

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

January 17, 2021

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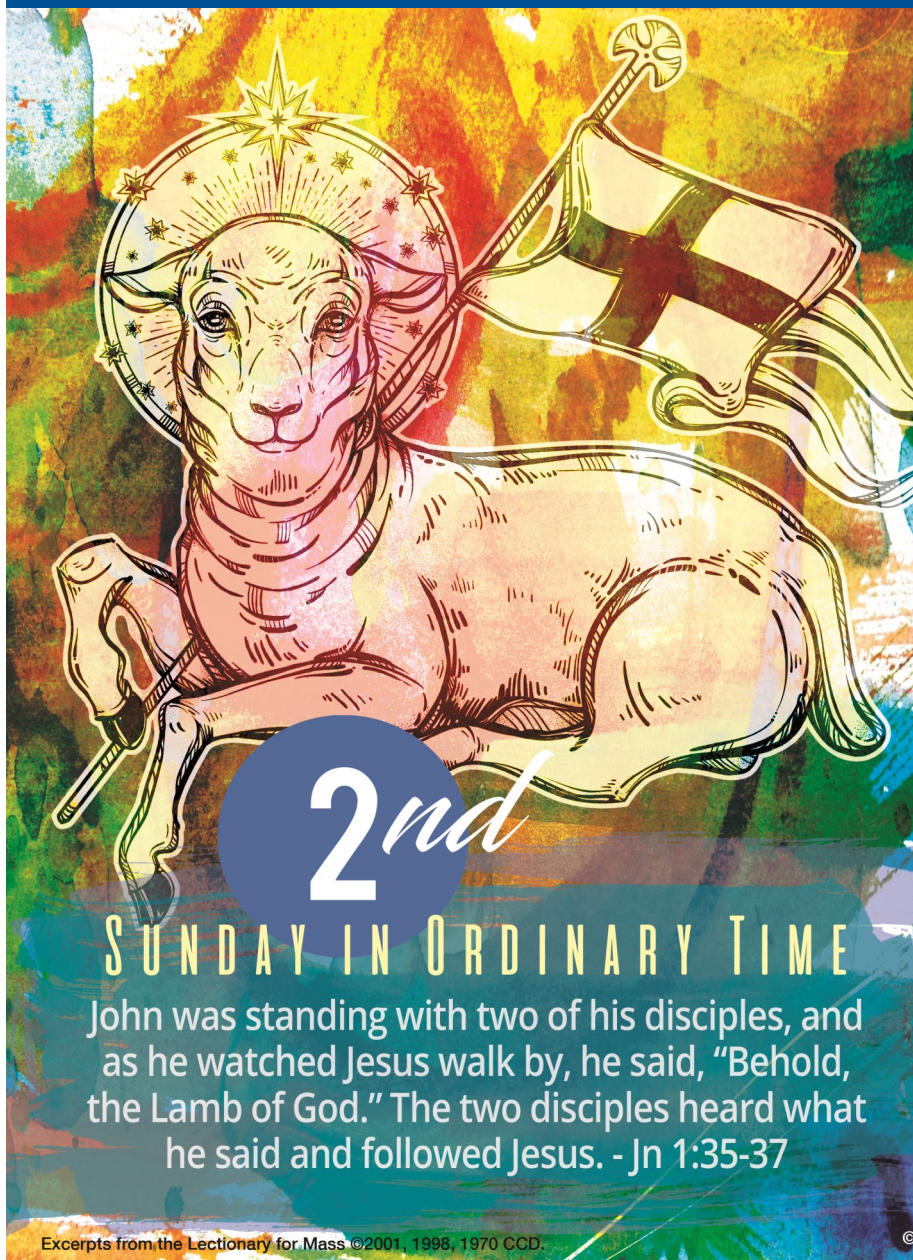
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SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. - Jn 1:35-37

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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.

