree. However, Peter is silent about some others who certainly followed their lead. He makes no mention of Roman authority in his accusations. From other scripture references it is clear that the cross and the nails were Rome's doing. It is clear that Peter wants to protect the early church from attack from the big guys, Rome. He wants to be very clear in his desire to show that, although Jesus was executed as an enemy of the Roman Empire, neither Jesus nor his followers constitute a problem for Rome or have any reason to bear a grudge. This is because the author's cultural context was that he lived under Roman Power. He knew both its benefits and its dangers. When we look at the charges of Peter against Jewish leaders, we cannot discount Luke's cultural context and its likely influence upon whom he blames, and whom he exonerates, for killing Jesus. He and his followers were dragged into court and they wanted to be sure that they didn't add any fuel to the fire; therefore he was careful whom he blamed for Jesus' death. Through this entire political and social clamor it is clear that the strength of the disciples came from faith in Jesus, and this gave them the power and courage to face, with courage, their smarter opponents.

The Book of Revelation this week gives us a glimpse of what the heavenly realm is like. It describes God's throne room almost like a control tower. The passage moves us from an earthly stage to the throne of Jesus where we meet saints and angels praising God. Jesus is the Lamb who was sacrificed and whose blood is the source of our salvation. The entire vision is intended to instill hope in the persecuted believers who have been promised eternal happiness and joy.

The gospel from John which we hear from this week is the last of the appearances of Jesus. The scene is once again one of tension, confusion and disbelief, and it is in this that Jesus appears. He provides a miraculous catch of fish and once again feeds the disciples. The mood of the disciples before they saw Jesus was certainly not very good. They were going through that mode where nothing seemed to be right in life. They had lost their friend; they worked hard all night and caught nothing. But, Jesus comes and helps them in spite of their discouragement. These disciples mirror the anxiety and discouragement of the earth Church. It is only through the persistent and gentle presence of Jesus that they are comforted and fortified to carry on.

What is most interesting in all of the post-resurrection appearances of Jesus is that he appears in the "ordinary" parts of life. Everything is always so meager and sparse. But that is the secret of God's grace. Jesus appears in the unexpected and ordinary places of our lives. Not in thunderbolts or in majesty and power, not in great pronouncements, but in a simple meal. Jesus reached out to the disciples in their need as he does with us, in the normal, natural things of life. When we put ourselves in touch with the bounty of God's blessing we will recognize Jesus in food, in bread, in fish, in wine – in all of the ordinary things in life.

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

Stewardship

DLA

Easter has come and gone and we still have not heard from the majority of our parishioners for this year's DLA. To date **we have heard from 172 of our parishioners which is only 22%** of our parish. With only a couple weeks left in this year's campaign, we still have many people to hear from. It seems like every year we get less and less participation. As you know we had to have trees taken down along the cemetery at a cost of \$10,000. I was certainly hoping to get that income from DLA. I had to **take that money from the general funds** and it made quite a depletion. If you have not yet given to this year's DLA, won't you please consider doing so? As always, if you have any questions or concerns about this year's DLA, please contact me and I will be glad to talk with you.

Groups

Holy Name Sunday is next Sunday, May 8. Corporate Communion will be at the 8:30 a.m. Mass. The regular monthly meeting will follow in the church hall.

Weekly Collection April 24

Votive Candles:	212
Utility & Energy:	35
Accent:	0
St. Anthony:	5
Children & Adult Collection:	5,871
Online Collection:	1,320
Total Collection:	\$7,443
Comm. /Media:	13
Total Collection:	\$7,456

Pro Life Rosary

Please join the Catholic Daughters of the Americas in praying a **PRO LIFE ROSARY** before the weekend Masses May 7 and 8. We will start 30 minutes before Mass and pray the Rosary for unborn human life through the campaign of www.SaintMichaelTheArchangelOrganization.org.

Car Show

Come on out on **Saturday, May 7** between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. and enjoy the sights and sounds of classic cars, trucks and motorcycles. We will have DJ, food, basket raffle and door prizes. Rain date is Sunday, May 8 from Noon to 4 p.m. Registration is \$10 per vehicle. For more information, call

Randy at 724-493-8305 See you there!

Craft & Vendor Expo

A **Spring Craft & Vendor Expo** will be held at St. Sebastian Parish on **Saturday, May 7, from 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.** in their Parish Hall. There will be over 30 crafters and vendors with beautifully designed crafts. Admission is Free!

Ring Pittsburgh Concert

Ring Pittsburgh, a community handbell ensemble, brings a wide world of handbell music to western Pennsylvania. Come and enjoy a **free concert** featuring a wide variety of musical styles. Ring Pittsburgh Concert 2022 will be presented by **St. Vincent Archabbey Basilica**, 300 Fraser Purchase Road, Latrobe, on **Sunday, May 22 at 7:00 p.m.**



We are looking at the next scheduling period: **May 15 through July 10**. Please let Tara know by **Monday, May 2** if there will be any change to your schedule.

Faith

First Communicants

Congratulations to our children who received their First Eucharist this season. Pray that they may continue to grow in the grace of Christ.



Sophia Bomba
Bella Brown
Londyn Johnson
Gianna Smith
Lily Smith

May Crowning

Epiphany Ladies will host a May Crowning at **6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 10**. All are welcome.

The regular monthly Meeting will be held in the church hall immediately following at 7:00 p.m.. All women are invited to join us. For more information call President Kathy Byron at 724-787-2415.



Parish Picnic

After two years of not having a picnic, this year we will be able to gather again! The picnic is scheduled for **Sunday, June 12** beginning **with Mass at 1:00 pm**. At Cedar Creek **Pavilion #1**. I hope that you mark your calendars and plan on coming out for an afternoon of fun! If anyone is interested in helping with the picnic this year, please give us a call at the office. Also, if there



is anyone who might want to work with children's games or activities we could certainly use your help. There will be more information about this in the coming weeks. In the meantime, mark your calendars for the 12th of June!

T-Shirt Time

We've become known for our unified t-shirts at the festival! This year we're going with a relaxed beach-y vibe. We're now taking orders for t-shirts. The deadline is May 15 for us to have them in before the Parish Picnic. Orders will also be taken at that time. The shirts are \$20.00 each. The largest size in this t-shirt is 2x (per the company). Order size based on previous t-shirts. Orders can be placed in the collection basket or mailed to the office.



T-Shirt Order Form

To order a t-shirt, include your name, best contact number, size and \$20.00 per shirt ordered.

Name: _____

Best Contact: _____

Size & Quantity: ___S ___M ___L ___XL ___2x

Amount Enclosed: _____