

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 21, 2021

THE OF *Epiphany* OUR Lord

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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.

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BULLETIN DEADLINE

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

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SUNDAY OF LENT

"This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." - Mk 1:15

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, February 20 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Myra Pascarella by husband, John

Sunday, February 21 — 1st Sunday of Lent

8:30 AM † Doris Kukler by Husband, Alex & Children

10:30 AM † Linda Goad by Jackie Elias

Monday, February 22

8:00 AM † Donna DeRocco by Gary, Doreen & Abigail Smith

Tuesday, February 23

8:00 AM † Frank Galilei by Joe & Mary Ann Gallo

Wednesday, February 24

8:00 AM No Mass

Thursday, February 25

8:00 AM † Procaccini Family by Patti Bigi & Family

Friday, February 26

8:00 AM † Gloria Sala by John Zawicki

Saturday, February 27 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Katherine Hornak Dudas by Dr. Martin & Madeline Dudas

Sunday, February 28 — 2nd Sunday in Lent

8:30 AM † Arthur L. Trilli by Celeste Trilli

10:30 AM † Paul & Tom Sowko by Rose Sowko

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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. 27 & 28

Time	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
4:00 p.m.	S. Surdyn	J. Dudas
8:30 a.m.	G. Pesi	A. Pastella
10:30 a.m.	R. Kozar	T. Billick

Money Counters

Monday, February 22 —Team #3 — K. Byron

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.

Ministry Callout

Please let Tara know if there are any changes to your schedule by **Monday, March 8**. The new schedule will run until Sunday, May 16. You can call the office or email Tara at tman-dellino@dioceseofgreensburg.org

Our Journey Through Lent

As we embark on another Lenten Journey our thoughts are turned inward to see just how we can become more aware of God's loving presence. Today our liturgy gives us much food for thought. If we were to take a pool and ask people what their favorite liturgical season is, I would venture to guess that Lent would not be at the top of many lists. However, even those who are somewhat lukewarm in their faith are compelled to do something during Lent.



Through the story of Noah and the flood we can see how humanity was brought low it's forgetting about God's covenant and turning to sin. The story of the flood is certainly meant to show us God's hatred of sin and the corruption which humans have brought upon the goodness of creation. This story is one of hope because the Ark represents the preservation and re-birth of human life after the chaos of sin. The church has used the waters of the flood as symbols of baptism, re-birth, new beginnings. So now at the start of Lent we pause to consider how we have not lived up to our own baptismal vocation as the people of God. At Baptism we were brought into God's people, and in that rite we were cleansed of sin by God's grace. Lent gives the opportunity for renewal and for the restoration of our baptismal promises and purity in preparation for Easter.

St. Peter speaks to us about the eminent danger of falling from grace through other influences in life. In his day there was a belief that spirits could influence humans to do evil and sin. He reminds us that as Noah was saved through the water, so Christians are saved through baptism. Jesus in the gospel starts this season with the proclamation that: "The Kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe." This sets the tone for our lent. Lent is about conversion, repenting and turning away from evil. Repentance, which is a total turning of oneself away from evil and toward God, leads to believing, which is a way of embracing God and living in God's kingdom. Repenting and believing are partners for anyone seriously living the gospel. The challenge of course, is to make repenting and believing more than words on a page, they must become a way of life for us.

Liturgically, the Lenten season is oriented to the celebration of baptism and the sacraments of initiation at the Easter Vigil. It is tempting for us to make Lenten practices the whole task of Lent. I can remember from my childhood that Lent was the time when we had to give up candy, and that was a sacrifice. However, I am not sure that I understood why we did it. Many people still give things up during lent without thinking at all about what it is for.

The bottom line is that we need to focus on the temptations that we face in life. While we become more aware of all those temptations we need to understand that temptation is not a sin. No matter how fiery the passion gets, temptation and testing are not sins. Temptation is an impulse toward getting or gaining something that will give us pleasure. Do temptations come from God? From the devil? From inside of us? Outside of us? There are no clear answers. We know only that we must make choices. Lent is about choices: to give up in order to gain all. We will never escape temptations in life but if we learn to trust in the power that Baptism has brought to our lives, maybe we can make better decisions when confronted with temptation.

Weekly Collection Feb. 14

Votive Candles:	128
Utility & Energy:	105
Ash Wednesday:	146
Lenten Folder:	20
Easter Flowers:	5
Holy Thursday:	8
Good Friday:	8
Easter:	8
Children & Adult Collection:	4,050
Online Collection:	403
Total Collection:	\$4,881
Home Mission:	38
Total Collection:	\$4,919

Stewardship

Diocesan Lenten Appeal



By now you should have all received your information about this year's DLA. As we begin this season of repentance, we are all called to make changes in our lives that will make us more faithful to our Baptismal Commitments. **Stewardship or sharing our Time, Talent and Treasure is what being a faithful disciple is all about.** As a parish we have a responsibility not only to our own needs, but to help support the Diocese as well. This year our **Diocesan goal is set at \$42,577** and our parish goal is \$65,000.

In the letter you received, I made mention of what I would like to do with the money we get from this year's campaign. I would really like to get enough money to **"renovate" our Church.** New flooring in the Sanctuary and candle areas, paint and accessories will make our Church feel warmer.

However what matters most in this campaign is our participation, for this speaks volumes of us as a parish. I am hoping to get a much better participation this year. We will be sharing more information in the coming weeks about this year's DLA, but please know how grateful I am to all of you for what you are able to do for our church.

Local Food Bank

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.**

At any time, hunger in America is an ongoing problem. With the pandemic it has intensified. **Nearly 1 in 4 households** have experienced food insecurity this year. For children in America, the statistics are worse: 17% of all children live in households that lack access to adequate food sometime during the year. According to Save the Children, **child hunger in Westmoreland County is 16.4%.**

Catholic Home Missions Appeal

On the First Sunday of Lent, which falls this year on **February 21** (this Sunday), our Diocese traditionally conducts the **Catholic Home Missions Appeal.** We are asked to provide material support and spiritual aid to Dioceses in the United States that are unable to provide pastoral services without assistance from sources other than their own. It may be surprising to be reminded, once again, that **40% of the Dioceses** in the United States are considered to be "home mission dioceses." Many in our great nation are still experiencing a need for evangelization and sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ and the beauty of the Church. Our home mission Dioceses are often characterized by scattered and struggling parishes and faith communities. As difficult as this past year has been because of Covid-19 for us, 2020 was even more difficult for our American Dioceses that lack basic resources. We can **show our solidarity with our fellow Catholics** through a generous sharing of our resources and prayers. Please be as generous as you can with this collection.

Faith

First Eucharist Parent/Child Meeting

Parents and their children, who will be receiving their First Eucharist this year, are to attend a Zoom meeting this 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.

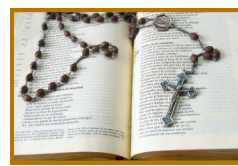
On Line Lent

We're not too far into Lent—you can still sign up for 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

*Remember that we have a delicious
Fish Fry every Friday from
11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.!
Take out only. Call 724-684-5512*

Daily Readings

Readings for the week of February 21



Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 10]/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

Monday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 16:13-19

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 [18b]/Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 [19b]/Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [3a]/Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 [3]/Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 [1b]/Mt 5:43-48

Next Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 [9]/Rom 8:31b-34/

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 _____