

## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday:

4:00 p.m.

Sunday:

8:30 a.m.; 10:30 a.m.

Monday, Tuesday,  
Thursday & Friday:

8:00 a.m.

Wednesday

NO MASS

February 14, 2021

# THE OF *Epiphany* 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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## BULLETIN DEADLINE

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

6<sup>th</sup>

## SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean."

- Mk 1:40-41

## LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

### Saturday, February 13 — Vigil

4:00 PM Special Intention by Family

### Sunday, February 14 — 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM † James & Mary Zimmaro by Ken & Linda  
10:30 AM † Val Gene Veschio by Doreen & Gary Smith

### Monday, February 15

8:00 AM † Joseph Canestrone by Rosalie Nicksich

### Tuesday, February 16

8:00 AM † Mary & Alfonse Filipowski by daughter-in-law, Stella Filipowski

### Wednesday, February 17 — Ash Wednesday

8:00 AM † Pauline Mihalich by Ted Harhai  
6:00 PM Liturgy of the Word / Ashes Distribution

### Thursday, February 18

8:00 AM † Vincent Jarabek by Sister, Susan & Nate Campus

### Friday, February 19

8:00 AM † Cecelia Pardus by C D of A Court 776

### Saturday, February 20 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Myra Pascarella by husband, John

### Sunday, February 21 — 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM † Doris Kukler by Husband, Alex & Children  
10:30 AM † Linda Goad by Jackie Elias

### Parish Office:

**44 PENNSYLVANIA BLVD  
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**Parish Office:** 724-684-7661 • **Fax:** 724-684-8981

**Church Hall:** 724-684-5512

**Religious Education:** 724-929-9300

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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 — Feb. 20 & 21

Time	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
4:00 p.m.	R. Kozar	S. Beneccio
8:30 a.m.	K. Miller	N. Mazzie
10:30 a.m.	M. Sacco	E. Yatchyshyn

### Money Counters

**Monday, February 15** — Team #2 — W. Anders

### Catholic Charities offers virtual counseling

Catholic Charities provides virtual counseling to help address depression, anxiety and more. Call Catholic Charities at 724-837-1840 or email [counseling@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:counseling@dioceseofgreensburg.org).

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

## We are called to touch the Lepers.

I don't know about you, but when I hear from the scriptures how some people of society were treated, it seems that God's presence is nowhere near. This week we hear about how people suffering with leprosy were shunned by the people of society and they were absolutely cut off from all that was important to them. This included not only their family and friends but also the freedom to worship God. They were considered unclean and that was how they were to live their lives. Our readings reveal a lot about the fears of the society from which it sprang. Scripture is supposed to lead us to conversion of heart and mind, not used as an excuse to exclude people in life.



It is very easy for us to look back and find fault with how people were treated in the past, but if we are to be led to conversion ourselves, we need to look at life today and see just how we treat one another. The question we need to ask ourselves today is: who are the lepers of our society, and just how do we “mark” them? It is good for us to look at what Jesus did in the gospel today. Imagine the sense of alienation and isolation that drives this leper to kneel before Jesus and beg to be made clean. Jesus responds to this outpouring of emotion with deep feelings of his own and then does the unimaginable: he reaches out and touches the leper. This touch must have required great compassion on the part of Jesus, so much so that it took precedence over the law and Jesus' own risk of ritual impurity. The leper is healed and then admonished to show himself to the priest in fulfillment of the law, in order to regain ritual purity and be restored to the worship of the community. It is through the example of both Jesus and the leper that we learn about what it means to be a true disciple. Through the actions of Jesus we learn to reach out to the outcasts in life and like the leper, we proclaim the good news of what Jesus has done.

There are few laws of legal purity in our society but still many taboos and fears surround health and cleanliness. Even in our own church many people will not receive communion from the cup for fear of germs, even though health officials say the chances of catching a disease from a shared cup are far less than taking public transportation. The same can be seen with the greeting of peace. Many simply will not shake hands with their neighbor for fear of contamination, so we cannot be too harsh on the people of Israel.

As well as making the leper well again, Jesus confronts an attitude. He defies the prejudices of society. Our society is still full of narrowness and prejudice; there is still a lot of religious elitism about who can and cannot be saved, who does and does not belong in a particular church. We are disfigured in many ways as a society. We refuse to confront the evils of poverty and lack of medical care for millions of people, capital punishment, abortion on demand, international disputes and enormous gaps between the rich and poor. These are the “sores” that infect our society. Like Jesus, we are to extend that gentle touch of healing and peace. The healing presence of Jesus can touch and mend the torn fabric of our society if only we take his example and not be afraid to touch in life.

