

## 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 7, 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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# MANY



He cured many who  
were sick.

MARK 1:34

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## 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.

## LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

### Saturday, February 6 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Val Gene Veschio by Rosalie Nicksich

### Sunday, February 7 — 5th Week in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM † Marietta Aeillo by Loving grandchildren  
Sandra & Mark Luterman & Family

10:30 AM † Pauline Mihalich by Dan Razum

### Monday, February 8

8:00 AM † Eugene Maisano by Ted Harhai

### Tuesday, February 9

8:00 AM † Deceased Members of the Tocci-Campus  
Families by Nate & Susan Campus

### Wednesday, February 10

No Mass

### Thursday, February 11

8:00 AM † Alfred Vizza by Dorothy

### Friday, February 12

8:00 AM † Val Gene Veschio by John Dudas

### 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

### 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 — Feb. 13 & 14

Time	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
4:00 p.m.	D. Harkins	J. Elias
8:30 a.m.	F. Petrosky	K. Zimmaro
10:30 a.m.	J. Olup	T. Mazzei

### Money Counters

**Monday, February 8** — Team #1 — P. Pettko

### 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 **STEPHEN M. JAYDYK**. May God grant him eternal rest, and comfort to his family. We commend his soul to rest in the peace of Christ.

## Keeping Life and it's suffering in perspective!

Keeping a good perspective on things in life can be a most rewarding gift. We make little things into such big issues that it literally overshadows everything; we feel overwhelmed and at times even lost. Today we are given a gentle reminder of what we can do to avoid such feelings.



We start our Liturgy of the Word off with a reading from the book of Job, which is a book that captures the dilemma of what it means in life to suffer. It is through Job's misery that we can see the amazing healing work of Christ in the gospel. Job reminds us that is not always disease or possession or even systemic evil, but can include the drudgery and burdens of daily life. It is the far reaching power of Jesus to save, that can help us to cope and keep us from allowing our suffering to grow out of perspective until that is all we are able to see.

St. Paul in the second reading reminds us that he is free to choose to live the gospel or not, and once he freely chooses to preach the gospel then all of life takes on a new meaning. St. Paul informs us that what he does is for the glory of Christ; everything that he speaks and all the works that he does is for the wonder of God. The question that Paul gives us is one that needs to be repeated every day. How do we in our personal lives accommodate ourselves to the needs of others and far more importantly, what is our motivation for even caring for others? If what we are and what we do is not rooted in the love that God has for us, then we need to rethink our motivations. This brings us right smack into the ministry that Jesus invites us all to be a part of.

Like those in the gospel who come to Jesus for healing, we all come to Jesus with expectations. The challenge is to move beyond our expectations to what Jesus really wants to give us – the Good News of salvation. Jesus' presence to us today and his healing hand do not assure us that we will never suffer. Human life is full of suffering and it is the Good News of Jesus that assures us of having the strength to keep our suffering in perspective. Jesus assures us that suffering belongs to this life but this is not all there is to life.

We can seek out Jesus because he is a wonder-worker, and we can try to have him stay with us because we so enjoy his presence. We can call him Lord, Savior, and Brother. **But we must also live the full implications of those terms.** In this case it means the necessity of sharing the good news with others. Otherwise, we are fashioning a new messiah to our own tastes and liking, and failing to achieve that prayerful appreciation of who Jesus really is and what he challenges us to be. It is when we are able to recognize and embrace the healing gift of Jesus that is with us always that we are able to keep a perspective on all of life.

### Knights of Columbus Scholarship

Applications for the Monessen Knights of Columbus #954 Merit Scholarship are available.

It can be obtained in the church office, or on the website. Students must be a senior member of Epiphany of Our Lord Catholic Church or St. Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church, or their father or grandfather is a member of Monessen K.O. C. #954. All rules are on the application, which are due by April 16,

### Weekly Collection Jan. 31

Votive Candles:	66
Utility & Energy:	47
Accent:	3
Ash Wednesday:	15
Children & Adult	
Collection:	4,394
Online Collection:	621
<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$5,016</b>

## Lenten Fish Fry



Our fish fry will begin on Ash Wednesday, **February 17**, and on Fridays during Lent (except for Good Friday). This will be **take-out only and will run from 11**

**a.m. to 6 p.m.** We are still in need of drivers and runners so that we can offer deliveries between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. If you are interested, please call the office and let us know. If we get a lot of help we will make up a schedule so you wouldn't be on each week.

