

August 1, 2021



Epiphany of Our Lord Catholic Church
44 Pennsylvania Blvd., Monessen 15062

Festival

Saturday, July 31
5:00 p.m. □ 10:00 p.m.

Sunday, August 1
11:30 a.m. □ 8:00 p.m.

Homemade food  Games  Music

Complete menu and band details www.eolparish.com

Street Level Band □ Neon Swing Xperience □ American Pie Oldies

Also: Balloon Guy and more will be happening Sunday afternoon

Saturday, July 31 (weather permitting)

Sky Lantern Release 9:30 p.m.

Outdoor Mass at 10:00 p.m.



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LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, July 31 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Dorothy Vizza by Rosalie Nicksich

Sunday, August 1 — 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM † Mary Cope by Family

10:30 AM † Romeo & Dolores Bucci by Greg & Toni Bucci

Monday, August 2

8:00 AM † Matthew & Anna Musial by Daughter,
Lucille A. Aloisi & siblings

Tuesday, August 3

No Mass

Wednesday, August 4

No Mass

Thursday, August 5

8:00 AM † Florence Stimak by Rosalie Nicksich

Friday, August 6

No Mass

Saturday, August 7—Vigil

4:00 PM † Ronald Campana by Ted Harhai

Sunday, August 8 — 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM † Sam Dalfonso by Ida & Family

10:30 AM † Joe & Stella Reda, Russell & Adeline Sherred
by Children

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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 — August 7 & 8

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 p.m..	M. Gallo	J. Dudas	M. Guiliford
8:30 a.m.	M. Melvin	L. DeFelices	D. DeFelices J. Smith
10:30 a.m.	B. Sherred	E. Yathcyslyn	Volunteer

Money Counters

Monday, August 2—Team #1— P. Pettko

VBS Cancelled

Our Vacation Bible School was scheduled to begin next week, but because there are so few participants, it has been cancelled. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

We Become the Bread of Life for Others.

“After being fed the bread and fish abundantly provided by Jesus in our gospel from last week, it is natural that the crowd would look for Jesus. What they were not prepared for was that the bread Jesus offers is so much more than food that satisfies their immediate hunger; the food that Jesus offers satisfies the hunger for eternal life. Jesus is trying to help the crowd who has followed him to Capernaum make a shift in their understanding of him. He is trying to help them move from human expectations and satisfaction to believing in and embracing what “endures for eternal life.” This was no easy shift for the crowd to make, nor is it an easy shift for us.



Seeing the manna on the ground, the Israelite community asks, “What is this?” Moses answers that this is the bread God has given them to eat. At the heart of their questioning of Jesus in the gospel, the crowd is really asking, “Who is this?” Jesus answers, “I am the bread of life” sent by God. The nourishment God sends us now is not a perishable substance but the very person of Jesus. Moreover, this Bread “endures for eternal life,” and so long as we encounter Jesus among us, we will “never hunger,” “never thirst.” This bread promises more than all the perishable bread in the world. The bread Jesus offers is “bread from heaven,” a share in the fullness of life that only our encounters with Jesus can bring.

What it means to receive Eucharist fruitfully, is to have a personal relationship with Jesus. This “bread from heaven” is ultimately a person, Jesus Christ. If Jesus is the bread from heaven given for us and we are the Body of Christ, then we must conclude that we ourselves are to be bread from heaven that fosters eternal life for others. As God has “set his seal” on Jesus, so through baptism and confirmation has God “set his seal” on us. Jesus gives himself as bread from heaven; we give ourselves to others as bread from heaven when we live our baptismal commitment by doing the ordinary things of every day as Jesus would – with care, compassion, love, generosity, patience.

The very person of Jesus is everything for which we long. Jesus is the deep well of what’s beyond our immediate satisfaction, the deep well that brings us face to face with our longing and dissatisfaction. Just as the crowd followed Jesus across the lake, looking for him to satisfy them, so must we follow Jesus as faithful disciples. We both look for him in our everyday lives – in the people and circumstances around us – as well as faithfully bring that divine presence to others. The bread God offers us is the abiding presence of Jesus among us; always reaching out to satisfy us with what is imperishable, what endures forever: eternal life!