### Readings for the week of February 14

**Sunday:** Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [7]/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45 **Monday:** Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21 [14a]/Mk 8:11-13 **Tuesday:** Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10 [11b]/Mk 8:14-21 **Wednesday:** Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17 [cf. 3a]/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18 **Thursday:** Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk 9:22-25 **Friday:** Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 [19b]/Mt 9:14-15 **Saturday:** Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [11ab]/Lk 5:27-32

Stewardship

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During the Lenten season we focus on our Stewardship and how we **share with people who are less fortunate** than we are. This year, rather than focus our attention on causes benefiting other countries, we will use our local food bank as our stewardship. If you would like to make a contribution to the food bank, simply put your contribution in an envelope and mark it for the food bank.

Lenten Fish Fry

**Fish Fry Menu**  
Take-out only  
Call 724-684-5512

**Fish sandwich ....\$10.00**

2 - 5oz pieces breaded fried Cod Loins, fish sandwich bun

**Fish sandwich platter ....\$12.00**

2 - 5oz pieces breaded fried Cod Loins, fish sandwich bun, French Fries and cole slaw

**Shrimp platter.....\$12.00**

6 pieces breaded fried shrimp, fish sandwich bun, French Fries, cole slaw



11 a.m.—6 p.m. Delivery: 11 a.m.—3 p.m.

St. Sebastian Lenten Soup Sale

St. Sebastian Church is offering **Italian Wedding Soup** for sale by pre-order this Lent. The cost is \$7.00 per quart and payment must be included with the order form and mailed to St. Sebastian Parish, attn.: Soup Sale, 801 Broad Ave. Belle Vernon, PA 15012. Pick up will be on **Saturday, March 13**, between 3:30—5:30 pm from the Parish Hall. Deadline to order is **Sunday, March 7, 2021**.

**Italian Wedding Soup**

Pick up Date: **March 13, 2021, 3:30—5:30 p.m.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

\$7.00 per Quart # of Quarts \_\_\_\_\_

Total with this Order \_\_\_\_\_

Masses Online

Our 4:00 p.m. Mass is now live streamed on YouTube and Facebook so you can watch it in real time. The link will be live at any time afterwards. All live streamed and recorded Masses will be available on our YouTube Channel.

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Lent

With **Ash Wednesday** this week we begin the Season of Lent. There are many ways that we can use these weeks to grow **closer to God's goodness** and become more aware of just how blessed we are.



Ash Wednesday will be celebrated a little different this year. Instead of putting a cross on the forehead we will sprinkle a little ashes on the head.

- ◆ We celebrate Ash Wednesday with Mass at 8:00 a.m. and a prayer service at 6:00 p.m. with the distribution of ashes.
- ◆ Mass is celebrated Mon., Tues., Thurs., & Friday at 8:00 a.m.
- ◆ Our fish fry will begin on Wednesday, and continue throughout the Fridays of Lent from 11:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. Take outs will be available all day; there will be no dine-in.
- ◆ On Fridays of Lent we will pray the **stations of the cross** together beginning at 6:00 pm

As you can see, there are many ways that we can make this season a truly spiritual one. I hope that you will be able to participate in some of our activities.

On Line Lent

If you are not attending in person, there are two free online sources delivered to your inbox that can help you grow this Lenten season. Lenten Apologetics Reflections are delivered to your inbox each day during lent. Sign up at [www.catholic.com/Lenten-Series](http://www.catholic.com/Lenten-Series). The other is Dynamic Catholic. "It's not what you give up this Lent, it's who you become." Sign up at [www.dynamiccatholic.com/lent/best-lent-ever.html](http://www.dynamiccatholic.com/lent/best-lent-ever.html)

First Eucharist Parent/Child Meeting

Parents and their children, who will be receiving their First Eucharist this year, are to attend a Zoom meeting next Sunday. A link will be sent to you prior to the meeting on **Sunday, February 21 at 7:00 p.m.** Due to the pandemic, the dates for First Communion have not been scheduled.

Church Membership

It is amazing how often the topic of "church membership" comes up, so every once in a while we remind people through the bulletin about joining the church. Church membership is not something that is presumed. **Once a person turns 18, they are to join a church as an adult; they do not stay as members on their family census form.** This is important when we start to talk about Sacraments and becoming sponsors. **You must be an active member of a church to share in the sacraments as well as becoming a sponsor.** If you are not currently registered at a church and wish to do so, you can pick up a registration form in church or call the office and we will take care of it. If you have any questions or concerns you can always speak to Fr. Mike.



Weekly Collection Feb. 7

Votive Candles:	115
Utility & Energy:	349
Accent:	3
Lenten Folder:	10
Easter Flowers:	12
Holy Thursday:	7
Good Friday:	7
Easter:	30
Children & Adult Collection:	7,469
Online Collection:	786
<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$8,788</b>