

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 31, 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.



"I KNOW WHO YOU ARE—THE HOLY ONE OF GOD!"
- MK 1:24

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, January 30 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Calvin & Adeline Smith by Family

Sunday, January 31 — 4th Week in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM † Virginia Quattro by Clemmie Malec

10:30 AM † Frances Turkovich by Kostelac & Winn Families

Monday, February 1

8:00 AM † Frances Turkovich by Rosalie Nicksich

Tuesday, February 2

8:00 AM † Lola Baldini by C D of A Court 776

Wednesday, February 3

No Mass

Thursday, February 4

8:00 AM † John "Jake" Young by Dr. Martin & Madeline Dudas

Friday, February 5

8:00 AM † William Marino by Family

Saturday, February 6

4:00 PM † Val Gene Veschio by Rosalie Nicksich

Sunday, February 7

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

10:30 AM † Pauline Mihalich by Dan Razum

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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. 6 & 7

Time	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
4:00 p.m.	B. DuBreucq	L. Henry
8:30 a.m.	M. Melvin	J. Todd
10:30 a.m.	P. Fantauzzi	K. Imbresica

Money Counters

Monday, February 1 —Team #5 — R. Croushore

Scholarship

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, 2021.

We are called to be People of Action!



What does it mean to have authority, and how do we determine when one speaks with authority? Isn't it true that when we are told something from someone with authority we are more apt to listen? What is it that gives one such authority, it has to be more than just a job or a uniform, and it has to be something much deeper. Our gospel today informs us that Jesus "taught as one having authority and not as the scribes." What was it about his words that gave people such an impression? Today our readings relay to us how Moses spoke with the authority of God and the promise of the prophets would do the same. In the Gospel Mark is trying to establish the authority of Jesus.

The people of Israel in the first reading are getting ready to enter the Promised Land and they are aware that Moses will not be with them. They are assured that God will send Prophets among them who will speak with the "authority" of God and lead them through their journey of life. The identity of Jesus' authority rests in his identity as the "Holy One of God" – indeed his identity as the divine Son. The "new teaching with authority" about which the people are amazed is not the healing miracle in itself, but rather the display of God's face-to-face presence mediated in Jesus. The Old Testament prophets were looked to by the people to mediate God's presence and will; they were terrified to encounter God fact-to-face. In Jesus, however, God is present and encounter with this God is not terrifying but astonishing and amazing.

One of the reasons that Jesus acquired such notoriety is that he was a man of action. He was recognized as one having authority because he acted according to his word. The other church authorities knew the Law and how to fulfill its letter. In other words, they knew God's word because they were scribes with that role within the community, but they had not received it into their hearts; it had no effect on their actions. Their words and deeds did not measure up, so their words were empty and their lives did not witness to God's goodness and presence. The authority that the demon speaks of in the gospel is not a power over people as much as an invitation to a new life. His is an authority that derives from modeling how a true servant of God lives. This is what made him so different from other leaders of his time. He did not follow the adage "do as I say and not as I do," rather he lived every word that he spoke.

As we listen To St. Paul speak to the Corinthians he once again enforces his notion that chastity and virginity are superior ways to live. However if we just listen to the words, we might miss the point of what the message is about. Not only is Paul asking what our priorities in life are, but we are also reminded that no matter where we are in life our obligations to be Christ's presence in life is the same. What matters most is that married or celibate, we serve God and each other with our chosen vocations.

Bottom line is that we all need to be more attentive to live the words that we speak and by our actions people should be able to tell we are God's own. To be a true disciple is not to be caught up in mighty deeds but be a part of the integrity where our words and deeds manifest the same integrity as Jesus' life. We probably will always be drawn to the mighty deeds in life, but we also need to be able break the barriers in life that separate people. It is love that matters, and it is the love of Christ in our hearts that will enable us to be that divine goodness to all we meet.



With Deepest Sympathy — Condolences are extended to the families of ANTOINETTE A. REDA. May God grant her eternal rest, and comfort to her family. We commend her soul to rest in the peace of Christ.

Stewardship

Weekly Collection Jan. 24

Votive Candles:	136
Utility & Energy:	160
Accent:	10
Children & Adult	
Collection:	4,791
Online Collection:	750
Total Collection:	\$5,541



Eastern Europe Collection



Next week we will take up the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection supports the Church in more than 25 countries that still struggle to recover from former communist rule. Funds from this collection support pastoral care, catechesis, building, renovations and seminary formation. Your support restores the Church and builds the future in this region. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection next week.

Lenten Fish Fry

We are trying our best to provide a “pick up” fish fry this year. As we are working on how the details, we are looking for people who might be able to help deliver. I am sure that there are many people who would use a delivery service. We will need people to deliver 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. Our first fish fry will be on Ash Wednesday, February 17. I thank you in advance for considering to help!



Catholic Schools Week

Since 1974, National Catholic Schools Week has been the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. It starts on the last Sunday in January and runs all week, which in 2021 is **January 31 – February 6**. The theme for National Catholic Schools Week 2021 is “**Catholic Schools: Faith. Excellence. Service.**” St. Sebastian Regional Catholic School will observe the annual celebration week with **Masses, Virtual Open Houses and Fun Festive Activities for students & their families**. Through these events, our school will focus on the value Catholic education provides to young people and its contributions to our church, our communities and our nation. If you would like for your child, or know of a family that would benefit from a Catholic education, please call our school office at **724-929-5143**. If you have any questions you can also email the Principal, Mrs. Carole Aiello at caiello@ssbv.org. We are now accepting registrations for next year!



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. Call the school office for more information. 724-628-5600.

Faith

Presentation of the Lord

Forty days after the Nativity of The Lord brings us to **February 2** when Mary and Joseph present Jesus to God in the Temple. As Simeon and the Prophetess Anna, were able to see that the babe was the Messiah, and the light of the world, so are we encouraged to see Christ's light in the people around us. On this day, the Church demonstrates its gratitude to all those in the community that dedicate themselves in a privileged way to prayer, and to those who have a particular religious vocation to the contemplative life.



Blessing of Throats

Due to COVID concerns, we will not be doing the traditional Blessing of Throats on St. Blaise Day, February 3 when it is customary to touch throats with blessed candles. However, there will be a general prayer of blessing during Mass.

Ash Wednesday



Providing for the safety and welfare of the faithful has necessitated many modifications to our ritual practices. 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 the faithful are **urged to undertake penitential practices during these Lenten days**.

Bishop Ordination

Bishop-elect Kulick Installation and Ordination Mass to be celebrated Feb. 11 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 an abundance of caution and in order to prioritize the health and safety of the faith community, attendance will be extremely limited and by invitation only.

However, the entire diocesan community is invited to participate in the celebration, which will be available for viewing on the diocesan website, 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.

Readings for the week of January 31

Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 [8]/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

Monday: Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24 [25]/Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 [8]/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40

Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a [cf. 17]/Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9, 10-11 [cf. 10]/Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc [1a]/Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Mk 6:30-34