

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 5, 2021

THE Epiphany OF OUR Lord

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23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



And people brought to him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him off by himself away from the crowd. He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!"—that is, "Be opened!" - Mk 7:32-34

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.

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, September 4 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Betty Ann Hazy by James Hazy Family

Sunday, September 5 — 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM † Teresa Trozzi by Elizabeth Cecelia

10:30 AM † Gloria, Ella & Joseph Salotti by Sharie & John, & Salotti Family

Monday, September 6

8:00 AM † Dr. Joseph Young by The Young Family

Tuesday, September 7

No Mass

Wednesday, September 8

No Mass

Thursday, September 9

8:00 AM † Lawrence Babinski by Mom and family

Friday, September 10

No Mass

Saturday, September 11 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Deceased Members of the Lubecki Family by Family

Sunday, September 12 — 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM † Terry Shipley by Wife, Marie

10:30 AM † Sinibaldo & Mary Daniele by Daughters

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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.

*The office will be closed Monday, Sept. 6
in observance of Labor Day.*

Ministry Schedule — Sept. 11 & 12

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 p.m.	S. Surdyn	J. Dudas	D. DeFelices J. Smith
8:30 a.m.	K. Miller	A. Pastella	T. Todd
10:30 a.m.	W. Vlasic	E. Yatchyahyn	S. Yatchyshyn

Money Counters

Tuesday, September 7—Team #1— P. Pettko

Find Strength in God's Loving Presence.

Because of what we hear at our liturgy this week our thoughts turn to what it is we fear in life and more importantly, what we are to do about them. In the first reading Isaiah presents us with a poem that he delivered to the people of Israel right before the Assyrians threatened an attack



in Jerusalem. The people feared this foreign power and this fear was used as an advantage of the Assyrians to weaken the people. Isaiah tells them as he tells us: "Be strong, fear not! Here is your God..." When we realize and believe that the power of God is within us, we have nothing to fear.

Fear has a way of presenting itself in the most clandestine of ways. This week marks the anniversary of the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. Our thoughts are carried back to that day when all of America as well as the world watched with fear and a feeling of helplessness as terrorism paralyzed us. As a nation we value power and materialism, to watch that being destroyed left our nation with a feeling of fear and helplessness. As we look back to that fateful day, the question we must ask ourselves is: what have we learned? How have our lives and values changed since that day?

Fear can be a powerful tool in controlling and manipulating how we live and think. We react from fear without much thought and it moves us into actions which might not be who we really are. We have many fears in life, and because of fear, societies break themselves into various class systems. We find ourselves in a certain station in life and that is, sad to say, where we often stay. St. James in the second reading reminds all of us that there should be no separations of people in our society. We should look at, and treat all people the same regardless of what their particular station in life might be, or how different they think or believe.

When we live out of fear we are often deaf and mute to the wrongs that are around us. We are afraid to speak out for fear that we might not be heard or worse, no one really cares to hear what we have to say. Jesus makes the man in the gospel well again. He went from living a life of fear from the darkness and isolation in his life to a world that became full of sounds and sight. He was given a rare opportunity to take a better look at life and what life has to offer.

We too have been given that same opportunity. With the salvation that Jesus brings to our world we are also made well. We should be able to look around and hear the wonderful creation God has given us. We should all have the courage to speak up for the many injustices we encounter on a daily basis. We should never permit fear to keep us from action. Jesus brings a new reality to our world. He makes real that creative power of God to each of us. We need to live out our lives in such a way that we stop being blind, deaf and mute to the many injustices of life. We need to start looking at life and the people in it as all being equal in God's creative power. We are all being well advised to heed the words of Isaiah and not be frightened, rather be strong because our God is with us!

Weekly Collection August 29

Votive Candles:	187
Utility & Energy:	35
Accent:	15
Assumption:	35
Children & Adult	
Collection:	4,637
Online Collection:	599
Total Collection:	\$5,508
Seminarian	20
Catholic University	37
Total Collection:	\$5,565



Labor Day is Monday, Sept. 6. American labor has raised the nation's standard of living. It is appropriate on this day to pay tribute to those who contributed to the nation's strength, freedom and leadership — The American worker.

With Deepest Sympathy — Condolences are extended to the families of JULIANA AMENDOLA AND DELORES HAZY. May God grant them eternal rest, and comfort to their families. We commend their souls to rest in the peace of Christ.

