

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 29, 2021

THE Epiphany OF OUR Lord

ROMAN
CATHOLIC
CHURCH



A PENNSYLVANIA CHARITABLE TRUST
A PARISH OF THE DIOCESE OF GREENSBURG

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22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



He summoned the crowd again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile." - Mk 7:14-15

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.

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BULLETIN DEADLINE

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

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

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

Monday, August 30

8:00 AM † Joanne Cocciolone by Clemmie Malec

Tuesday, August 31

No Mass

Wednesday, September 1

No Mass

Thursday, September 2

8:00 AM † Romeo Bucci by Clemmie Malec

Friday, September 3

No Mass

Saturday, September 4 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Betty Ann Hazy by James Hazy Family

Sunday, September 5 — 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM † Teresa Trozzi by Elizabeth Cecelia

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

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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.

*The office will be closed Monday, Sept. 6
in observance of Labor Day.*

Ministry Schedule — Sept. 4 & 5

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 p.m.	M. Gallo	L. Henry	M. Guilliford
8:30 a.m.	J. Petritis	K. Imbrescia	D. DeFelices J. Smith
10:30 a.m.	M. Sacco	A. Punteriero	S. Punteriero

Money Counters

Monday, August 30—Team #5— R. Croushore

Scheduled Masses

If you have Masses scheduled on a Tuesday or Thursday between September 1 and the end of the year, please contact the office and let us know if you prefer the Mass remain here or if we may send it elsewhere where it will be said.

The Letter of the Law!

No matter where we look, our actions and attitudes are dictated by law. At a very early age in life we learn what we can and cannot do. Our families lay down the foundations of behavior based on laws that need to be followed. As we grow and



move beyond the boundaries of our own homes we step into a world that has its own set of rules. Hopefully what we learn at home will coincide with what is expected from us in society, but this is not always the case. Faith and religion bring yet another dimension of rules and laws and one can only hope that all of the laws will come together.

Laws can be funny things. They may dictate behavior but they do not necessarily help to form our hearts. In order for that to happen, we need to make laws something more than just a roadmap on behavior. The laws which we follow need to become a part of who and what we are in life. This is what Jesus is reminding us of in our Gospel today. Jesus calls us to look deep inside of ourselves and determine just what it means to honor God.

In the first reading Moses reminds the people of Israel that they must follow the law of God without any deviations. They are not permitted to add anything to it or take anything away from it. In the Gospel Jesus is confronted by the Jewish leaders who specify religious purity in largely external terms. Jesus quickly points out that it is not external behaviors that define religious fidelity, but the internal dispositions of heart from which behavior flows. This is a vital lesson in life. Sometimes we need to live more out of our hearts and just merely following the precepts or teachings of law. Ultimately purity before God flows from a heart turned to God. We cannot afford only to pay lip service to God.

Jesus puts an emphasis not on external prescriptions of the law, but on interior dispositions and on virtues like justice, mercy, and forgiveness. Jesus teaches that it is necessary to get to the heart of the matter. His emphasis on “the heart,” the very core of the human being teaches that observance of the law is much more than attention to its external demands. It is much easier to clean the pots and pans than to clean one’s heart. We need to figure out what traditions we blindly cling to. Perhaps it is enough for us just to go to Mass on Sunday; after all, this is what most of us grew up doing; this is what makes us Catholics. Or perhaps we cling to rote prayers that we learned as a child rather than stretch our relationship with God to find new prayer expressions. Perhaps we relegate God in our lives to only an hour on Sunday.

The Pharisees were so concerned with following the law that they did not allow the law to penetrate their hearts so that they would be more merciful and forgiving of others. Faithful observance of the law demands that the law be internalized, a fact which they neglected and sorry to say so do we sometimes in life.