Weekly Collection July 25

Votive Candles:	195
Utility & Energy:	157
Accent:	6
Children & Adult Collection:	5,907
Online Collection:	1,018
Total Collection:	\$7,283

Readings for the week of August 1

Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 [24b]/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35

Monday: Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [2a]/Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13 [cf. 3a]/Mt 14:22-36

Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Mt 15:21-28

Thursday: Nm 20:1-13/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Mt 16:13-23

Friday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 [1a and 9a]/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mk 9:2-10

Saturday: Dn 6:4-13/Ps 18: 28, 3-4. 47 and 51/Mk 17:14-20

Stewardship

Brown Bag Sunday: Back to School



In one sense it seems like summer has just begun, then in another sense we are all glad that our children will be able to go back to school. As we look at the beginning of another school year, we will once again have a collection of “back to school” items.

We have not done a Brown Bag Sunday for quite some time now. To participate, you simply bring the items you wish to donate to church and we will get them distributed. Anything that would be helpful at the beginning of another school year will be appreciated! We will have this collection of back to school things on the weekend of **August 21 – 22**.

Pastoral Council / Finance Council

There will be a meeting of the pastoral and finance councils on Monday the 23rd of August at 6:30 in the Chapel hall. **If anyone thinks that they might want to work on either of these councils**, please give me a call at the church office.

Streaming Mass

We are continuing to stream Mass each week. If you are interested in assisting, please let us know. This is a pretty easy process. If you can handle your cell phone, you got this!

Around the Diocese

'Eucharist Miracles of the World' at St. John Baptist de La Salle Parish

The international exhibition, “The Eucharistic Miracles of the World” will be on display at St. John Baptist de La Salle Parish, 497 Athena Drive, Delmont, from Saturday, **July 31 through Sunday, Aug. 8**. Visitors should use the social hall ramp entrance. The exhibit is the result of three years of research, compilation and design by Blessed Carlo Acutis, an Italian teenager who used the internet to spread the message of God's love.

Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary

Bishop Larry J. Kulick will celebrate Mass and lead a candle-light rosary procession for the Solemnity of Our Lady of The Assumption on **Sunday, Aug. 15, at 7 p.m. at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg**. Let us pray together to our diocesan patroness, Our Lady of the Assumption, for her intercession and blessing as we celebrate the 70th anniversary of our Diocese.

Country Music Night Aug. 7

St. James Parish, 306 St. James Lane, New Alexandria, will host a **Country Music Night with dinner and a DJ Saturday, Aug. 7, from 6-10 p.m.** Cost is \$15 for adults and \$5 for those under 12. Wear your cowboy boots and hat. To register, call 724-668-2829 or visit www.stjamesnewalexandria.org. Checks should be made payable to the St. James Rosary Altar Society.

Virtual Festival of Friendship

St. Mary Margaret Parish, Lower Burrell, is holding its second **Virtual Festival of Friendship Aug. 16-21**. Join online at www.smmlb.org for community videos, virtual bingo, and games and craft ideas for kids. Tickets can be purchased online for a “big money” raffle (\$5,000 grand prize) and a “game day ready” raffle, featuring an outdoor fire table dining set and an 82-inch smart TV (total value of more than \$10,000).

Festival News

You are invited

We celebrate our annual Parish Festival today. I hope that you will all be able to stop down and share one another's company for a while. We have plenty of food and lots of entertainment. Simply come and just relax!

I look forward to seeing each of you!

Fr. Mike

 Festival Menu	
INDOOR MENU	
Italian Platter	\$10.00
Meat lasagna, cheese stuffed shell, meat ball and sausage, salad or green beans, bread	
Eastern Europe Platter	\$10.00
Hungarian halupki, Epiphany pierogies, Slovak haluski, polis kielbasa, salad or green beans, bread	
Hot Sandwiches	\$6.00
Meatball, sausage or kielbasa (includes toppings)	
Pierogi bar (includes toppings)	\$1.00/each
OUTDOOR MENU 	
Pizza	\$2.50
w/ pepperoni	\$3.00
Pizzaburger	\$7.00
Walking Taco	\$3.00
Hot Dog	\$1.50
w/ sauerkraut	\$2.00
Hamburger	\$3.50
Cheeseburger	\$4.00
French Fries	\$2.50
w/ cheese	\$3.00
Ice Cream Sundaes	\$3.00
Corn on the cob	\$1.50
Fried Dough	\$2.00
Pop/ Water	\$1.00

Groups

Holy Name Sunday is next Sunday, August 8. Corporate Communion will be at the 8:30 a.m. Mass. There will be **no meeting** in August.