

## 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 26, 2021

# THE Epiphany OF OUR Lord

ROMAN  
CATHOLIC  
CHURCH



A PENNSYLVANIA CHARITABLE TRUST  
A PARISH OF THE DIOCESE OF GREENSBURG

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## 26<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me.” - Mk 9:39b

### 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 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

### Monday, September 27

8:00 AM † Minnie Pascarella by Jim & Carol Sepesky

### Tuesday, September 28

No Mass

### Wednesday, September 29

No Mass

### Thursday, September 30

No Mass

### Friday, October 1

No Mass

### Saturday, October 2 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Edward & Edith Palanza by Family

### Sunday, October 3 — 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM † Andrea Maiolini Martin by Jeffrey Frank Maiolini

10:30 AM † John Jannotta by Family

### 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 — Oct. 2 & 3

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 p.m.	G. Pesi	A. Punturiero	S. Punturiero
8:30 a.m.	K. Miller	A. Pastella	D. DeFelices
10:30 a.m.	S. Surdyn	E. Yatchyshyn	S. Yatchyshyn

### Money Counters

**Monday, September 27—Team #4— J. Petritis**

## Unity in God's Love

We all find some comfort in belonging, or fitting in someplace. Sometimes when we belong to something we have a tendency to become possessive which can lead to exclusivity. Whenever we feel comfortable belonging to a certain set of standards or beliefs, we begin to feel that we are right and everyone else is wrong. This is the scenario we find throughout our liturgy this week.



In our first reading the disciples or followers of Moses were threatened because there were people outside of their circle who received the Spirit of God and were able to prophecy. They couldn't imagine how anyone not belonging to their "group" would be given such a gift. We find the same situation in the gospel when the disciples of Jesus were upset because there were people working signs and wonders in Jesus' name. In both cases, Moses and Jesus were inclusive in their explanation; making it clear that God's goodness could not be confined within any boundaries, God's grace is given freely and not restricted to a small group.

It is this feeling of belonging that often leads to division in life. St. James in the second reading addresses how these divisions can lead to destruction. It is interesting that throughout his epistle there is very little reference to Jesus; rather he reflects the tradition of Jesus and his parables. James tries to help the reader to see both love of God and neighbor as necessary for covenant faith, and he places great emphasis on works. James warns us to watch out that our riches in life do not consume us by fostering a false sense of self-reliance and pride. Nor should we be tempted to forget the poor. This epistle breaks all barriers and reminds us of the importance of the moral life of the church.

Division and separation are a part of life; however we must be so very careful not to allow our divisions to shut us off from the message of Christ. We are all called to be tolerant and open to other people of good will. Many people in our world who do not even know Jesus share in the salvific mission of the universal savior. We are once again asked to be humble as children and not proud. We are encouraged to learn from the little ones who know how to trust, listen, learn and grow.

Jesus is close to us, not only in those who believe but in others, too, who love and care for us. Jesus tells us that God loves us even when we are stumbling blocks to that love. What Jesus is asking today, of his disciples and of us, is to remove anything that prevents us – or others – from seeing the love of God that is always there. Discipleship means doing something so great as volunteering for one of the liturgical ministries or so simple as taking the garbage out without being asked. It means that our words and actions are consistent with Gospel values. It means that we are ruthless about choosing to cut out behaviors inconsistent with Jesus' values and gentle about choosing to do the works of the Teacher.

### Weekly Collection Sept. 20

Votive Candles:	175
Utility & Energy:	0
Accent:	0
Children & Adult Collection:	3,739
Online Collection:	1,386
<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$5,300</b>
Seminarian	35
<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$5,335</b>

## Founders' Day

This **Sunday, September 26**, celebrate Monessen's Founders' Day! From 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. there will be vendors, food and activities between 4th and 6th streets. On September 16, 1921 Monessen transitioned from a Borough to a City.

Happy **100th Anniversary** to us!



## Vacation Time!

Fr. Mike will be away from **September 29 through October 6**. There will be no Masses on Thursday, September 30 or Monday, October 4.



## Stewardship

### Seminarian & Clergy Formation Collection

Today is the annual diocesan collection for our Seminarians, men preparing for the Permanent Diaconate, the ongoing formation of our clergy and our International Priests. Please be generous in supporting the needs of our Seminarians and Clergy through this collection. In addition to your financial support, please pray for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and the religious life, so they may continue to Grow in the Lord. To contribute online go to: [www.dioceseofgreensburg.org](http://www.dioceseofgreensburg.org).



### October Count

Beginning next week and running throughout the month of October we will count all of the people who come to church. This gives the diocese the information it needs to plan for the future. **This count references the viability of each of our parishes in the diocese.** We are a year and a half into the pandemic and this count will be important for many reasons. It will be used to determine the future of our diocese. I will report the numbers to you at the end of the month.

### Catholic Relief Services



Recently, Catholic Relief Services has been organizing deliveries of shelter supplies and hygiene items to more than 500 families in a rural village in Nippes Department in Haiti. Every day, we are working to keep reaching people affected by the Haiti Earthquake with critical relief. Visit

at [www.crs.org](http://www.crs.org) for more information! Thanks for your support!

## Outdoor Rosary

### Public Rosary Crusade

On Saturday, October 16 at noon we will gather in the Church parking lot to pray the Rosary. We invite you all to come and pray with us. Bring a chair so that you will be comfortable! If you have any questions about this you can contact Shirley Beneccio at 724-684-7099.



## Movie Night

Mark your calendar. We are planning an Movie Under the Stars on **Saturday, October 9** (rain date, Sunday, October 10). Movie time is 7:30 p.m. but you'll want to come a bit earlier to claim your spot.

Take a step back in time and join us in watching Singin' in the Rain. The song and dance routines capture a magical and romantic time ideal for anyone wanting to escape today's fast paced, technologically driven digital world.

Bring a blanket or chair. We have popcorn, but feel free to bring your own snacks or drinks of any type. If you have any questions, feel free to call the office.



## Faith

### Blessing of Pets

On October 4<sup>th</sup> we celebrate the feast of St. Francis, and we all know that St. Francis is well known for his great love for all of creation, especially the animals. Because of his great love for animals, the church uses this occasion to bestow a blessing upon all of our pets. On **Thursday, October 7, at 6:00 p.m.** we will gather in the parking lot of the Church and celebrate a blessing for all of our pets. If you have a pet of any kind, bring them down to the church on Thursday the 7th and we will bless them!



### 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 \$20 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: \_\_\_\_\_

### Christianity in the Philippines

Bishop Larry J. Kulick and the Filipino priests serving the Diocese of Greensburg will celebrate the 500th anniversary of Christianity in the Philippines with a "Gifted to Give" event **Tuesday, Sept. 28 at 2 p.m.** at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg, Mass will be followed by a light reception. The event is open to the public but **reservations are requested**. To register or view a **schedule of novena Masses** in spiritual preparation for "Gifted to Give," visit [www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/GiftedtoGive](http://www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/GiftedtoGive).