Weekly Collection August 22

Votive Candles:	171
Utility & Energy:	50
Accent:	69
Children & Adult Collection:	4,373
Online Collection:	1,061
Total Collection:	\$5,434
Seminarian	10
Catholic University	136
Total Collection:	\$5,580



when driving and watch for the school buses.

Most of our children have started back to school this past week. Please be careful

Stewardship

Catholic University Collection

This weekend, the diocese will be taking up the National Collection for the Catholic University of America. By helping with this collection you are helping to support both the future of 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 around the country.

Please give whatever you can. To learn more you can go to their website: collection.catholic.edu

Brown Bag Sunday

Last week we took up our annual collection to help the children in our area with their school supplies. Once again I want to say how grateful I am for your generosity. Please know that what you have given will certainly help many of our children have a good start back to school.



Haiti Collection



The USCCB has asked every diocese in the United States to take up a special collection to help the Church and the people of Haiti who were devastated by the 7.2 magnitude earthquake that occurred there on August 14,

2021. This disaster has left thousands dead, wounded others, and caused catastrophic damage across one of the poorest countries in the world. The Diocese of Greensburg will respond to this urgent need with a special collection to support earthquake recovery on the weekend of **September 4 and 5, 2021**. Please pray for those who have lost so much, and thank you in advance for your generosity.

Wrap up!

We are selling lightweight throws, (50" x 60") made of sweatshirt fabric. These are perfect for cooler fall 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 29, 2021



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

Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13 [13b]/Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [13]/Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11 [10]/Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 [2]/Lk 5:1-11

Friday: Col 1:15-20/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2b]/Lk 5:33-39

Saturday: Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8 [6]/Lk 6:1-5

Next Sunday: Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37

Coffee and doughnuts after 8:30 a.m. Mass.
Come and visit.

Faith

Cantors at Mass

In our parish we have been blessed with the talent of many of our young parishioners who have shared their musical talents at liturgy. Unfortunately for us, they have all started college which leaves us in a bind! Currently, **we have nobody** to cantor at Mass.



You do not need to be a young adult to be a cantor. Adults are more than welcome in this role.

Because we stream the Mass on Saturday, we really could benefit from a cantor. **I am looking for people who might want to learn to lead in song during Mass.** Music is an integral part of the Mass. If you think that you might be interested in doing this, please give me a call at the office. 724-684-7661.

Faith Formation Dinner

As we prepare for our Faith Formation year, know that we are planning a Family Dinner for Families of Religious Education Students on **Monday, September 20**, at 5:30 p.m.

Following dinner at St. Sebastian School Hall, the first day of class begins. It will also be the first meeting for Parents of Religious Education students.

A postcard with information is being mailed this week. If you are interested in attending, please call Darleen at the Faith Formation Office, 724-929-9300.

Ministry Call out

Hard to believe, but it's that time again. We will be coordinating the new ministry schedule that will run from **September 19—November 28**. If you have any changes to your schedule, let Tara know by **Tuesday, September 7**. You can call the office or email tman-derino@dioceseofgreensburg.org

If you are thinking of joining any of these ministries, know that you are most welcome. Call the office and let us know.



Around the Diocese

Mass Set at Flight 93 National Memorial

The Notre Dame Club of Greensburg/Uniontown will host a Mass of Solemn Remembrance at the Flight 93 National Memorial near Shanksville **Friday, Sept. 10 at 5 p.m.** A wreath laying will follow. At dusk, the Friends of Flight 93 sponsor a twilight luminaria ceremony. Registration for the Mass is not required but is appreciated; visit my.nd.edu/events/12147 for details.

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 and click on "Fundraisers."

'Lazarus' movie at St. Bruno Parish

St. Bruno Parish, South Greensburg, will present "Lazarus The Movie," a **Scripture-based musical** produced by Alabaster Productions, **Sept. 11 at 7 p.m.** Refreshments will be available at 6:15. Masks and social distancing will be required. Tickets are \$10, \$5 for children under 12. For reservations, call 724-516-5189.