

## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday:  
4:00 p.m.  
Sunday:  
8:30 a.m.; 10:30 a.m.  
Monday, & Thursday  
8:00 a.m.  
Tuesday, Wed., Friday  
NO MASS

November 7, 2021

# THE Epiphany OF OUR Lord

ROMAN  
CATHOLIC  
CHURCH



A PENNSYLVANIA CHARITABLE TRUST  
A PARISH OF THE DIOCESE OF GREENSBURG

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## RECONCILIATION

Tuesday at 5:00 p.m. or you may call the office to make an appointment.

## BAPTISM

We baptize during all Masses. Parents are required to attend a Pre-Baptism session prior to the Baptism. Please call the office for more information.

## MARRIAGE

Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance.

## MINISTRY OF THE SICK

If you know of anyone who is sick and cannot get to Mass, and they wish to receive the Eucharist, please call the office so arrangements can be made.

## PARISH STAFF

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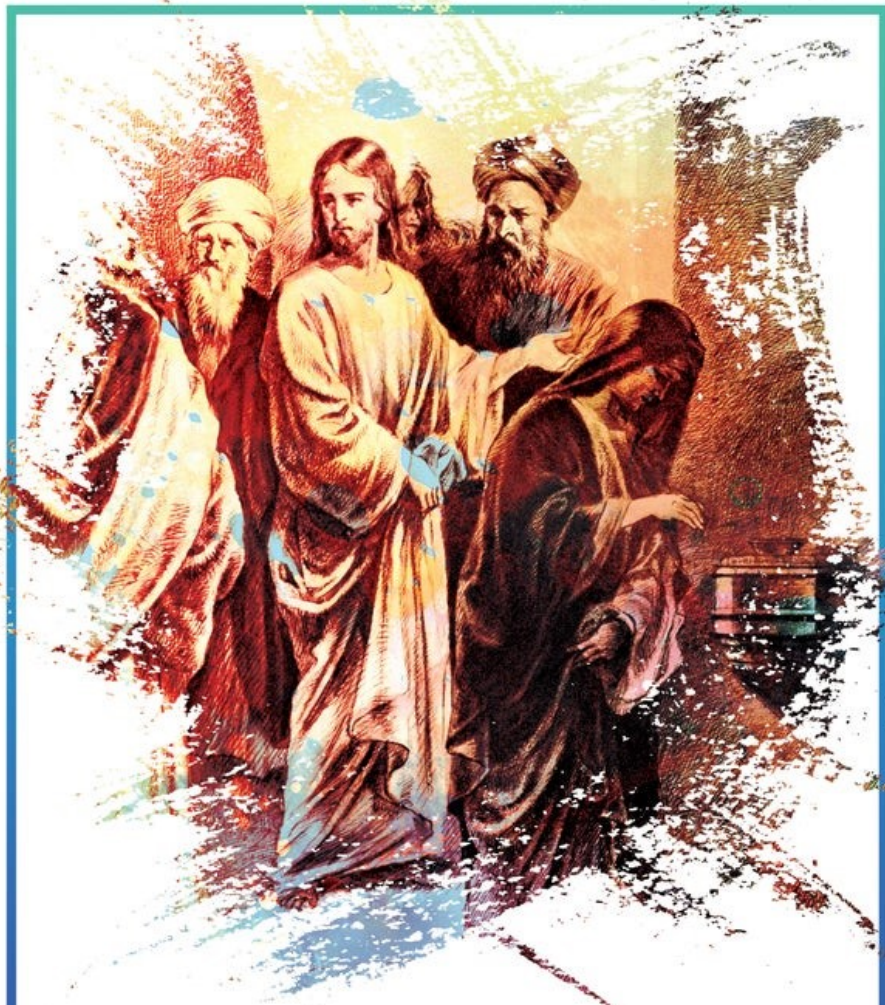
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## BULLETIN DEADLINE

Any article for the bulletin must be in the office by Monday noon.



