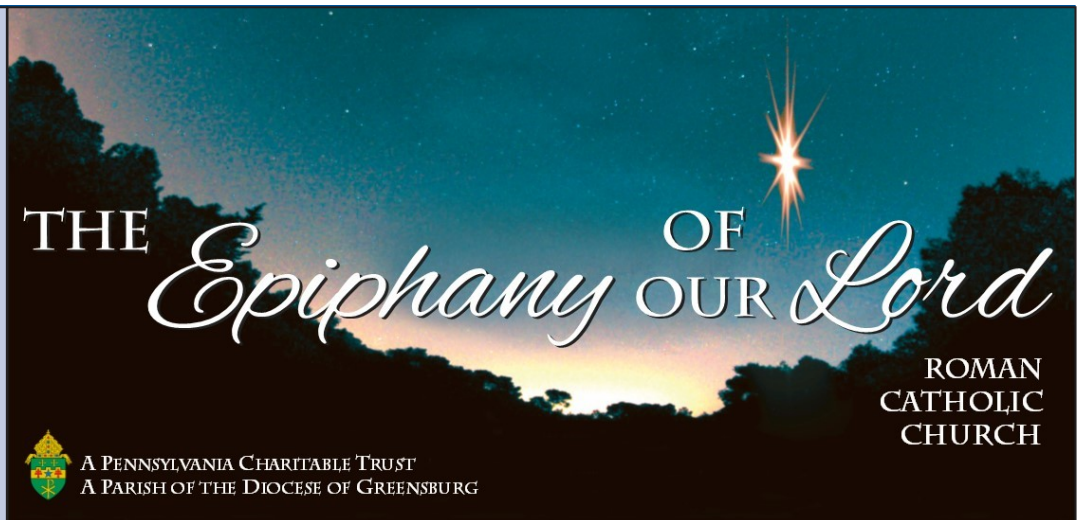


MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday:
4:00 p.m.
Sunday:
8:30 a.m.; 10:30 a.m.
Monday, & Thursday
8:00 a.m.
Tuesday, Wed., Friday
NO MASS

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16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. - Mk 6:34

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, July 17 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Ronald Valdiserri by Mr & Mrs John Cattaneo & daughter

Sunday, July 18 — 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM † John Masaino by Mother, Ann

10:30 AM † Chris Salotti by Aunt Mona & Family

Monday, July 19

8:00 AM † Virginia Quattro by Stefany Zemba

Tuesday, July 20

No Mass

Wednesday, July 21

No Mass

Thursday, July 22

8:00 AM † Josephine, Antonio & Adam by Son & Brother, Lawrence

Friday, July 23

No Mass

Saturday, July 24 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Teresa Trozzi by Elizabeth Ceclia

Sunday, July 25 — 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM † Bernie Sarra by Georgia Willey

10:30 AM † Concetta DePiazza by The D'Alonzo - Daugherty Family

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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 — July 24 & 25

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 p.m.	D. Harkins	J. Elias	T. Todd
8:30 a.m.	K. Miller	F. Petrosky	D. DeFelices J. Smith
10:30 a.m.	M. Melvin	T. Mazzei	Volunteer

Money Counters

Monday, July 19—Team #3— K. Byron

Responsible Shepherding

Today our Liturgy speaks to us about the many shepherds we have in life. We usually think of shepherds as being religious leaders; however Jeremiah quickly reminds us that the kings and all the leaders of Israel were also shepherds, and they were the ones directly responsible for scattering the sheep, or the children of Israel. Jeremiah bemoans that everywhere he looked all he saw was spiritual, moral, social and political decay. It was the greed of the power hungry shepherds that was directly responsible for the fate of so many people.



It is easy for us to sit down and look back over history and recognize the “bad shepherds.” It is an entirely different matter to look into our own hearts and see how we may have led people astray. It is easy to look at political leaders and see the neglect of justice and truth that some of them have. It is a whole different matter to look into our own hearts and see these same flaws and weaknesses. Every society and family is fractured and split at times, losing hope, tense and nervous about the future. But like Jeremiah, God promises to bring about justice and save us. We need to be thankful to all of the prophets who, though unpopular most of the time, remind us of our own failings, but inevitably call us to live hopefully with the possibility of a new life in which our shepherds will reflect God’s own shepherding care.

The gospel shows us how enthusiastically the people were in learning from Jesus. They couldn’t get enough of his gentle wisdom on life and living. The people were starving to learn about God’s mercy. This enthusiasm however, would not allow the disciples to take a minute and rest. There is a valuable lesson for all of us to get from this scene. Unlike the self-serving shepherds that Jeremiah speaks of, those who want to shepherd in Jesus’ name must learn to put the needs of others ahead of even their own need to rest. How well we shepherd is directly proportionate to how effective we are in meeting the needs of others. It becomes our task to help people to be faithful to their covenant relationship with God. We are reminded of the importance of hearing and receiving Jesus’ teaching as a first step and essential ongoing aspect of our journey to salvation.

