

## 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 7, 2021**

# THE OF *Epiphany* OUR Lord

ROMAN  
CATHOLIC  
CHURCH

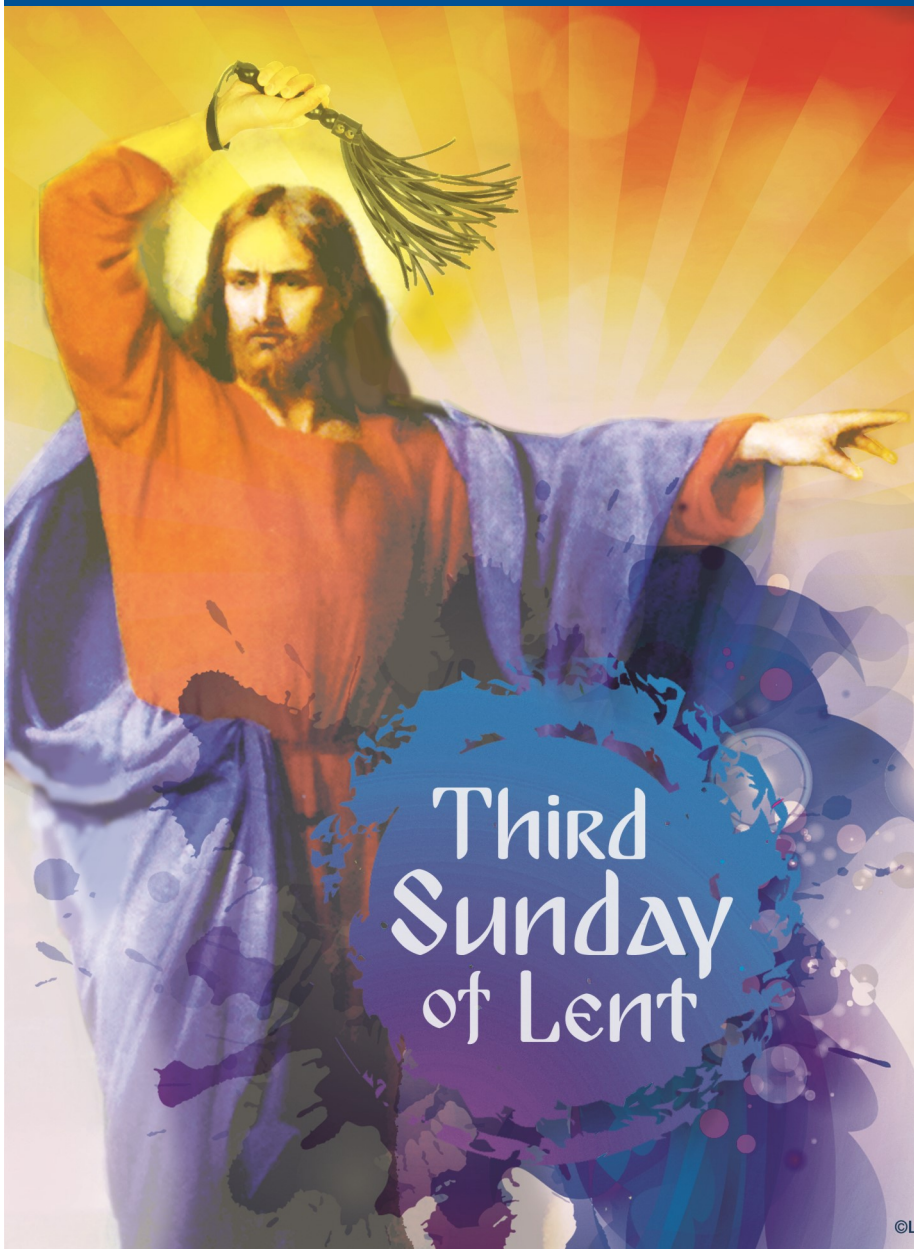


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A PARISH OF THE DIOCESE OF GREENSBURG

**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

**Pastor:** Rev. Michael Crookston  
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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 6 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Christopher Salotti by Rosalie Nicksich

### Sunday, March 7 — 3rd Sunday in Lent

8:30 AM † Marie Sickles by Sister, Betty Nash

10:30 AM † Our parents: The Sala and Monaghans by Ginny & Sandy

### Monday, March 8

8:00 AM † Ray & Olive Bronder by Ruth Jane Todd & Family

### Tuesday, March 9

8:00 AM † Virginia Quattro by Stefany Zemba

### Wednesday, March 10

No Mass

### Thursday, March 11

8:00 AM † Dolores Kutska by Vince Burger Family

### Friday, March 12

8:00 AM † Antoinette Reda by Norm & Donna Vesely

6:00 PM Stations of the Cross

### 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

### Parish Office:

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**Parish Office:** 724-684-7661 • **Fax:** 724-684-8981

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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 13 & 14

Time	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
4:00 p.m.	B. DuBreucq	J. Elias
8:30 a.m.	M. Melvin	J. Todd
10:30 a.m.	G. Pesì	T. Mazzei

### Money Counters

**Monday, March 8**—Team #1 — P. Pettko

## A Cleansing of Our Hearts



Today our liturgy is packed with violence as well as the very laws that were given to protect people from violence. It seems that we are presented with yet another contradiction in the message of Jesus. Here is a man who most often shows us the extreme example of what it means to live a peaceful life losing his temper and exhibiting a great deal of violence directed at a number of people. Jesus is cleansing the temple alright, but why is he doing it in such a violent manner? Try to imagine yourself inside that temple, going about your own business when all of a sudden Jesus freaks. I am sure that it was unsettling to say the least.

