

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

May 2, 2021

THE *Epiphany* OF OUR LORD

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



A PENNSYLVANIA CHARITABLE TRUST
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5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

“I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing.” - Jn 15:5

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, May 1 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Jessie Balogh by John Zawicki

Sunday, May 2 — 5th Sunday of Easter

8:30 AM † Edward & Son, Edwin Filipowski by wife & mother, Stella Filipowski

10:30 AM † Arthur & Lena Marino by Joe & Suzanne

Monday, May 3

8:00 AM † Ann Pettko by Daughter, Patty

Wednesday, May 5

No Mass

Thursday, May 6

8:00 AM † Clarita Billick by C D of A Court 776

Saturday, May 8—Vigil

4:00 PM All Mothers Living & Deceased

Sunday, May 9 — 6th Sunday of Easter

8:30 AM All Mothers Living & Deceased

10:30 AM All Mothers Living & Deceased

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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 — May 8 & 9

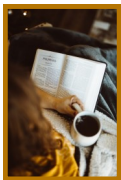
| Time | Lector | Eucharistic Minister |
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| 4:00 p.m.. | R. Kozar | L. Henry |
| 8:30 a.m. | F. Petrosky | A. Pastella |
| 10:30 a.m. | W. Vlasic | T. Mazzei |

Money Counters

Monday, May 3—Team #1 — J. P. Pettko

Daily Readings

Readings for the week of May 2



Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 [26a]/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

Monday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Jn 14:6-14

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21 [cf. 12]/Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [cf. 1]/Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10 [3]/Jn

15:9-11

Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12 [10a]/Jn 15:12-17

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21

Next Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 [cf. 2b]/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17

We Are the Branches

Today's readings reveal to us that we are intimately connected to the essence of God, like a branch connected to the vine. We are reminded that our lives must imitate that which we profess to be; we cannot speak one way and act another. The only way in which we can bear fruit that is good and wholesome is to stay in constant contact with Jesus, to remain in him like a branch on a vine. Only when the life of Jesus dwells within us, are we able to bear fruit.



The vine is always there encouraging the branches to go out and produce fruit. The vine is the main source of life for all of the branches, if it were not there the branches would wither and die and there would be no fruit. It is the ever present "vine" that is always encouraging us to go into the world and produce much fruit by becoming the very best we possibly can. This is also what God our creator wants for each of us, and the reason we were created in the first place.

As disciples we are baptized into a life that calls us to live lives of self-sacrifice and service. Jesus reminds us that we are to go into the world and "love not in word or speech but in deed and truth." The vitality of the branches depends on the life that flows to them from the vine. The branch can be vital only by remaining on the vine. Resurrection life in believers is like that: it is something which must be maintained.

Just as we are to maintain our connection with Jesus the true vine, so too are we to be in connection with one another. We must never forget our responsibilities to one another. As we ponder over our "connectedness" in life, we are reminded of the many people who have helped to nourish us along our journey. We must never forget their kindness and their love. By our speech as well as by our actions we must show all of those people how grateful we are for the gift of life and love that they have shared.

The Easter season provides us with an opportunity to look at ourselves and see how we can grow. We should all take advantage of this time and look at how we are with one another. Do we show our appreciation for the many good things people do for us? Do we in turn share those good things with others? The image of Jesus as a vine and us as the branches is a beautiful one indeed. In order to have a sense of life and love we have to feel connected to people. This week think of your many connections in your life, if some of them need pruning so that you can bring forth much fruit, then, make it happen.

Weekly Collection April 25

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| Votive Candles: | 115 |
| Utility & Energy: | 55 |
| Accent: | 0 |
| Ascension: | 10 |
| Children & Adult Collection: | 3,989 |
| Online Collection: | 686 |
| Total Collection: | \$4,855 |
| Communications: | 10 |
| Total Collection: | \$4,895 |

Ministry Callout



Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Cantors, please let Tara know if there are any changes to your schedule by **Wednesday, May 5**. The new schedule will run until **Sunday, July 10**. You can email Tara at tmanderino@dioceseofgreensburg.org or

call the office.

If you are interested in serving in any of these ministries, contact Fr. Mike or call the office. We will be happy to add you to the list.

Stewardship

Music and Liturgy



When we look at the effects that COVID has had, it has touched every aspect of life and living as we know it. Our entire outlook on life will be forever changed because of it. Our faith community has been dramatically affected from the way that we gather in church, to how we pray the Liturgy; it has been altered because of the pandemic.

