

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 21, 2021

THE OF *Epiphany* OUR Lord

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"THE HOUR HAS COME FOR THE SON OF MAN TO BE
GLORIFIED." - JN 12:23

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

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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, 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

Monday, March 22

8:00 AM † Jerry Tonarelli by Patti & Family

Tuesday, March 23

8:00 AM † Pat Kovach by Dr. Martin & Madeline Dudas

Wednesday, March 24

No Mass

Thursday, March 25

8:00 AM † Deceased Volpe Family Members by
Rosina Volpe Family

Friday, March 26

8:00 AM † Florence Stimak by Susan Stimak & Family

6:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 27 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Joe, Joann, Irene, Al, Dorothy and Ralph by
Rosalie Nicksich

Sunday, March 28 — Palm Sunday

8:30 AM † Antoinette & Anthony Reda by the Gelli Family

10:30 AM † Bill Bielewski by Wife, Ruth, & Sons, Jeff & Bill

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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 27 & 28

Time	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
4:00 p.m.	D. Harkins G. Pesi	S. Beneccio
8:30 a.m.	F. Petrosky M. Melvin	K. Zimmaro
10:30 a.m.	M. Sacco W. Vlasic	E. Yatchyshyn

Money Counters

Monday, March 22—Team #3 — K. Byron

Like a Grain of Wheat

With only two weeks left to this Lenten season, our focus is starting to turn to death and rebirth. Lent is not just a season for our own personal spiritual growth; it is a time of renewal for the whole church. All over the world, men and women are using these last weeks to prepare themselves to be reborn through Baptism and sustained through the Eucharistic table. It is a time of birth for the Church universal, we all rejoice in the newness that Easter brings.



If we were to look honestly at our lives, we would probably have to agree that an awful lot of our behavior, attitudes and opinions are based on past behavior or experiences. There are things in all of our lives that we would just as soon let go of, but too often we carry way too much of our past with us and it does affect our present, not always in a positive way. In the first reading today Jeremiah is reminding the people of Israel as well as all of us that God will make a new covenant. Not one that is written on stone tablets but instead, in our hearts. This new covenant is all about relationships in life; ours with God, as well as with one another. This new covenant which God offers to us is one of love, which puts us in a seat of responsibility, one to another.

This covenant is given birth within us at our Baptism. It is through those cleansing waters of our Baptism that we are brought into this new covenant. It is through our Baptism that we are forever bound to God. This covenant which is written within our hearts calls each of us to spend our lives in service of the God who made us through our service or relationship to one another. Jesus in the gospel tells us exactly how this is to be done.

Today we hear from the last gospel of John before the Passion and death of Jesus. In this selection we are given the analogy of being like a grain of wheat. Jesus is facing his own mortal end and is in anguish over what he was going to have to deal with. As much as he would have like to turn away and just get on with life, he knew that it was for this purpose that he came. He reminds all of us who are baptized into this new life that we are just like that grain of wheat. In order for it to bear fruit, it must fall to the earth and die. Our lives are just like seeds. Sometimes we have to bury our past to get new life. Sometimes we need to remember the covenant God has made with us not to remember our past transgressions. It is only when we are willing to die, that we can bring forth new life. Dying to self is what a disciple of Jesus is all about.

Just as we are in relationship with God, so too are we in relationship with one another. We must be willing to die, or give of ourselves if we are to be productive in life. A seed will not grow without falling to the earth and dying, and neither can we. It is through the covenant of God's grace that we are able to allow ourselves to die in order to bring

forth new life. Like a seed or grain of wheat, we are filled with much potential. We must be willing to die to one way of life in order to bring forth new life. Over the remaining days of this Lenten season, think of the many ways that you have fallen to the earth and died, just to bring forth new life



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

Stewardship

Diocesan Lenten Appeal



The ministry of Livestreaming Masses

We are moving rather nicely with this year’s campaign. I am pleased with what has been given thus far and with the participation. We have accumulated **\$34,891** in gifts and pledges and this is coming from 147 of our parishioners. I am grateful for what has been done thus far.

It would be nice to get enough from this campaign to do the work that we would like to have done in the Church. If you have any questions about DLA this year, please feel free

to give me a call at the office. be a part of the process.

Local Food Bank



During the Lenten season we focus on our Stewardship and how we **share with our neighbors who may be 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**. While we all like to donate items, the truth is the food banks can make cash go exponentially further as wholesalers and supermarkets will sell to the food banks at a significantly lower cost. It is nutritious food that for whatever reason, can not be used in the store.

Weekly Collection March 14

Votive Candles:	179
Utility & Energy:	222
Accent:	31
Lenten Folder:	570
Easter Flowers:	548
Holy Thursday:	20
Good Friday:	20
Easter:	160
Children & Adult Collection:	6,378
Online Collection:	653
Total Collection:	\$8,781

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

This is our last week of pierogi making before Easter! We will meet on **March 21** at 2:00 p.m. and **March 22** at 9:00 a.m. Bags of frozen pierogies will be for sale after Palm Sunday Masses, March 27 & 28. **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 while making Pierogies, 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.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

As there is no regional penance service, Fr. Joel and I have an expanded schedule for reconciliation. This week we will offer the sacrament of reconciliation at the following times:

Monday: After Mass at St. Sebastian’s and Epiphany

Tuesday: 6:00 p.m. Epiphany

Wednesday: 6:00 pm.. St. Sebastian

Thursday: 6:00 p.m. Epiphany

Friday: 10:00 a.m. St. Sebastian



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. If you haven’t participated in this custom before, think about doing so. Traditionally, the foods in the baskets are: **Butter**—usually in the shape of a lamb or cross; **Easter bread**—symbolic of Jesus, Our Bread of Life; **horseradish** —symbolic of the Passion of Christ; **Salt**—represents purification; **Kielbassa**—indicative of God’s favor and generosity; **Cheese** — Symbolic of the moderation Christians should have at all times; **Candle** — Christ is the light of the world; **Ham** — great joy and abundance or **lamb** — a reminder that the Risen Christ is the ‘Lamb of God’; **Eggs**—symbolizes new life and the resurrection.

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Around the Diocese

New Bishop on Accent On-Air

“The Accent On-Air: Rooted in Faith” will premiere on WTAE Channel 4 on **Sunday, March 21 at 11:30 a.m.** The show will re-air on Sunday, March 28 at 11:30 a.m. This special episode features a video biography of newly ordained and installed **Bishop Larry J. Kulick**, including a visit to his hometown of Leechburg and his alma mater, St. Joseph High School in Natrona Heights. Plus, highlights from his Ordination and Installation as Sixth Bishop of the Diocese of Greensburg will be featured, as well as a look at how his strong Slovak roots influenced his formation. “The Accent On-Air” is always on TheAccentOnline.org.

Holy Week musical program scheduled

The **Connellsville-Dunbar Catholic Community** will present a livestreamed Holy Week musical program at **7 p.m. Monday, March 29.** Titled “Holy Week: A Journey Of Hope Through Song And Scripture,” the inspirational program will trace the events of Holy Week from Palm Sunday through Good Friday and explore the themes of Triumph, Baptism, Eucharist, Penance and Remembrance. Words to familiar hymns will be provided so that viewers at home can sing along. The program may be viewed by visiting the **parish website, youghcatholic.org.** The partner parishes of Immaculate Conception, St. Aloysius, St. Rita of Cascia and St. John the Evangelist comprise the Connellsville-Dunbar Catholic Community.

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.