

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

March 14, 2021

THE OF *Epiphany* OUR Lord

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A PARISH OF THE DIOCESE OF GREENSBURG

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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.



4th SUNDAY OF LENT

“Whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God.” - Jn 3:21

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, March 13 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Henry A. Aloisi by Daughter, Lucille A. Aloisi & Children, Dino & Janine Aloisi & Families

Sunday, March 14 — 4th Sunday in Lent

8:30 AM James Tegnelia by Son, Carl Tegnelia
10:30 AM † Angela, Fiore, and John Sacco by Julia Cain

Monday, March 15

8:00 AM † Dr. Joseph Young by Ted Harhai

Tuesday, March 16

8:00 AM † John Dodaro Family by Paula

Wednesday, March 17

No Mass

Thursday, March 18

8:00 AM † Andrew J. Macko by Shirley & Dom Vaccaro & family

Friday, March 19

8:00 AM † Madalyn Billy by Carolyn Bradley
6:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 20 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Dr. Joseph Young by The Young Family

Sunday, March 21 — 5th Sunday in Lent

8:30 AM † Ron Godla by Pat & sons
10:30 AM † Rose Biagini by Mary Hasch & Judy

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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 — March 20 & 21

Time	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
4:00 p.m.	D. Harkins	J. Dudas
8:30 a.m.	K. Miller	K. Zimmaro
10:30 a.m.	M. Sacco	E. Yatchyshyn

Money Counters

Monday, March 15—Team #2 — W. Anders

The Presence of God's Mercy

As we hear the Word of God on this Fourth Sunday of Lent we are reminded of redemption and God's mercy. In the first reading we hear about the political situation of the Jewish people who are reminded of the warnings spoken by the prophet Jeremiah that unless the people repented, they would have to pay the price for their infidelities. As a result Israel was taken into captivity and the people were the servants of the people of Persia. St. Paul in the second reading reminds us that "God, who is rich in mercy," is always with us. Then the gospel gives us the famous line, "God so loved the world that he gave his only son." In all three readings we see that God's incredible love for all people will never be undimmed.



We can see from our readings today that history has a way of repeating itself. There are so many times in life when God might be telling us something, or at least trying to tell us something and we just are not paying attention. Hind sight might help us to see what we should have been seeing all along. We have many prophets in our world today that are trying to get us to see God's hand in creation, but we are so caught up in our own lives, our own issues that we just aren't seeing what we should be seeing or hearing. In spite of the many mistakes we might make in life, in spite of the many things that go wrong in our world, we are being told today that God restores all things and brings back to life. When all seems hopeless and lost, it is when we learn to trust in God's care that we are given hope and situations get better.

As we look back to the people of Israel, one of the greatest lessons that can be learned is that God's mercy is always with us in life. The Jewish people often felt that they had to earn that mercy and love. They believed that when they did wrong God would take that mercy away and only when the people earned the love of God was it returned to them. St. Paul is quick to remind us that God's mercy is always there, we could never earn it. He tells us that we do not earn God's grace or mercy, and salvation is not something we can boast about. It has been said that "Christ is the savior of sinners rather than a rewarder of the sinless." Christian holiness and the good works we do are not the cause of salvation. They are the result of it. The Lenten season is a time when we respond more deeply and generously to the grace that inspires us to perform the good works of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

The gospel shows us that eternal life comes from Jesus being lifted up on the cross. We simply cannot earn that ourselves, God freely gives us that gift through Jesus. It is through the death of Jesus that we are given life. We need to remind ourselves that the salvation that God brings to us is belief in Jesus accompanied by good deeds done in his name. God's mercy is always there, even when it is hard for us to see and recognize it. It is good for us to look back over our life and recognize how our lives have been changed by God's grace and mercy without any effort on our part. It is only when we realize how gifted we are with God's mercy, freely given that we are able to be lifted up and freely embrace this life that we have been given.

THE WELL Men's Conference virtual conference

The Diocese of Greensburg men's conference, THE WELL, will have a **virtual conference from 9-11:30 a.m. March 20**. The seminar is free to anyone who wishes to attend and will be available on the Diocese of Greensburg website and Facebook page. Register at www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/THEWELL.

With Deepest Sympathy — Condolences are extended to the families of DOLORES MATUSH AND ROBERT FUOCO. May God grant them eternal rest, and comfort to their families. We commend their souls to rest in the peace of Christ.