"AMEN, I SAY TO YOU, THIS POOR WIDOW PUT IN MORE  
THAN ALL THE OTHER CONTRIBUTORS TO THE TREASURY."  
- MK 12:43

32<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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## LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

### Saturday, November 6 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Bud & Mary Cope Anniversary remembrance by Family

### Sunday, November 7 — 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM † Rita Masci by Lawrence Masci

10:30 AM † John Talarico by nephew Tom

### Monday, November 8

8:00 AM † Zielinski Family by Flo Petrosky

### Tuesday, November 9

No Mass

### Wednesday, November 10

No Mass

### Thursday, November 11

8:00 AM † Ralph Nicksich by Rosalie

### Friday, November 12

No Mass

### Saturday, November 13

4:00 PM † Rita Cocca by Evelyn Winn & Sara Kostelac

### Sunday, November 14

8:30 AM † Deceased Members Holy Name Society by Holy Name Society

10:30 AM † Ken & Kirk Danko by Danko Family

### 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 — Nov. 13 & 14

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 p.m.	J. Sacco	J. Dudas	D. DeFelices
8:30 a.m.	J. Petritis	K. Zimmaro	T. Todd
10:30 a.m.	B. DuBreucq	S. Beneccio	B. DuBreucq

### Money Counters

**Monday, November 8** —Team #4— J. Petritis

## Mass Book

The Mass book for 2022 is now open. Forms can be found in back of the church, in the office or on our website. You will be able to request two Masses per registered household (Still no Tuesday or Friday). If you have any questions, feel free to call the office. No Masses will be booked over the phone.

## The Widows Mite!

In two of our readings today we hear about the plight of the widows in the days of Jesus. In the scriptures we hear the word widow almost a hundred times. Widowhood is a symbol of loss and emptiness. A woman usually married outside of her



tribe, and if her husband died, his family was under no obligation to care for her. It was next to impossible for her to get work other than on a farm. When we understand this social position of the widow, our readings can be more easily understood. In the first reading from Kings we find the prophet Elijah asking a widow for some food. This poor woman was in the process of preparing the last meal for herself and her son, after they ate they would die. They were in the midst of a terrible famine and there simply was no more food. Because of her trust in God, she was rewarded with enough food to live through the famine.

Jesus in the Gospel uses the example of a widow's generosity as a springboard for stewardship in the church. Jesus makes reference to the scribes as being religious elites who think they are better than others. Jesus holds up the widow as a direct opposite to the elite, she who had no title or status in society gave all that she had. By contrasting her poverty and helplessness with that of the scribes, he shows her to be an example of humility and lowliness; thus she characterizes the life of a disciple. We need to be careful in understanding that Jesus is not simply talking about "widows," rather he is speaking about attitude.

Every one of us has at one time or another had to listen to and suffer from the ill effects of someone else's piety. We have been lectured about individual's personal piety and at times have been exhausted by other people's methods of spiritual self-improvement. Instead of these competing externals of piety, what we need sometimes is a simple image of what is holy. Today we are given a simple black and white version of things with no pretense. The real work of God is to care for the poor, the weak and lowly; this is something that is not on the top of our lists of important things in life. Jesus is not finding fault with the scribes for their vanity, rather he is definitely finding fault with them trying to make all of the external aspects of their faith a symbol of their piety. The poor widows are the ideal version of piety. They shared or gave away all that they had, in both readings the widows gave of themselves for the sake of others. They didn't need to bother with the "externals" of their faith; by their lives they lived their faith.

Today our liturgy is calling us to look at ourselves and see just how we live up to what we profess. In reality we must become the oil from the first reading that anoints the wounds of others. We are the flour from that same reading that feeds the lonely elderly woman with companionship. We are the coins that support hungry children of the world. Do you think that the widows knew something we don't know? And if they did, might their radical generosity make us just a little bit uneasy? How much more should we, who are so richly blessed, give, not from our want, but from our wealth? What is our widow's mite?

### Weekly Collection Nov. 1

Votive Candles:	207
Utility & Energy:	145
Accent:	12
All Souls	324
All Saints	206
Advent	95
Children & Adult	
Collection:	5,093
Online Collection:	644
<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$6,726</b>
Dio. Poverty Relief	10
Retired Religious	30
<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$6,766</b>

## Stewardship

### Retirement Fund for Religious

Elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have offered their lives in service to others – educating the young, comforting the sick, and ministering to the less fortunate. Today, many are frail and themselves are in need of assistance. **Your gift** to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps furnish medications, nursing care, and more. Please give generously to **today's second collection**.

