

## 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

**August 22, 2021**

# THE Epiphany OF OUR Lord

ROMAN  
CATHOLIC  
CHURCH



A PENNSYLVANIA CHARITABLE TRUST  
A PARISH OF THE DIOCESE OF GREENSBURG

**44 PENNSYLVANIA BLVD. • MONESSEN, PA 15062**

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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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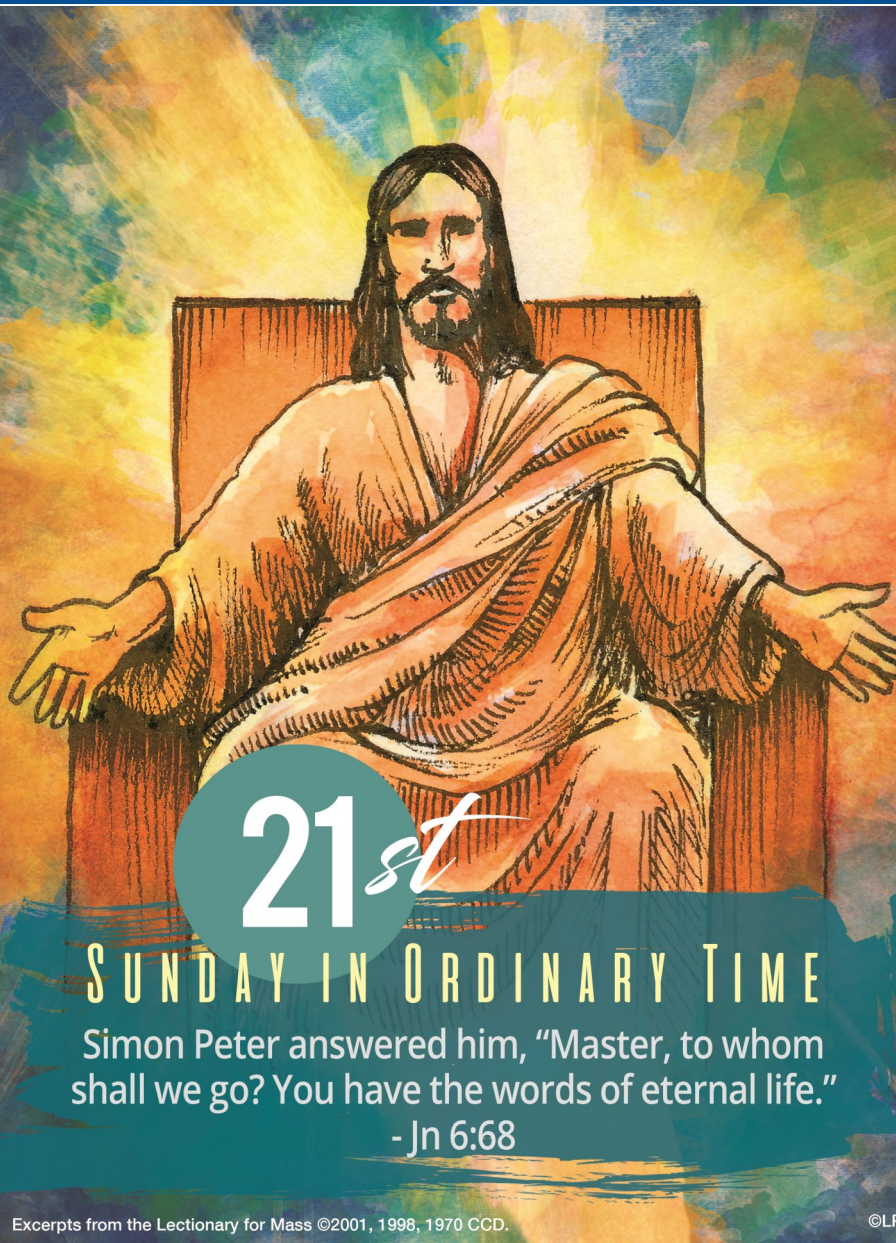
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## BULLETIN DEADLINE

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



**21<sup>st</sup>**  
**SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."

- Jn 6:68

## LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

### Saturday, August 21 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Romeo Bucci by Donna & Norbert Vesely

### Sunday, August 22 — 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM † Minnie Pascarella by Armand & Pauline DeRose