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, January 16 — Vigil

4:00 PM † James & Lucille Lipari by Jackie Elias

Sunday, January 17 — 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM † Petritis Family by Family

10:30 AM † Val Gene Veschio by Dom & Shirley Vaccaro & Family

Monday, January 18

8:00 AM † Madalyn Billy by Mr & Mrs Steve Beck

Tuesday, January 19

8:00 AM † Dr. Joseph Young by Niece

Wednesday, January 20

No Mass

Thursday, January 21

8:00 AM † The Josay & Vaccaro Families
by Shirley & Dom Vaccaro

Friday, January 22

8:00 AM † Betty Ann Hazy by Jim, Hope, Kali and Tom

Saturday, January 23 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Michael Hazy by The Jim Hazy Family

Sunday, January 24 — 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM † Anthony J. Mascetta & Maria & Frank
Dolessandro by Lena Mascetta

10:30 AM † Virginia M. Quattro by Dolores & Ralph Tegnelia

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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 — Jan. 23 & 24

Time	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
4:00 p.m.	S. Surdyn	S. Beneccio
8:30 a.m.	G. Pesi	N. Mazzie
10:30 a.m.	J. Sepesky	T. Billick

Money Counters

Monday, January 18 —Team #3—K. Byron

If you would like to **listen to the bible** when you can, check out the audio version of the YouVersion Bible app (Audio on Bible.com—YouVersion). This is the direct link to instructions:

<https://help.youversion.com/l/en/article/ayv8e2ormh-how-to-listen-to-bible-audio-on-bible-com>



With Deepest Sympathy — Condolences are extended to the families of FRANK J. GAELILEI, FRANK R. DELUCA AND TERESA TROZZI. May God grant them eternal rest, and comfort to their families. We commend their souls to rest in the peace of Christ.

Our Mission as Followers of Jesus

At first glance our readings for this Sunday of Ordinary time seem to reflect in an exact way what we celebrated last week with the Baptism of our Lord. However, there is an important distinction which sets our readings apart from focusing solely on Baptism. The readings for this week move us to reflect on Jesus' identity and mission. John calls Jesus the "Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world." We know these words from mass, but what is the real significance of the title?



The sacrifice of animals to remove guilt for wrongs committed was part of the religious landscape of Israel. The sacrifice of the Passover lamb originally belonged to liturgy celebrated in the home. In time, the Passover liturgy and the sacrifice of the lamb formed a part of the annual Passover liturgy of the temple. Part of the significance attached to this liturgy was the removal of the people's sin and guilt accumulated during the preceding year.

John places the crucifixion of Jesus one day before the Passover, the Day of Preparation. It was on this day that the Passover lamb would have been sacrificed in the temple. John wants his readers to think of Jesus as the true Passover sacrifice. He would like his readers to understand Jesus, and not the lamb slaughtered in the temple precincts, as the lamb that takes away the sins of the world.

Our baptismal task is continually to deepen our own understanding of who Jesus is and to make him known, and to deepen our own understanding of our Christian identity as the beloved daughters and sons of God, as the Body of Christ. Like John, we go from not knowing to seeing to testifying. More than likely, we are not called to testify to the Son of God by going out and baptizing or doing great things. We testify to Jesus' identity and carry forth his saving mission by being faithful to the ordinary things in life, by doing God's will. The revelation of Jesus' identity and how he is made known in the world is mediated by the way we die and rise every day.

Thus we also must become more fully the "Lamb of God." This means that like Jesus, we must be willing to die to ourselves for the sake of others. Like John the Baptist, to whom "Jesus came toward," opportunities to die to self-come to us every day. Like John, we simply need to open our eyes to recognize and respond to opportunities to carry forward Jesus' ministry to others. From the first reading we are reminded of how we are amiss in listening to the voice of God. If we never take the time or make the effort to hear what God might be saying to us, how can we follow? We must be attentive to God's voice in life; only then will our own understanding of who Jesus is and our own testimony to Jesus' presence is manifested through the good we do for others.

Readings for the week of January 17

Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

Monday: Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 and 10c [5]/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: Heb 7:25—8:6/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 [8a and 9a]/Mk 3:7-12

Friday: Heb 8:6-13/Ps 85:8 and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [11a]/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Mk 3:20-21

Next Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

Weekly Collection Jan. 10

Votive Candles:	103
Utility & Energy:	265
Accent:	0
Donation:	1,000
Children & Adult Collection:	5,935
Online Collection:	1,284
Total Collection:	\$8,587
Eastern Europe:	5
Total Collection:	\$8,292

Tax Season is right around the corner. It is that time of year when we start to think about gathering all of our “stuff” for taxes. If you would like a copy of your donations statement for 2020, please call the office.



