

## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday:

4:00 p.m.

Sunday:

8:30 a.m.; 10:30 a.m.

Monday, & Thursday

8:00 a.m.

Tuesday, Wed., Friday

NO MASS

September 19, 2021

# THE Epiphany OF OUR Lord

ROMAN  
CATHOLIC  
CHURCH

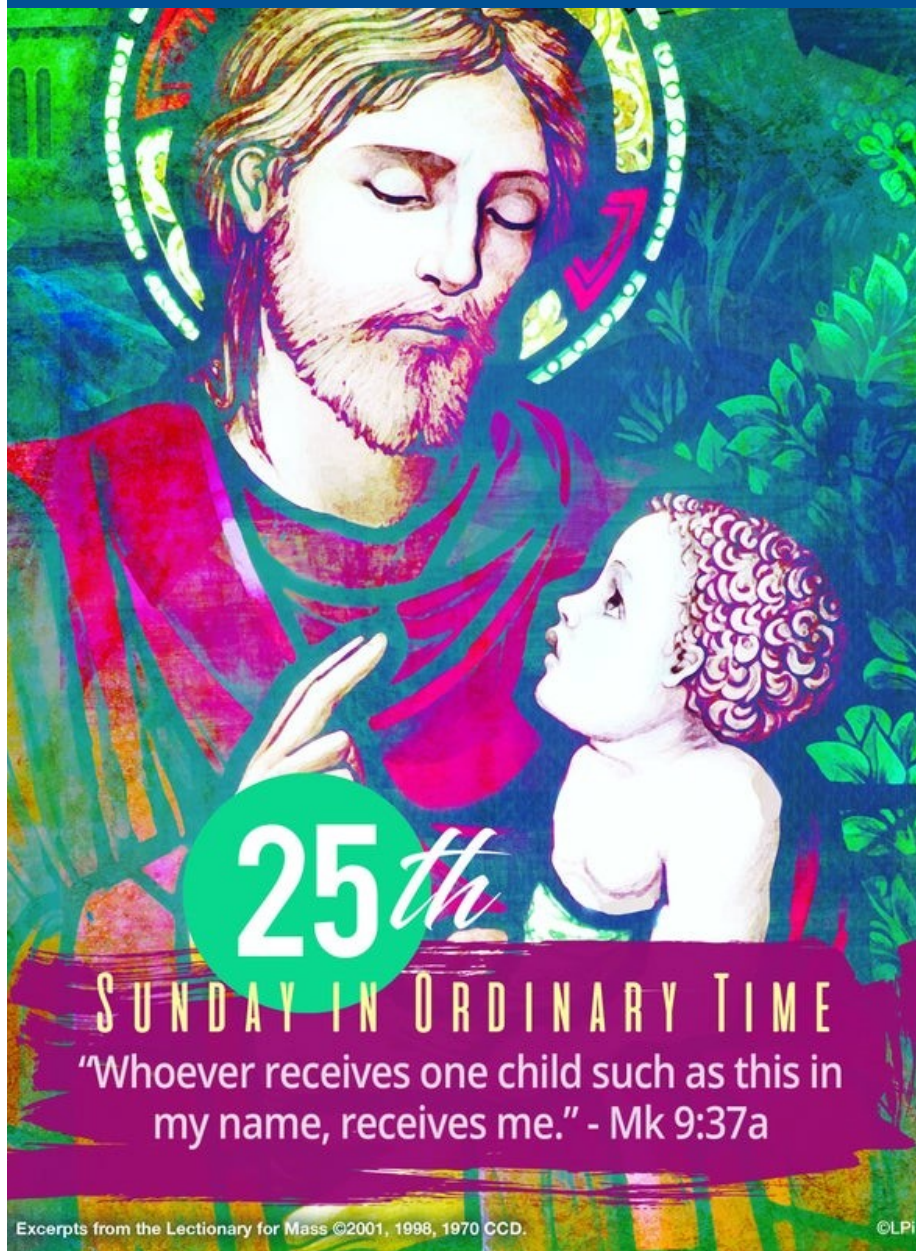


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25<sup>th</sup>

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me." - Mk 9:37a

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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

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## BULLETIN DEADLINE

Any article for the bulletin must be in the office by Monday noon.

## LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

### Saturday, September 18 — Vigil

4:00 PM † The Mascitelli & Minno Families by Family

### Sunday, September 19 — 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM † Jesse Wachs by Mom & Dad

10:30 AM † Jerry Tonarelli by Patti & Family

### Monday, September 20

8:00 AM † Bernie Sarra by Don & Monica Moore

### Tuesday, September 21

No Mass

### Wednesday, September 22

No Mass

### Thursday, September 23

8:00 AM † Milan Pettko by Daughter, Patty

### Friday, September 24

No Mass

### Saturday, September 25—Vigil

4:00 PM † Wilbur Harris by Karen Heesley

### Sunday, September 26 —26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM † Mary Stinogle by Nancy Litovich

10:30 AM † Rita Cocca by Winn & Kostelac Families

### Parish Office:

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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 — Sept. 25 & 26

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 p.m..	R. Kozar	L. Henry	M. Gulliford
8:30 a.m.	F. Petrosky	L. DeFelices	D. DeFelices
10:30 a.m.	W. Vlasic	T. Mazzei	J. Sacco J. Smith

### Money Counters

**Monday, September 20**—Team #3— K. Byron

### Online Giving

With school back in session and Fall activities beckoning, make sure your contribution is counted; consider giving online. You can do it one time, or however long you wish. It can be stopped at any time. Online giving can be found on the website as well as on the app.

## What it means to serve the “least” among us?

In the first reading this week taken from the book of wisdom we are told that the people wanted to “put the just one to the test.” The wicked people had a hard time tolerating the just one because he was a constant reminder to them of what was good. Those who were considered “wicked” were wanting to test God to see if he would save the just one, and if not then they felt justified in thinking that they were right all along. In the Book of Wisdom the wicked ones were the people who had a hard time acknowledging God’s action and presence in the world.



St. James in the second reading reminds us that Christian Wisdom means living in sync with God’s plan, and way too often we allow many forms of discord to disrupt this wisdom, or way of living. We look around and see that frequently jealousy and selfish ambition become our guiding light which can lead us to much unrest in life.

Jesus in the Gospel addresses these issues with his Disciples reminding them that misguided ambition and jealousy have no place in God’s Kingdom and he uses a child as an example of the point he is trying to make. He tells his Disciples that unless they become like a little child, with no jealousy, ambition, or need for power and control, they are missing the whole point of his message. By example Jesus shows how we are to live with humility and the true meaning of greatness. We are to be last and the servant of all if we are serious about following the commands Jesus puts before us.

Jesus, the teacher and master tells his followers that they must be attentive to the least esteemed of society, the children. This example caused the disciples to stop and think about what it was they valued in life, their own concerns and interests or those of the people they served. Jesus shows us how God sets all greatness aside and embraces that little child that resides in every one of us. Jesus certainly makes all of us aware of the absurdity of our ambitions, disagreements and torments that unsettle our communities and families.

Today, our church certainly has shown what ambition and power can do and the damage that it can cause, a lesson we all need to learn from. For this reason the Church has adopted the policy to protect the least among us (our children) in every way that it possibly can. It is a sad testimony to our society that steps have to be taken to ensure that our children are protected. In following through with this notion, the Church requires that all volunteers receive training and acquire clearances.

I realize that this can be an inconvenience for all of us, and that many people rather than obtain the required clearances will simply refuse to volunteer. It is hard enough for people to find time to volunteer, and then to add this additional burden it can seem overwhelming. However, the clearances do not take that long to complete. The state has made this mandatory for any volunteer working around children, so it is not just in the Church. Sometimes we need to step back and look at the “spirit” of the law or requirements and not simply the “letter” of what is being asked.

Granted this is just one more thing that we have to deal with, but when you stack everything up, it really isn’t asking a lot. If you have any issues with this, I do hope you will contact me and we can discuss it. Like the disciples gathered around Jesus who had to surrender many of their attitudes towards life, we too are called upon to do the same. In order for us to help build a stronger Kingdom of God, we all need to work together and working together means dealing with what we’ve got. Like the Wisdom of the Old Testament tells us, our lives need to reflect attitudes of humility and love. All of us are called upon to share the gifts God has given us, no matter what the cost might be.