10:30 AM † Teresa Trozzi by Richard & Fran Cecelia

### Monday, August 23

8:00 AM † Anthony J, Joseph & Carminella Mascetta  
by Lena Mascetta & Family

### Tuesday, August 24

No Mass

### Wednesday, August 25

No Mass

### Thursday, August 26

8:00 AM † James Elias by Jackie Elias

### Friday, August 27

No Mass

### Saturday, August 28 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Rick Rodriguez by Ken & Donna Betza

### Sunday, August 29 — 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM † Joseph A. Salvino by Mr & Mrs. Fred Naccarato

10:30 AM † Philip Lopresti by Barb Wells

### 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 — August 21 & 22

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 p.m.	P. Fantauzzi	J. Elias	M. Guiliford
8:30 a.m.	F. Petrosky	J. Todd	T. Todd
10:30 a.m.	J. Sacco	K. Byron	E. Yatchyshyn

### Money Counters

**Monday, August 23**—Team #4— J. Petritis

### 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.

## Are You As Good As Your Word?

Everything in our Church is somehow related to our Baptismal commitments.

Our commitments to those promises become the very principles from which we live our lives. Every minute of each and every day we are faced with choices that need to be made. Most of the time we



choose based out of habit or need. Once in a while we deal with decisions that might take more time and effort. However, all of our decisions should be based on the fact that we are rooted into the life of Christ. This should be the basis and foundation from which all of our choices are made.

Our readings for this Sunday are about commitment in life. A commitment is a statement that I will be there for you, a statement that you can trust my love and support. I'll keep my word for you. Why is it that something so basic and simple can be so difficult to make a part of our lives? Commitment is hard and takes a lot of work. Every one of us can relate to a time in life when it was difficult if not impossible to be true to our commitment. Joshua in the first reading has the Israelites renewing their commitments. Many of them had fallen away from fidelity to Yahweh and had placed their trust in idols. It is easy for us to look back and judge those people for straying from their covenant relationship with Yahweh. We find it difficult to understand how they could possibly find refuge in strange gods. However, the idols that we deal with in our world are every bit as real as the ones the people had to face thousands of years ago. We must not be too judgmental of the ancient Israelites who fell prey to their own idols. Look at some of the idols we face today: power, money, possessions, body image, books, television, bigger and better homes, cars, boats, etc. etc. This list could certainly fill the space that is available for this article, but I think you get the idea.

It is not that we do not live up to our commitments; rather we keep our commitments and live them out only 50 percent of the time instead of being 100 percent committed. Once again we can see how easy it is to make a commitment but it becomes an entirely different matter to be true to them.

Jesus asks the disciples if they want to leave; he also asks us the same question. Every one of us need to look again at what our Baptism is asking of us, we all should re-evaluate those commitments and determine just how true we are to them. It is hard to give 100 per cent to our commitments, but that is what we are professing to do. Just how good of a parishioner are you, how attentive are you to the needs of your church, family and friends, are you faithful to the commitments you have made in serving a ministry, promises made to family and friends? These questions are all affected by our ability to be true to our commitments. Are we as

people, as good as our word? If not, what do we have to do to change? Today we are reminded that God is ever faithful and true to a committed life of love and support. As we embrace that love, we need to be aware of the promises and commitments we have made, and with the presence of God and the gift of the Eucharist be strong enough to be true to them.

### Weekly Collection August 15

Votive Candles:	191
Utility & Energy:	52
Accent:	83
Assumption:	768
Children & Adult Collection:	3,457
Online Collection:	1,167
<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$5,718</b>
Catholic University	12
Seminarian	2
<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$5,732</b>

## Stewardship

### Good Stewardship....

By virtue of our Baptismal promises, we are all called to fully participate in the life of the church. This call invites us all to fully participate in the Sacramental life of our faith. The Liturgy, with the Body and Blood of Christ, is the summit of our Roman Catholic Faith. In trying to make it possible for all to fully participate in the Eucharist, it takes the help of many people. Sometimes we do not think about all of the people involved with a liturgy, we just come and expect things to happen. But they don't happen on their own. We need many people working together to create an environment for good Liturgy. Every one of us has something that we can add. We come to Mass anyway, shouldn't we offer to help!