St. Paul in the second reading brings up another issue that is so much a part of our world. He speaks of the separations of people, specifically making reference to the differences between the Jews and the Gentiles. This is a call to each of us to do whatever we can to seek unity and peace between people of all faiths. Being a good shepherd takes a lot of work. We all must be aware of how we show ourselves to the people in our world understanding that it is our mission to be the goodness of Jesus to others.

Weekly Collection July 6

Votive Candles:	139
Utility & Energy:	229
Accent:	11
Children & Adult Collection:	6,483
Online Collection:	628
Total Collection:	\$7,490

Weekly Collection July 12

Votive Candles:	402
Utility & Energy:	171
Accent:	9
Children & Adult Collection:	9,830
Online Collection:	1,234
Total Collection:	\$11,646

Vacation Bible School

We will offer a Vacation Bible School **Tuesday, August 10 – Saturday, August 14** in our parish hall. VBS is always fun not only for the children who attend, but also for all who help in making it happen. If **anyone would like to help** with VBS this year, please give us a call at the office and we will make it happen.

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.

Stewardship

Lottery Tickets for Basket Auction

We are still accepting lottery tickets for our Lottery basket. If you could donate a new lottery ticket of any denomination by Sunday, July 18 we could 'up the ante' on our basket. Drop the ticket in the collection basket in an envelope marked 'Lottery Ticket' Thank you in advance.



Festival Menu

INDOOR MENU

Italian Platter	\$10.00
Meat lasagna, cheese stuffed shells, meat ball and sausage, salad or green beans, bread	
Eastern Europe Platter	\$10.00
Hungarian halupki, Epiphany pierogies, Slovak haluski, polis kielbasa, salad or green beans, bread	
Hot Sandwiches	\$6.00
Meatball, sausage or kielbasa (includes toppings)	
Pierogi bar (includes toppings)	\$1.00/each

OUTDOOR MENU

Pizza	\$2.50
w/ pepperoni	\$3.00
Pizzaburger	\$7.00
Walking Taco	\$3.00
Hot Dog	\$1.50
w/ sauerkraut	\$2.00
Hamburger	\$3.50
Cheeseburger	\$4.00
French Fries	\$2.50
w/ cheese	\$3.00
Ice Cream Sundaes	\$3.00
Corn on the cob	\$1.50
Fried Dough	\$2.00
Pop/ Water	\$1.00



Faith

Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion

It seems that more and more people would like to have communion brought to them at home. During the Pandemic this was not permissible, however now we are able to distribute to the shut ins. We are in need of people who might be willing to take communion to some people. You can do this after mass on Sunday or at your convenience.

If you think that you might be able to help with this ministry, please give us a call at the office.

Golden Wedding

Registration open— Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass



Bishop Larry J. Kulick desires to recognize all couples celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary during the calendar year 2021. The jubilarians, their children, relatives or friends should contact their local parish office to register couples for this recognition. Ideally, the jubilarians will be invited to join the bishop for a special Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass to be celebrated in Blessed Sacrament Cathedral on **Sunday, Sept. 19**. Even though personal circumstances may not permit individuals to participate in the Mass, all registered couples will receive a scroll signed by the bishop commemorating their anniversary.

Volunteering

Pennsylvania Child Protective Clearances

As the Church slowly begins to start up our programs, I need to remind you that **if you are a volunteer in anyway at the parish you need to obtain your clearances**. One of the clearances that you will need is **Mandated Reporter**. There will be a class on **July 19** at 6:00 p.m. at Epiphany of Our Lord Parish Hall. If you have any questions about any of the clearances you will need, please give us a call and we will help you.

Epiphany Bowling League

It's the middle of summer but we're looking ahead to fall activities. Men and women are invited to join the **mixed bowling league** which begins Monday, September 13 at 6:30 p.m. The league bowls at AMF Bowling Co. Belle Vernon Lanes (former Brunswick 51 Lanes). For more information or to register for the league, call Robert Reda at 724-787-1204 by **Friday, July 30**.



Festival News



We're looking forward to a fun festival in a few weeks— **July 31 & August 1**. We'll have a few new features this year— but we'll still have great homemade food, rocking bands, and outdoor Mass and lantern release (weather permitting). The **Balloon Guy** will be back Sunday afternoon. **Golf carts** will continue to provide transportation up and down the hill from the parking area.

So, what's new? First, we'll have a bit of a western theme going. Unfortunately, we can't have a horse race so we're gearing up for our **Duck Derby!** Buy a rubber ducky for \$5.00 and cheer it on to the watery finish line on Sunday afternoon to win a prize. You'll also have a chance to send someone to the pokey! (But not Fr. Mike—he's the sheriff!) We'll have a variety of amusing 'warrants' to buy that will keep the prisoner corralled for a short time.



For the past several years we have rounded out the festival with our **lantern release** at 9:30 p.m. Saturday (weather permitting). Lanterns can be purchased at the festival or on the website (www.eolparish.com) under the festival tab. Mass will be at 10 p.m. We will offer **wine and cheese** to round out the evening.

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