### Mission Co-Op



Nest week, November 13 & 14 we will have a collection **help the Diocese of Sicuani, Peru**. Because of the many constraints COVID has brought not only to our own country but nations around the world, it is not possible for

Missionaries to travel to America to ask for help. This year we will not have a speaker but we will take up a collection.

Every dollar that you give will be used to maintain the life and dignity of the people Sicuanian people. Envelopes for this collection will be in back of the church.

## Pierogies

We will start making pierogis at the beginning of November.

The schedule is:

Sunday, November 7 after 10:30 Mass

Monday, November 8 at 9:00 a.m.

Sunday, November 14 after 10:30 Mass

Monday, November 15 at 9:00 a.m.

If you cannot come at the start time, come when you can! The more hands, the less work and more fun.

## Thank You

### Priest Recognition

I would like to thank everyone for the recognition of Priest Appreciation Sunday. It is heartwarming to know that what you do is important and appreciated. I am grateful to be here and serve as your pastor, and it is a blessing to have so many wonderful people help make that ministry happen.



## Enjoy Books

Enjoy books are Coming! There has been a delay in the shipping. As soon as the books arrive, Epiphany Ladies will be selling Enjoy Books after Masses. The books are \$30.

## Daily Readings

### Readings for the week of Nov. 7, 2021

**Sunday:** 1 Kgs 17:10-16/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Heb 9:24-28/ Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

**Monday:** Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10 [24b]/Lk 17:1-6

**Tuesday:** Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [5]/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22

**Wednesday:** Wis 6:1-11/Ps 82:3-4, 6-7 [8a]/Lk 17:11-19

**Thursday:** Wis 7:22b—8:1/Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175 [89a]/Lk 17:20-25

**Friday:** Wis 13:1-9/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5ab [2a]/Lk 17:26-37

**Saturday:** Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43 [5a]/ Lk 18:1-8

**Next Sunday:** Dn 12:1-3/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Heb 10:11-14, 18/Mk 13:24-32

## Faith

### All Souls Remembrance

All during the month of November we remember our departed loved ones in prayer. There is a **Book of Remembrance** in the front of the church. You may put the names of your departed loved ones in it, and they will be prayed for throughout the month. Remember that it is through prayer that we may help one of our loved ones be joined with all of the Saints in glory.

### Workbook for Lectors

The new workbook for our lectors is now available. The workbook contains the readings for the coming year. Beginning the first week of Advent we will be using readings from Cycle "C". **If you are a lector, please pick up your workbook.** If anyone is **interested in becoming a lector**, all you have to do is let me know and I will take care of everything else.

### Ministry Callout

If you have a change to your schedule, or days that you cannot serve, please let Tara know by **Friday, Nov. 19**. You can call the office or email at [tmanderino@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:tmanderino@dioceseofgreensburg.org)

If you would like to serve in any of the ministries, please call the office or see me. You might have heard that we need cantors.

## Groups

**Holy Name** Sunday is next **Sunday, November 14**. The date was incorrect last week. Corporate Communion will be at the 8:30 a.m. Mass. The regular monthly meeting will be held in the church hall following Mass.

## For the Table

It's the time of year where we start to think about what goes on our holiday table. Let us help you with that!

### CDA World Famous Cheese Balls

Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Monessen, reports that their "World Famous Cheese Balls" will be available for your Thanksgiving and Christmas Holiday season! They are wrapped to freeze well. Cost is \$8.00. **Orders are due by Wednesday, November 17** by calling Regent Debbie Genemore at 724-708-8335. Pick up date: Saturday, November 20 at Noon in the church hall. Thank you, in advance, for your support to our projects.

## HOMEMADE SAUSAGE SALE

Epiphany Church will hold a sausage sale on December 7 & 8. All orders must be in by **Saturday, November 20**. 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.**

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**Sweet Sausage**

**Hot Sausage**

**Hot Hot Sausage**

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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 **Knights of Columbus**.