**Weekly Collection Sept. 7**

Votive Candles:	147
Utility & Energy:	216
Accent:	41
Children & Adult Collection:	5,294
Online Collection:	691
<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$6,389</b>
Seminarian	25
Haiti	127
<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$6,541</b>

**Weekly Collection Sept. 13**

Votive Candles:	155
Utility & Energy:	217
Accent:	17
Children & Adult Collection:	4,700
Online Collection:	610
<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$5,699</b>
Seminarian	20
<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$5,719</b>

**Seminarian & Clergy Formation Collection**



Next weekend, **September 25**, is the *Seminarian and Clergy Formation Collection* throughout the Diocese of Greensburg. Please prayerfully consider making a financial gift in support of our Seminarians, men who are preparing for the Permanent Diaconate, the ongoing formation of our clergy and our International Priests. Please respond using the tear-off portion of the letter that was mailed to you, an envelope that was in the Accent magazine, a special collection envelope in your envelope set from the parish, or online at [www.dioceseofgreensburg.org](http://www.dioceseofgreensburg.org). Also, please support the seminarians and clergy of our diocese by your prayers as they *Grow in the Lord*.

**Catholic Relief Services**

Many rural communities in Totonicapán, Guatemala, don't have electricity, a TV signal, or internet. During the pandemic, this situation made the continuity of children's education a challenge. However, CRS made it possible **thanks to the radio!**



Oralia, a 4th grader, told us, "I study with radio programs. It is easy to follow the instructions because they say which page we are on and explain what we have to do." Visit [www.crs.org](http://www.crs.org) for more information!

"Our life of poverty is as necessary as the work itself. Only in heaven will we see how much we owe to the poor for helping us to love God better because of them." Saint Teresa of Calcutta ("Mother Teresa")

**Faith Formation**

**Faith Formation Dinner This Monday**

The Faith Formation dinner will be held on **Monday, September 20 at 5:30 p.m.** The parent meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. The first day of class for Students in the Religious Education program will be on **Monday, September 20**, following the dinner.

If you have any questions about the program, call Darleen at the Faith Formation Office, 724-929-9300.

**App**

If you recently updated your phone, or for some reason no longer have the church app, this is how to get it: Text ParishApp 1 to 555888 (Apple) / ParishApp 2 to 555888 (Android). Or if you prefer — Search for Parish App in the Apple Store or Google Play. Once you download the app, you will need to select Epiphany of Our Lord as your parish.



**Sharing your Gifts...**

As we enter into Fall and lead up to the new liturgical year in November, it is a good time to think about different ministries and where you can fit in. As with most things, the more you put into it, the more you get out of it. As you saw in last week's list, there are roles to be filled during the Liturgy (**Cantors!**) as well as those dealing with maintaining the outside of the church.

Also, I would also like to start a **new ministry** dealing with the Liturgy. This would entail setting up for Mass and seeing to it that everything is ready. **As a Sacristan** you would be trained in all aspects of the Liturgy and shown how to set up and prepare for Mass. This is an important ministry that we can surely use here at Church. If you regularly attend Mass, this is something you can do.

Also, there are social and service ministries available that you can be a part of:

- Epiphany Ladies
- Holy Name
- Formation/Adults
- Formation of children
- Coffee and Donuts on Sunday
- CBPW (Catholic Business and Professional Women)
- C.D. of A.

As you can see there are many ways you can help in your parish. Epiphany is known to be a welcoming parish, and is noted for its volunteers. Be a part of it. If you have any interests that are not listed here, please let me know. If you would like to be a part of any of our ministries, let us know and we will make it happen.

**Bible Study**

We are planning to hold an in person Bible Study in the Epiphany Church Hall beginning on **Monday, October 11 at 6:30 p.m.** There will be six sessions of *The Mystery of God: Who He Is and Why He Matters*. The cost of the program is \$25 to cover the expense of the study guide. The program will follow the video and discussion format.

Atheism is on the rise. Skeptical thinkers like Richard Dawkins, Christopher Hitchens, and Sam Harris vigorously attack belief in God as irrational or, even worse, dangerous. The so-called New Atheism has attracted millions of young people thanks to bestselling books such as *The God Delusion* and *God Is Not Great*.

How should Christians respond? How can we turn the tide of secularism and draw people back to God?

In *The Mystery of God: Who God Is and Why He Matters*, Bishop Robert Barron reaches into our rich intellectual tradition to teach us how to respond. Using the insights of St. Augustine, St. Thomas Aquinas, and Pope Benedict XVI, he uncovers a clear yet sophisticated understanding of what we mean by "God."

If you are interested, please register by Thursday, September 30. You may drop the registration form and payment in the mail or the collection basket, or drop it off at the office. If you have any questions about the program, feel free to call the office or email Tara at [tmanderino@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:tmanderino@dioceseofgreensburg.org)

**The Mystery of God Study Program Registration**

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

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

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_