Why was Jesus so angry? Was it because there were people in the temple taking advantage of others? Were people taking advantage of a sacred space for their own gain? Was it because Jesus was far more concerned with justice rather than sacrifice? It is probably a little of all these reasons. Were the people really doing something wrong? Was not the temple the “safe” place to offer sacrifice and do commerce? So, why did Jesus all of a sudden object to what had been happening in the temple for hundreds of years. It is obvious that he wanted the people to understand he was claiming absolute authority over the Temple, that his risen body would become the central shrine that would replace the Temple.

We as Christians do not like violent images of Jesus. When we think of Jesus we like to do so as that gentle man who sat peacefully on the mountain giving his life changing sermon, or the individual who beckoned the children to come to him. We don't mind seeing Jesus feeding the 5,000 or raising someone from the dead. These are all peaceful images of how we like to imagine Jesus. However, the man brandishing the whips and cords doesn't necessarily sit well with us.

Life as we live it has an awful lot of violence to it. As we see Jesus reacting so violently we are confronted to the violence within ourselves, or at least the potential of violence. We are confronted in the same way that the love of Jesus may be lacking in us. We react to violence in a number of ways. Often we tend to take out our rage and anger on someone or something else exhibiting passive aggressive behavior. Or, we can embrace a mass amount of guilt and take on the responsibility for the evil in life making ourselves to blame. However, the real meaning of violence lies somewhere between these two extremes. It is good for all of us to probe the meaning of violence in our own lives as well as in our nation.

Not all anger need explode into violent behavior. There is a certain violence in the way we speak of other people who are different from us, the ways we use power to exploit the weak, the ways we are silent in the face of massive injustice, the ways in which people in leadership lie to us and their lies lead to violence. There is violence in any behavior that dehumanizes people. Jesus did purify the temple, maybe to show us how during lent we all need to purify the temples of our hearts.

### Ministry Callout

Please let Tara know if there are any changes to your schedule by **Monday, March 8**. The new schedule will run until Sunday, May 16. You can call the office or email Tara at [tmanderino@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:tmanderino@dioceseofgreensburg.org)

Also, we are always in need of **cantors**. If you are interested in serving in this ministry, contact Fr. Mike or call the office.

**With Deepest Sympathy** — Condolences are extended to the families of CONCETTA DiPIAZZA AND HELEN R. MANDARINO. May God grant them eternal rest, and comfort to their families. We commend their souls to rest in the peace of Christ.

Stewardship

**'Be the Light' with 2021 Diocesan Lenten Appeal**



The 2021 Diocesan Lenten Appeal is offering parishioners throughout the Diocese of Greensburg a chance to **“Be the Light”** for their faith community. The Lenten season is a reminder that Christ is the light in our lives and this is an opportunity to “Be the Light” for those in need. The COVID-19 pandemic has affected everyone in some way and this includes the faithful of the diocese.

There is a way to help by supporting the 2021 Diocesan Lenten Appeal. Even a small gift can make a big difference in your parish. Donate to the “Be the Light” campaign to support God’s work that is being done in the Diocese of Greensburg. The photo is from the Catholic Churches of Uniontown who raised money to pay for food boxes to help over 600 families.

Thus far we have heard from 12 of our parishioners and they have **pledged a total of \$11,210**. This is a wonderful start and if we keep this momentum up we will have no trouble doing the work in the Church.

I am asking that you please consider being a part of the DLA this year, any gift no matter how large or small will make a difference. If you have any questions about this year’s DLA, please know that I am available to answer them.

**Weekly Collection Feb. 28**

Votive Candles:	129
Utility & Energy:	17
Accent:	7
Easter Flowers:	29
Easter:	50
Children & Adult Collection:	3,802
Online Collection:	826
<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$4,628</b>

**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**.

**Groups**

**Holy Name** Sunday is next Sunday, March 14. Corporate Communion will be at the 8:30 a.m. Mass. There will be **no meeting** in March.

**St. Sebastian Lenten Soup Sale**

**St. Sebastian Church** is offering **Italian Wedding Soup** for sale by pre-order this Lent. The cost is \$7.00 per quart and payment must be included with the order form and mailed to St. Sebastian Parish, attn.: Soup Sale, 801 Broad Ave. Belle Vernon, PA 15012. Pick up will be on **Saturday, March 13**, between 3:30—5:30 pm from the Parish Hall. Deadline is **Sunday, March 7**.

**Italian Wedding Soup**

**Pick up Date: March 13, 2021, 3:30—5:30 p.m.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**\$7.00 per Quart # of Quarts** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total with this Order** \_\_\_\_\_

**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. The theme of the event is “Jesus is Knocking, Open the Door!” Two dynamic speakers will be featured: Mike Aquilina of Bridgeville, an award-winning author of more than 50 books on Catholic history, and Father Boniface Hicks, O.S.B., director of spiritual formation at St. Vincent Seminary in Latrobe. Interested men are asked to register for this free event so they are able to receive detailed information. **Registration can be found at [www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/THEWELL](http://www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/THEWELL)**. Those who have paid and registered for the in-person conference, scheduled for Sept. 25 at Christ Our Shepherd Center, 2900 Seminary Drive, Greensburg, are registered for this event.

*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**

**Pierogies**

**Pierogi Making**



We will be making Pierogies again this week and for the next several. These will be for sale on Palm Sunday; details closer to that date. If you’re planning on pierogis for your Easter table, we’re hoping to meet that need. **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 7 at 2:00 p.m.** and **Monday, March 8 at 9:00 a.m.** Other dates are: **March 14 at 2:00 p.m.** and **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.**

**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. You may order using the form below and dropping it in the collection basket or mail. Or you can email Tara at [tmanderino@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:tmanderino@dioceseofgreensburg.org)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Best Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Qty: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$8.00 each

Total due: \_\_\_\_\_