There is always room for people to serve as: Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion, Altar Servers, Ushers, Greeters, helping with Formation for our youth and adults, singing with our choir, Cantors and any other talent you may wish to share. There is certainly something that you can share. I am asking that you consider the possibility of helping with one of these ministries.

### Brown Bag Sunday

This week you have the opportunity to donate school supplies to the children in our area who will be returning to the classrooms. Please know how grateful I am for your generosity not only with this collection but all of the Brown Bag collections we have done in the past. I know that many children will be happier starting off this school year because of your kindness.



### Catholic University of America



Next weekend, the diocese will be taking up the National Collection for The Catholic University of America. CU is a national research university with more than 250 academic programs in the heart of Washington, D.C. By giving to the collection, you are supporting both future Catholic leaders, religious and lay, who are being formed by an exceptional Faith rooted education and the University's various research and training initiatives that support dioceses and parishes in responding to the most pressing needs of the faithful.

### Parish Festival

We had our wrap up meeting for this year's festival last week. I am so very grateful to all who came and offered suggestions and comments. We certainly did have a very successful festival this year and for that I thank you all. There are many people who work very hard to make our festival happen and I am grateful to all of them. I am including a summary of this year's festival. If you would like to see a more detailed report, you can stop by the office and pick one up.

Results from Saturday: \$13,028.00  
 Results from Sunday: \$19,883.00  
 Total Income from festival: **\$32,911.00**

Total Income from festival, sponsors, tickets: \$60,014.00  
 Total Expenses: \$25,160.39  
 Grand Total combined Income minus Expenses: **\$34,853.61!!!**

## Volunteers Needed



Be a Lunch Hero! Volunteers are needed to serve lunch to our school children at St. Sebastian Regional School. This would be between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. There is no cooking; just serving. If you are available and interested in serving, please call the school at 724-929-5143.

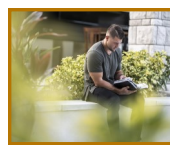
### Wrap up!

We are selling lightweight throws, (50" x 60") made of sweatshirt fabric. These are perfect for cooler summer nights or if you're heading to School, it's a nice way to take a bit of Epiphany with you. Throws are \$20.00 each and **available in the office.**



## Daily Readings

### Readings for the week of August 22, 2021



**Sunday:** Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 [9a]/Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69

**Monday:** 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Mt 23:13-22

**Tuesday:** Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Jn 1:45-51

**Wednesday:** 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab [1]/Mt 23:27-32

**Thursday:** 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17 [14]/Mt 24:42-51

**Friday:** 1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12 [12a]/Mt 25:1-13

**Saturday:** 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [9]/Mt 25:14-30

**Next Sunday:** Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 [1a]/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

## Around the Diocese

### Catholic Charities planning two fundraisers

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg will host a farm to table dinner with Bishop Larry J. Kulick Thursday, Sept. 16, from 6-9 p.m. at Sanaview Farms, Champion (cost is \$95 per person), and a **DIY chunky blanket and knit project workshop** Thursday, Oct. 7 at the Wooden Loft, Greensburg. For information or to register for either event, visit [www.ccharitiesgreensburg.org](http://www.ccharitiesgreensburg.org) and click on "Fundraisers."

### The Accent On-Air premieres Aug. 22

"The Accent On-Air: Grow in the Lord," a television show produced by the Diocese of Greensburg, will air on WTAE Channel 4 at 11:30 a.m. on **Sunday, Aug. 22 and Sunday, Aug. 29**. The episode features Bishop Larry J. Kulick in his garden talking about planting the seeds of faith in our young people and what it means for all vocations, especially future priests; Father E. George Saletrik talking about "praying it forward" after he received special support as a seminarian; and a local dance teacher shot by a mass shooter in Las Vegas discussing how her faith helped her survive. You can also watch online at [TheAccentOnline.org](http://TheAccentOnline.org).

### Sisters of Charity Historical Marker

A Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission historical marker honoring the Sisters of Charity will be dedicated **Saturday, Aug. 28, at 10 a.m.** at the corner of Seton Hill Drive and Route 130 (College Avenue), Greensburg.