Stewardship

Diocesan Lenten Appeal



Cleaning Ministry

Our Lenten Appeal is picking up momentum! Thus far we have a total of \$29,306 in gifts and pledges. This amount comes from 124 families which is **14.9%** of our parish! This is really good news and we all need to be grateful. However, we are not finished yet. Please remember that I am grateful for anything that you are able to give this year, but if you are not in a position to make a gift, can you at least give \$1.00. This way you will at least be participating and you will be a part of the process.

Remember that with the money we get from DLA this year I hope we can do some **much needed work to the Church**. If you have any questions or concerns about DLA this year, please feel free to contact me.

Local Food Bank

During the Lenten season we focus on our Stewardship and how we **share with people who are less fortunate** than we are. This year, we will use our local food bank as our stewardship. If you would like to make a contribution to the food bank, simply put your contribution in an envelope and mark it **food bank**.

Weekly Collection March 7

Votive Candles:	118
Utility & Energy:	215
Accent:	24
Ash Wednesday:	20
Lenten Folder:	263
Easter Flowers:	280
Holy Thursday:	15
Good Friday:	10
Children & Adult Collection:	6,334
Online Collection:	888
Total Collection:	\$8,167

Remember that we have a delicious Fish Fry every Friday from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.!

Delivery available until 3:00 p.m.

Fish sandwich – Shrimp platter – Side Special
Take out only. Call 724-684-5512

New!

We will also be offering **gluten free fried fish platter**. The platter will consist of 2 pieces of gluten free breaded fried cod, coleslaw and green beans. Please call ahead to order the gluten free platter.

Pierogies

Pierogi Making



We have two more weeks of pierogi making! These will be for sale on Palm Sunday; details closer to that date. **No orders will be taken**. There will be a limit on the number of bags sold. Dust off that apron and join us. Keep in mind that social

distancing and mask wearing are a must. Also, there will be no food served during this time. We are also requesting that no snacks be brought in. We hope to see you there. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to call the office.

We will meet on: **Sunday, March 14** at 2:00 p.m. and **Monday, March 15** at 9:00 a.m. and again on **March 21** at 2:00 p.m. and **March 22** at 9:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation



Because of COVID-19 and the social restrictions we need to follow, there will not be any regional penance services at this time. As we did at Christmastime there will be times scheduled where Fr. Joel and

I will be available for Confession. Since we are not permitted to use the Confessionals at this time, we will hear confessions in the Sacristy or in the Sanctuary.

This week we will be hearing confessions at **Epiphany on Monday at 6 p.m. and after Mass on Thursday**. At **St. Sebastian's**, we will hear confessions on **Monday 6 p.m., Wednesday after Mass, and on Friday at 10 a.m.**

Services for Holy Week

Once again because of the pandemic our liturgies for Holy Week and Easter will be scaled back. There are some things that we simply cannot do. Remember that we are still limited as to the number of people we can put into the church, because of the spacing issue. Know that when the church has reached capacity, we will be live streaming the liturgy in the Hall.

Blessing of Baskets

This year we will be able to resume Blessing of the Baskets for Easter. This will be done on Holy Saturday. Foods for Easter Sunday are placed in the basket and brought to the church for a blessing. Baskets are traditionally lined with an embroidered cloth or traditional folk fabric, and covered with a white linen cloth, often embroidered or with crochet edging. The baskets themselves are decorated with sprigs of greenery or flowers.



Online Bible Conference

As we prepare for Holy Week, the Augustine Institute (Formed) is offering a free online bible conference via Zoom. Some of the nation's most dynamic Scripture scholars will present on Saturday, March 27 for a one day virtual event that begins at noon ET. There is no fee for registrants. To register go to <https://bibleconference.augustineinstitute.org/> The website has the list of presenters and topics.

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.

Easter Bread Sale

We will be selling **homemade** Easter Bread available for pick up on Good Friday. Orders must be in by **Friday, March 19**. The bread will be \$8 per loaf / \$9 with raisins. You may order using the form below and dropping it in the collection basket or mail. Or email Tara at tmanderino@dioceseofgreensburg.org

Name: _____

Best Contact: _____

Qty: _____ @ \$8.00 each _____ with raisins @ \$9.00 each

Total due: _____