

## 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

**June 13, 2021**

# THE Epiphany OF OUR Lord

ROMAN  
CATHOLIC  
CHURCH



A PENNSYLVANIA CHARITABLE TRUST  
A PARISH OF THE DIOCESE OF GREENSBURG

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## 11<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“To what shall we compare the kingdom of God? It is like a mustard seed ... once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants.” - Mk 4:30a, 31a, 32

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

### 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, June 12 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Christopher Campana by Mom, Dad, Brother & Family

### Sunday, June 13—11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM † Anthony Volpe by Family

10:30 AM Feast of St. Anthony

### Monday, June 14

8:00 AM † Theresa, Joseph & Lewis Arabia by Family

### Tuesday, June 15

No Mass

### Wednesday, June 16

No Mass

### Thursday, June 17

8:00 AM † Joanne Cocciolone by Mary Moncini Family

### Friday, June 18

No Mass

### Saturday, June 19 — Vigil

4:00 PM † All Fathers Living & Deceased

### Sunday, June 20 — 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM † All Fathers Living & Deceased

10:30 AM † All Fathers Living & Deceased

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## Ministry Schedule — June 19 & 20

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 p.m.	R. Kozar G. Pesi	L. Henry	J. Sacco D. DeFelices
8:30 a.m.	F. Petrosky	A. Pastella	T. Todd
10:30 a.m.	P. Fantauzzi	E. Yatchyshyn	S. Yatchyshyn

### Money Counters

**Monday, June 14**—Team #2— W. Anders

## Altar Servers

We have started to reschedule altar servers. If you are a youth, have made your first communion and are interested in serving in this capacity please call the office. Even if you are in middle school or high school and have not previously served in this capacity, you are most welcome. Please contact me or call the office.



**With Deepest Sympathy** — Condolences are extended to the family of ANTOINETTE “TONI” ROMAN. May God grant her eternal rest, and comfort to her family. We commend her soul to rest in the peace of Christ.

## The Mystery of Life

All of life is a mystery and it changes right before our very eyes every day without our being aware of it. Today we look at the Mystery of God’s presence throughout all of history and try to understand how God works. We are left with the reality that the Kingdom of God is the greatest mystery of all.



Our Liturgy of the word starts out with God asserting his sovereignty leaving no doubt about the power God has over the earth. If we let our imagination run with the first reading, try to imagine the image of a majestic tree which brings shelter for all the birds of heaven. In a land that is arid, this image brings a sense of comfort and peace. Ezekiel is relating to the people of Israel a message of hope for restoration in this exiled nation. Ezekiel wants to impress upon the people that God will do everything that is promised.

Ezekiel’s message of God fulfilling the promise with the sheltering of majestic trees aligns itself with the parable we find in today’s gospel. It seems significant that, when Jesus wanted to speak of the great mystery of the kingdom of God, what he turned to were these same every day, taken-for-granted mysteries of growth and fruitfulness. So often, the stories Jesus tells are drawn from the world of planting, harvesting, shepherding, pruning. It is a wonder how “timeless” these parables are. As the story today of the man scattering the seed touched the minds of its first listeners, so too do we get the same message, two thousand years later. Jesus wants us to know that like the mysterious growth of new life happening without our understanding, so too is the Kingdom of God ever growing in our midst. It is the humble, almost unnoticeable beginnings resulting in fruitful harvests that get our attention. To preach the kingdom, as Jesus did, always carries with it an element of risk. Indeed, in Jesus’ own time it sounded to some – both friends and enemies – like a call to action, even a call to arms. But this constant referring to the mystery of life itself warns against such an action-oriented reading of the kingdom. Just like the prophets before him, Jesus urges his followers to trust not in their own efforts or plans, but in the mystery of God’s powerful, ever-creative love for them. The sower still has to prepare the land, and sow the seed; but the real work of new life happens in God’s secret ways, while the sower sleeps, and gets on with the rest of life.

## Daily Readings

### Readings for the week of June 13



**Sunday:** Ez 17:22-24/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 [cf. 2a]/2 Cor 5:6-10/Mk 4:26-34

**Monday:** 2 Cor 6:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2b, 3ab, 3cd-4 [2a]/Mt 5:38-42

**Tuesday:** 2 Cor 8:1-9/Ps 146:2, 5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a [1b]/Mt 5:43-48

**Wednesday:** 2 Cor 9:6-11/Ps 112:1bc-2, 3-4, 9 [1b]/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

**Thursday:** 2 Cor 11:1-11/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 7-8 [7a]/Mt 6:7-15

**Friday:** 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [cf. 18b]/Mt 6:19-23

**Saturday:** 2 Cor 12:1-10/Ps 34:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [9a]/Mt 6:24-34

**Next Sunday:** Jb 38:1, 8-11/ Ps 107:23-24, 25-26, 28-29, 30-31 [1b]/2 Cor 5:14-17/Mk 4:35-41

Flag Day, June 14, commemorates the adoption of the Stars & Stripes as the official flag of the United States.



