

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 9, 2021
6th Sunday of Easter

THE *Epiphany* OF OUR LORD

ROMAN
CATHOLIC
CHURCH



A PENNSYLVANIA CHARITABLE TRUST
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.



Happy Mother's Day!

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

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

Monday, May 10

8:00 AM † Geri Harris by Alice Kotch & Children

Wednesday, May 12

No Mass

Thursday, May 13 — Ascension Thursday

8:00 AM † Ralph Niccolai by Paul & Connie Risky

Saturday, May 15—Vigil

4:00 PM † Angela Caporossi by Ida Dalfonso

Sunday, May 16 — 7th Sunday of Easter

8:30 AM † Raymond Coccione by Family

10:30 AM † Ronald Valdiserri by Rene Moncini

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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 15 & 16

Time	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
4:00 p.m.	S. Surdyn	K. Byron
8:30 a.m.	J. Petritis	K. Imbrescia
10:30 a.m.	M. Melvin	E. Yatchyshyn

Money Counters

Monday, May 10—Team #2 — W. Anders

Daily Readings

Readings for the week of May 9

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

Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 15:26—16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [7c]/Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: *Ascension:* Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20

Friday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [8]/Jn 15:9-17

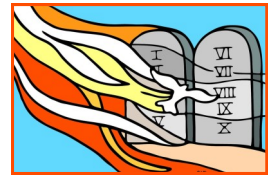
Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-10, 10 [8a]/Jn 16:23b-28

Next Sunday: Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20 [19a]/1 Jn 4:11-16/Jn 17:11b-19



Love, Friendship and A New Law

When we think of the Commandments that God has asked us to live by, we usually think of them in terms of telling us what we are not supposed to do. Things such as you shall not kill, lie or cheat represent our traditional thoughts of God's commands. Today we are presented with a more positive look at God's commands; we are told simply to love. Could there be any easier way to live our lives, and yet this can be the hardest of all the commands to make a part of our life. Love in the Gospel sense is a double edged sword; God's love for us is both free and costly. It is free in that God chose us as we hear from the First letter of John; it is costly in that being loved requires us to love one another as we have been loved.



When Jesus refers to love it is in a different sense than what the Hebrew Scriptures means when it speaks of love. In the Old Testament "love" is a standard terminology used to describe the loyalty that partners in a covenant owe one another. In turn, love/ loyalty is measured by the lesser partner in the covenant obeying the commands of the greater partner; in other words, to love is to be loyal, and to be loyal is to obey.

Jesus moves way beyond this original concept of love. Jesus tells the disciples "I have called you friends." This love of friendship is different from the Old Testament notion of covenant love. Jesus goes so far as even to describe what he means by friendship. Friends do not keep secrets: "I have told you everything I have heard from God." Friends share the same values; what is important to one is important to the other: "keep my commandments." Friends sacrifice for one another; they "lay down one's life for one's friend." Friendship with Jesus is essentially directed towards others, embracing even those who are radically unlike us – as we are told in the first reading. And so, Jesus joins love with friendship in giving us a new law by which we are to live our lives.

Life would be so much easier if everyone would listen to this law and embrace it as a way of living. It is disheartening when we hear stories of parents and children, brothers and sisters, former good friends estranged and in some cases, literally hating each other. This is not how it is supposed to be! Jesus does call us friends and we may be friends with Jesus, but how often and how much we can't stand those other friends of Jesus! So then, what does this new command of love ask of those who profess to believe? Quite simply put we are being called upon to go out of our way for others, acting for their good and well-being, coming to their aid when they need help, even at our own personal expense. A lot has to happen to our world and to ourselves before this kind of love can be experienced and we can all become friends and love as Jesus loved. Discipleship means loving when loving is difficult and there are barriers to be overcome. This week think of what barriers you have to overcome in your life and in your relationships with one another, and then through the grace and love of God, do whatever you are able, to love as we are asked.



Volunteers Needed

Consider it volunteering, stewardship, or just helping out. We all appreciate the big and little things done around the church but don't often think that we can assist. There are roles for everyone, even more-so during this pandemic. **If you would like to help out in any way, let's talk.** A few roles to consider: cantors, readers, greeters, sanitizers and people to help with livestreaming. If you are coming to Mass anyway, think about giving a few extra minutes and helping out.