Lenten Fish Fry

Lent begins on Wednesday, February 17 and is a little way off yet, but know that we are working on putting together some type of Fish Fry during Lent. We're not really sure what it will look like yet, but know that we will be doing something. We will have more information about this in the coming weeks.

Financial scholarships available at Geibel

Geibel Catholic Junior-Senior High school still has financial scholarships available for grades 7 through 11 for the second semester of the 2020-21 school year. Please contact the school at 724-628-5600 for more information or apply online at www.geibelcatholic.org

New Year

The year is still young. If you haven't made any promises to yourself yet, consider:

- ◆ Do something scary. It can be as simple as putting on that red lipstick.
- ◆ Read more.
- ◆ Organize all your important documents.
- ◆ Make a difference in someone's life.

Valentine Chocolates

Chocolate Fundraiser

Everybody loves chocolate...especially on Valentines Day! St. Sebastian Church will be taking orders for Chocolates from the Pink House in Finleyville. You may order a “heart” shaped box or a regular one. All orders must be in by the end of January. If you have any questions, please call the St. Sebastian Church Office at 724-929-9300. You may also use the form and drop it in the collection basket or send it to the church office: St. Sebastian Church, 801 Broad Ave., Belle Vernon, PA 15012. Below are listed the prices and sizes available.



I would like to order Valentine Chocolates!

Name _____

Best Contact: _____

Regular Boxes:	Heart Shaped Boxes:
#	#
_____ 1 lb. @ \$19.99	_____ 20 oz. @ \$24.95
_____ 1/2 lb. @ \$11.99	_____ 12 oz. @ \$19.99
_____ 1/4 lb. @ \$6.99	_____ 9 oz. @ \$11.99

Total amount: _____

Masses Online

Our Masses are now live streamed on YouTube and Facebook. This means that you can watch it in real time, and the link will be live at any time afterwards. All live streamed and recorded Masses will be available on our YouTube Channel. For convenience the week's Mass will also be posted on our website. The Christmas Mass is the last one listed on Previous Masses on our website.



Recording Assistance

If you have any interest in assisting on the ‘backside’ of livestreaming the Mass, know that you are welcome. If you would like to know all that is involved, call the office and we will be happy to answer any questions you have. If we have enough people we can set up a schedule. Don't worry that you will be locked into every Mass!

Also, since everything is already in place, if anyone is interested in recording daily Mass, that is an option we now have. The process is a lot easier than operating a cell phone!

This new system opens more possibilities for getting the Word out. If you are in high school or older, and have any interest in video/audio or social media (especially Instagram), give us a call.

Appreciation

A very large thank you to **Kevin Iacovangelo** for the many hours of recording and editing of the Mass from Easter through Christmas. His efforts have certainly been appreciated by myself and many parishioners.

Adult Faith Formation



We will be holding another bible study session via Zoom. We will begin on Monday, February 15. The series, **Forgiven**, will run for 5 sessions and explores the Transforming Power of Confession, exploring the grace and healing offered

through the sacrament. By looking at God's revelation of his mercy in Scripture and making a step-by-step examination of the Rite itself, **Forgiven** communicates God's invitation to each one of us to come experience his indescribable love in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This is the perfect study to enrichen your Lenten journey.

Registration deadline is **Friday, January 29**. Again, we will be going through Formed. If you would like to use a pdf version of the book, there is no cost. If you would like to purchase a paper copy of the book, the cost is \$10. To register, call the office or email Tara at tmanderino@dioceseofgreensburg.org

If you have a smartphone, tablet or computer and would like to join but have some questions about Zoom, let us know and we'll see if we can get it sorted out. After that it's simply a matter of clicking the link and you're in.

DCCW Offer Mass Invitation

The Greensburg Diocesan Council of Catholic Women invite all who are unable to attend the March for Life in Washington D.C. to pray with them on **January 29 at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg**, The event will begin at 11:30 a.m. with the Rosary for priests. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop-elect Larry J. Kulick at noon. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is scheduled at the conclusion of Mass until closing prayer and Benediction at 4 p.m. No reservations are needed and you may attend at any time during the day. For more information, call Millie at 724-537-2064.