**Summer time** is all about growing things— fruits, vegetables, flowers...weeds! In front of the church entrance and around the marquee we definitely have our share of weeds. As our home of faith, we want to keep those areas especially clean and welcoming. For that we need your help. If you are interested in assisting, please let us know.



The Catholic social teaching principle of stewardship is about being responsible guardians. Exercising stewardship is about caring for the gifts God has given us, including the environment, our own personal talents and other resources.

Aside from volunteering your time, if you are part of a family unit, involve other members, especially children and show them that no matter their age, they can help and are part of the larger community.

**Weekly Collection May 30**

Votive Candles:	90
Utility & Energy:	255
Accent:	9
St. Anthony:	68
Children & Adult	
Collection:	3,477
Online Collection:	634
<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$4,533</b>

**Weekly Collection June 7**

Votive Candles:	91
Utility & Energy:	172
Accent:	58
St. Anthony:	145
Children & Adult	
Collection:	6,991
Online Collection:	590
<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$8,047</b>
Peter's Pence:	52
<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$8,099</b>

**RCIA – What is it?**

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the usual way that adults and children over the age of about 7 are brought into full communion with the Catholic Church. Although it may seem new, this practice actually dates back to the very first days of Christianity, when those who had been Jews or pagans became Christian. The idea was that those who wished to join the Christians in this new way of life would live and pray with them, and in this way learn to be one of them. This process could go on for several years, while the catechumens as they were called, gradually became familiar with the ways of praying, celebrating, and sharing with the community. Finally, after the community leaders were satisfied that they had sufficiently become familiar with this new life in Christ, they were initiated at the Easter Vigil, then for the entire Easter Season, until Pentecost, they were identified with great celebration by wearing their white baptismal garments for the entire 50 days.

The ancient way of bringing people into the community gradually gave way over the years to a more individualized model, whereby those who wished to become Catholic were given instruction by a priest or religious; and while this was fine in terms of the information they received, it really did not give the new person the sense of belonging to a community of faith. Oftentimes, those who joined the Church really didn't get to know others, and as a result, the sense of belonging to a group was lost.

If you think that you might be interested in such a ministry, please give me a call in the office.

**Congratulations!**

**Congratulations Graduates**

This past Sunday we honored the graduates for 2021; it was nice for those who came. I would like to thank the Epiphany Ladies for once again providing a wonderful luncheon. We certainly are proud of the class of 2021, and congratulate all of this year's graduates, wishing them the very best in their future endeavors.

**Graduation Awards**

During the Graduation Luncheon last week, hosted by the Epiphany Ladies, **Alexandra DeFelices** was recognized as Senior Girl of the Year. She was also the recipient of the C.D. of A. scholarship.

**Senior Boys Recognition**

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the Holy Name Society was unable to sponsor our annual awards/recognition breakfast. During the Graduation Luncheon we took the opportunity to honor three senior boys for their service to our parish. They are **Bodie DuBreucq** (altar server/lector), **Angelo Mauro** (altar server), and **Quenten Zboyovsky** (altar server /Cantor). We wish them well in their future endeavors. Again, thank you for all that you have done for your church.



We welcome **Sergio Mateo Beneccio** to the Family of God and the Epiphany of Our Lord Parish. Parents are Sereno and Danica Beneccio.

**Previously Scheduled Masses**

Some of you may have Masses scheduled on a day when Fr. Mike is not here. For those Masses to be fulfilled you have two options: We can have the Mass sent elsewhere, or you may opt to have the Mass retained in the parish and it will be said at a later date. Whether or not we will have another priest later in the year is unknown at this time. Please contact the office **and let us know your preference** for the scheduled Mass. The Masses affected are scheduled on Tuesdays and Fridays. We are not rescheduling Masses for this year.

**Clearances**

If you volunteer in any way at the parish you need to obtain or update your clearances. One of the clearances that you will need is **Virtus** which is a Church requirement. This clearance may be obtained online or you can come to a session which will be held on **July 12 at 6:00 p.m. in the Church Hall**. Please note that that is for the first session. If you have taken Virtus five or more years ago you will need to be re-certified. *This workshop does not pertain to you.* Another certificate that we will offer is the **Mandated Reporter** which will be on **July 19**. This will also be held in the church hall. If you have any questions about any of the clearances you will need, please give us a call and we will help you.

On **Monday, June 14 and June 21** we will be making **haluski** and onions. We will begin at 7 a.m. but come when you can. The more people we have the quicker we can finish! If you have any questions, feel free to call the office.