Stewardship

Haiti Collection



This weekend, we will have a special collection to help the church and the people of Haiti devastated by the 7.2 magnitude earthquake on August 14. This disaster has left thousands dead, wounded others, and caused catastrophic damage

across one of the poorest countries in the world. The Diocese of Greensburg will respond to this urgent need with a special collection to support earthquake recovery on the weekend of **September 4 and 5, 2021**. Please pray for those who have lost so much, and thank you in advance for your generosity.

Catholic Relief Services

Paulina's school meals always have Atol de Elote, a nutritious, traditional corn and soy drink from Guatemala that helps her stay attentive in class. Her school is supported by the McGovern Dole Program, which promotes nutrition and childhood education. Additionally, there are groups of parents from Totoncapán, Guatemala, that meet on a regular basis to choose the most nutritious recipes to feed their children at school. They received training from the McGovern Dole Program to manage resources for school meals. If you would like to try **atol de elote recipe** yourself, there are many variations on the Internet. This one uses soy and corn. <https://ashleyparamore.com/atol-de-elote-week-73-honduras/>



Visit www.crs.org for more information on how you can help support Catholic Relief Services aid those in need!

Groups

Holy Name Sunday is next Sunday, September 12. Corporate Communion will be at the 8:30 a.m. Mass. The regular monthly meeting will be held in the church hall following Mass.

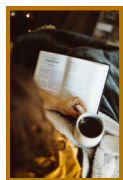
Celebrate with
The Diocese of Greensburg and Filipino Priests

gifted to give
500 YEARS OF CHRISTIANITY IN THE PHILIPPINES

Tuesday September 28 **2:00PM**
Christ Our Shepherd Center **Mass**
followed by reception

Daily Readings

Readings for the week of Sept. 5, 2021



Sunday: Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37

Monday: Col 1:24—2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9 [8]/Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11 [9]/Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c [Is 61:10]/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Thursday: Col 3:12-17/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [6]/Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11 [cf. 5]/Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7 [2]/Lk 6:43-49

Faith

Sharing your Time and your Talent!

Throughout this month, we will focus on the many ways that we are able to **share the gift** of our time and our talents. Our Holy Father has repeatedly expressed the importance of being aware of the needs of people around us. This doesn't refer only to the extreme needs of people in our world, but **includes the everyday needs** that people have.

As Baptized Christians **we are all called to bring the presence of Christ to others** and this is done in many ways. However, before we can begin to share with others we need to be aware of their needs. By stepping out of ourselves and looking around to the many needs that are around us, we can find ways to pitch in. For the next few weeks, just look at your life and try to become more aware of just how blessed we all are! Try to find a ministry you might enjoy being a part of. Also, if you can think of anything that you would like to see happen, just let me know and I will put it out there.

Reminder—Faith Formation Dinner

As we prepare for our Faith Formation year, know that we are planning a Family Dinner for Families of Religious Education Students on **Monday, September 20, at 5:30 p.m.**

Following dinner at St. Sebastian School Hall, the first day of class begins. It will also be the first meeting for Parents of Religious Education students.

If you have a child in faith formation, you should have received a postcard with information. If you are interested in attending, please call Darleen at the Faith Formation Office, 724-929-9300.

Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass

Sept. 19 Bishop Larry J. Kulick will celebrate the annual Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass, recognizing couples celebrating their 50th wedding anniversaries, **Sunday, Sept. 19, at 3 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral**, Greensburg. Couples can be **registered through parish offices**. All registered couples, including those unable to attend the Mass, will receive commemorative scrolls signed by the Bishop.



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.

Around the Diocese

Elvis Tribute Artist Show

St. Edward Parish in Herminie will sponsor Elvis Tribute Artist **Eddie Steen and the Jailhouse Rockers** on Saturday, **September 25th**. Doors will open at 7:00pm and the show begins at 7:30pm. Cost is \$20 per person which includes dessert, coffee and beverages. This is a BYOB and BYO Snacks event. Reserved seating. Tickets are available by calling the church office at 724-446-5197. All tickets must be prepaid.

Flea Market

Church of Saint John the Baptist in Perryopolis is holding a Flea Market on September 11 and 12 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Social Hall.