We all long for some normalcy in life, and just want things to be the way they were! One aspect of Liturgy that has been dramatically altered is the music. We have practically done without singing; thank goodness for our accompanists and cantors who have truly kept us afloat. As we look at returning to some kind of “normalcy” we need to look at our Liturgy and see what we can do and how we can improve. Because music has been so absent for the past year, I think we all have a greater appreciation of **how important music is to the Liturgy**. I would like to have your input as to what you would like to see happen going forward. Since Gina left last year we have not had anyone in charge as director. Before we move into something new, I would like your input: **What would you like to see and how would you like to see our music program change?**

If you have any suggestions or anything that you want to see happen, please let me know. And if you would like to play a role in those changes, please let me know that too. As I look for a director of Music, I would like to know what you would like to see happen in our parish. If you have any suggestions or “wants” please write it down and get it to me.

Pierogi Making

People love our pierogis — And we have fun making them.



Beginning in May we will start making them for the festival. We will be meeting on Monday mornings beginning at 7 a.m. Come when you can! May dates are **May 3, 10, 17 and 24**.

Car Show

Cars, Motorcycles and Trucks!

We will be holding a car show on Saturday, **May 22** from 10 a.m.— 4 p.m. Dash plates to the first 100 vehicles. Participants pick Top 3 Trophy Winner. Personalized photos of your vehicle and a commemorative gift. \$10 per vehicle. Raffles—Dj—Food —Door Prizes —Basket Auction. **Call 724-314-3117 to register or for more information.**



Motorcycle Blessing

17th Annual Motorcycle Blessing, Latrobe

Holy Family Church in Latrobe is hosting a motorcycle blessing on **Sunday, May 23rd at 11:45 a.m.** (following the 10:30 a.m. Mass). The blessing will take place in the Christ the Divine Teacher School parking lot located at 323 Chestnut Street, Latrobe, PA, 15650. Please contact Herb or Charlene Nicholson at 724-532-4135 for more information.

Nurses Week

If there was ever a year of the nurse, 2020 would have been it. **National Nurses Week is May 6—12**. Take a moment to say thank you to a nurse you know, whether you needed her or his services this year. The World Health Organization (WHO) extended the Year of the Nurse into 2021 because of the impact of the pandemic and visibility of nurses’ contributions.

Faith

1st Grade Parent Faith Formation Meeting



All parents of children who wish to receive the Sacraments of First Penance & First Holy Communion next year are welcome to attend a **mandatory** meeting on **May 17, at 6:30 p.m.**, at Epiphany of our Lord Church. This meeting is **required** for your child to receive the

Sacraments. If you do not attend, we will assume that **your child will not** be receiving the Sacraments next year. If you do not receive a letter or email about this meeting, please call Scott Martin.

Transitioning

If you have been watching Mass livestreamed during the pandemic, but are now starting to think of returning to church, you may have to prepare yourself. When viewing Mass, we have a tendency to get comfortable, sit back, relax – and if we’re not watching live, tend to even fast forward! There is a rhythm to the Mass, purposely set with times of silence and stillness; a time to stand, to kneel to sit. Sitting comfortably on the sofa we tend to forget that. If you haven’t been doing so, follow the Mass the same way that you would when in church: stand, sit, kneel. As more people are vaccinated and are returning to church, you may want to think about transitioning from the sofa to a pew. We’re happy to see you!

National Day of Prayer

An annual day of observance held on **May 6**, the first Thursday of May, the National Day of Prayer was designated by the United States Congress as the day when people are asked "to turn to God in prayer and meditation". The president is required by law to sign a proclamation each year, encouraging all Americans to pray on this day.

The modern law formalizing its annual observance was enacted in 1952, although earlier days of fasting and prayer had been established by the Second Continental Congress from 1775 until 1783, and by President John Adams in 1798 and 1799.

Plan to attend church, or pray at home. Some will join prayer groups or meditate. Use #NationalDayOfPrayer to post on social media.



Groups

Holy Name Sunday is next Sunday, May 9. Corporate Communion will be at the 8:30 a.m. Mass. There will be **no meeting** in May.

Craft / Vendor Show

St. Sebastian Parish in Belle Vernon will be having a craft and vendor show Saturday, **May 8 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.** in the social hall.

There will be a wide variety of vendors and homemade crafts. There also will be prepackaged food available for purchase. Social distancing measures will be in effect.



Catholic Charities

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.