**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

## Mardi Gras

The day before Ash Wednesday is Mardi Gras — or Fat Tuesday. While we cannot be together this year as we have in the past, take a trip down memory lane and **review pictures from past years' events**. Photos and videos can be found on our website under the Events drop down. Enjoy!

How else can you celebrate and maintain social distancing? Bake cookies. They don't have to be fancy, but that can add to the challenge. Decorate a room in your house. Mardi Gras colors are Gold ( Power ), green (Faith) and purple (Justice). This is one holiday you can't over-do.

**New Orleans is going virtual** for the Mardi Gras this year, so don't feel that you're missing out. Check out the online event on February 12, 13 and 14. *Mardi Gras for Y'all* at begins 8 p.m. on YouTube or NOLA.com.

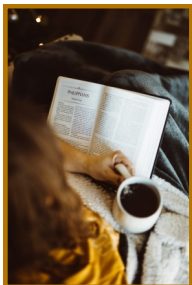


## Groups

**Holy Name** Sunday is next Sunday, February 14. Corporate Communion will be at the 8:30 a.m. Mass. There will be **no meeting** in February 2021. Holy Name Society members are reminded that their dues for 2021 should be paid at this time. Please place your dues (blue envelope) in the regular church collection or send it to the office.

## Daily Readings

### Readings for the week of February 7



**Sunday:** Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 3a]/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

**Monday:** Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24 and 35c [31b]/Mk 6:53-56

**Tuesday:** Gn 1:20—2:4a/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Mk 7:1-13

**Wednesday:** Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30 [1a]/Mk 7:14-23

**Thursday:** Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1a]/Mk 7:24-30

**Friday:** Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 [1a]/Mk 7:31-37

**Saturday:** Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13 [1]/Mk 8:1-10

**Next Sunday:** Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [7]/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45

## The Season of Lent



The distribution of ashes will take place in a different fashion this year. To reduce the risk of transmitting the coronavirus, it is not permitted this year to sign the faithful with ashes in the customary fashion. Rather, on Ash Wednesday (Feb. 17), the tradition of being marked with ashes will take place in a different

fashion: through a **sprinkling with ashes**.

The minister, using a thumb and index finger, secures a pinch of ashes from the vessel containing the ashes. Without using words, the minister then sprinkles the ashes on the heads of the recipients. Please remember that the reception of ashes on Ash Wednesday is not required. Whether participating in this ritual or not, all of the faithful are urged to undertake penitential practices during these Lenten days.

With the celebration of Ash Wednesday we begin the season of Lent. This is a period of time set aside by the church to afford us the opportunity to look at our relationship not only with God but also with one another. The entire message of Jesus is one of discipleship, being for one another.

As we look at what we can do for this season, it would be good to see **just how we relate to one another and determine how we can improve**. This would be a wonderful way to use these days.



## Lent

Lent provides us with the opportunity to look within ourselves to see how we can be more Christ like to those around us. Two free online sources delivered to your inbox can help. 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 through 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)

## Our New Bishop!

The Ordination and Installation Mass for Bishop-elect Larry J. Kulick, J.C.L., as the Sixth Bishop of the Diocese of Greensburg will be celebrated **Thursday, Feb. 11, at 2 p.m.** at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral. In order to prioritize the health and safety of the faith community, attendance will be by invitation only.

However, the entire diocesan community is invited to participate in the celebration by viewing on the diocesan website, [DioceseofGreensburg.org](http://DioceseofGreensburg.org), our diocesan Facebook page and YouTube Channel. **The Mass will also be broadcast on EWTN (Eternal Word Television Network) live at 2 p.m. EST.**

Diocesan coverage of this much-anticipated event will begin at 1 p.m. with special coverage by The Catholic Accent.

## Catholic Schools Week

Make a Catholic school connection with **virtual open houses**, private tours. Virtual open houses and **private tours** are now available at each of the 12 schools of the Diocese of Greensburg. Learn about ways we educate students safely in-person and the many options we provide for connectivity. More than \$4 million is available in tuition assistance. **Make a Catholic school connection today.** Register at [CatholicSchools-Guide.org!](http://CatholicSchools-Guide.org)