Stewardship

DLA

We are wrapping up this year's campaign. We reached our diocesan goal of \$42,577 by collecting in pledges and gifts: **\$49,278**. The money that comes in from here on will stay completely in our parish. Now that the DLA is finishing up, we will start to look at what we can do within the Church. I will have more information on this in the coming weeks.

Weekly Collection May 3

Votive Candles:	155
Utility & Energy:	196
Accent:	0
Ascension:	65
Children & Adult	
Collection:	5,869
Online Collection:	517
Total Collection:	\$6,386
Communications:	35
Total Collection:	\$6,421

CRS Spotlight

COVID-19 will continue to spread and halt our lives until there is equal access to vaccines. Cases are on the rise in India, Brazil and other vulnerable areas around the world. India's hospitals have run out of oxygen and intensive care beds. Brazil accounts for 30% of new COVID-19 cases globally.

In high-income countries, 1 in 4 people have received a COVID-19 vaccine. But that ratio drops to **1 in 500** in low-income countries. In addition, 82% of administered vaccines have gone to upper-income countries, while **only 0.2%** have been sent to low-income countries. In order to end the pandemic, every country in the world needs equal access to vaccines.



Traveling by foot—after India's public transit shut down—migrant workers line up for food assistance. (CRS.org)

CRS supports local partners in vaccine rollout and identifying vulnerable groups. Visit www.crs.org for more information! Catholic Relief Services (CRS) carries out the commitment of the Bishops of the United States to assist the poor and vulnerable overseas.

Catholic Communications Collection

Next week, **May 15-16**, our special collection supports the Catholic Communication Campaign. This campaign connects people with Christ and builds Catholic communities in the United States and developing countries using the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half of the money collected remains here in the Greensburg Diocese to fund local communications efforts. Your support helps spread the Gospel message! To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/ccc.

Pierogi Making



Join us for pierogi making as we prepare for the festival. We will be meeting on Monday mornings beginning at 7 a.m. Come when you can! May dates are **May 10, 17 and 24**. We can use your help!

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.**

Faith

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

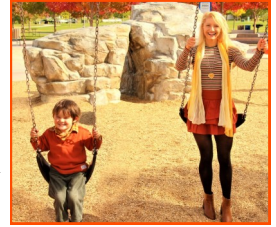


This week we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord. Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday evening at 6:30 in St. Sebastian Church. On Thursday the 13th we will have **Mass at Epiphany at 8:00 a.m.** and at St. Sebastian's at 12:00 Noon.

Ascension Thursday commemorates the bodily Ascension of Jesus into heaven. It is one of the universally celebrated feasts of Christian churches. It follows the account of Acts 1:3 that the risen Jesus appeared for 40 days prior to his Ascension.

A Blessed Mother's Day!

Although it is one day found nestled within the course of the year, today we pause to honor and remember our Mothers. It is always with a sense of joy and love that we remember the life that we have because of them. Just as Mary said yes to God and became a part of God's plan for salvation, so too



are our mothers: co-workers with God in bringing life and love to our world. I would like to extend to **all of our Mothers a very Blessed and joy filled day**, and for all of our mothers who are no longer with us we offer our prayers of gratitude and love. A Joyful and Blessed day to all you Mothers.

Around the Diocese

'Create and Inspire fun-raiser'

Catholic Charities will host a "Create and Inspire fun-raiser" at the **Wooden Loft in Greensburg on Thursday, June 17 from 6-9 p.m.** To register and pick your project, visit thewoodenloft.com/workshop-registration/3202 and enter the code 12345. Seating is limited. Masks required for entry. Snacks and wine are welcome.

Outdoor Food Fair May 21, 22

The Sisters of St. Benedict, **St. Emma Monastery, 1001 Harvey Ave., Greensburg**, will have their outdoor food fair Friday and Saturday, May 21 and 22 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. There will be frozen food that can be taken home, such as soups, tomato sauce and desserts. There also will be basket raffles and mystery boxes. The Benedictine Sisters Catholic Gift and Bookstore will be open. **For more information**, go to www.stemma.org or call 724-834-3060.

Job search information available on Catholic Charities Facebook page

Finding a job is hard. Don't do it alone! Catholic Charities has information posted about a series of education opportunities for creating a resume, interview skills and more. Visit the Facebook page of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg for more information.

Geibel Catholic Annual golf outing May 29

Geibel Catholic Junior-Senior High School will hold its annual golf outing **Saturday, May 29** at Pleasant Valley Golf Club with an 8 a.m. shotgun start. Please contact Tiffany Zylka at 724-628-5600 for more information.