

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

January 24, 2021



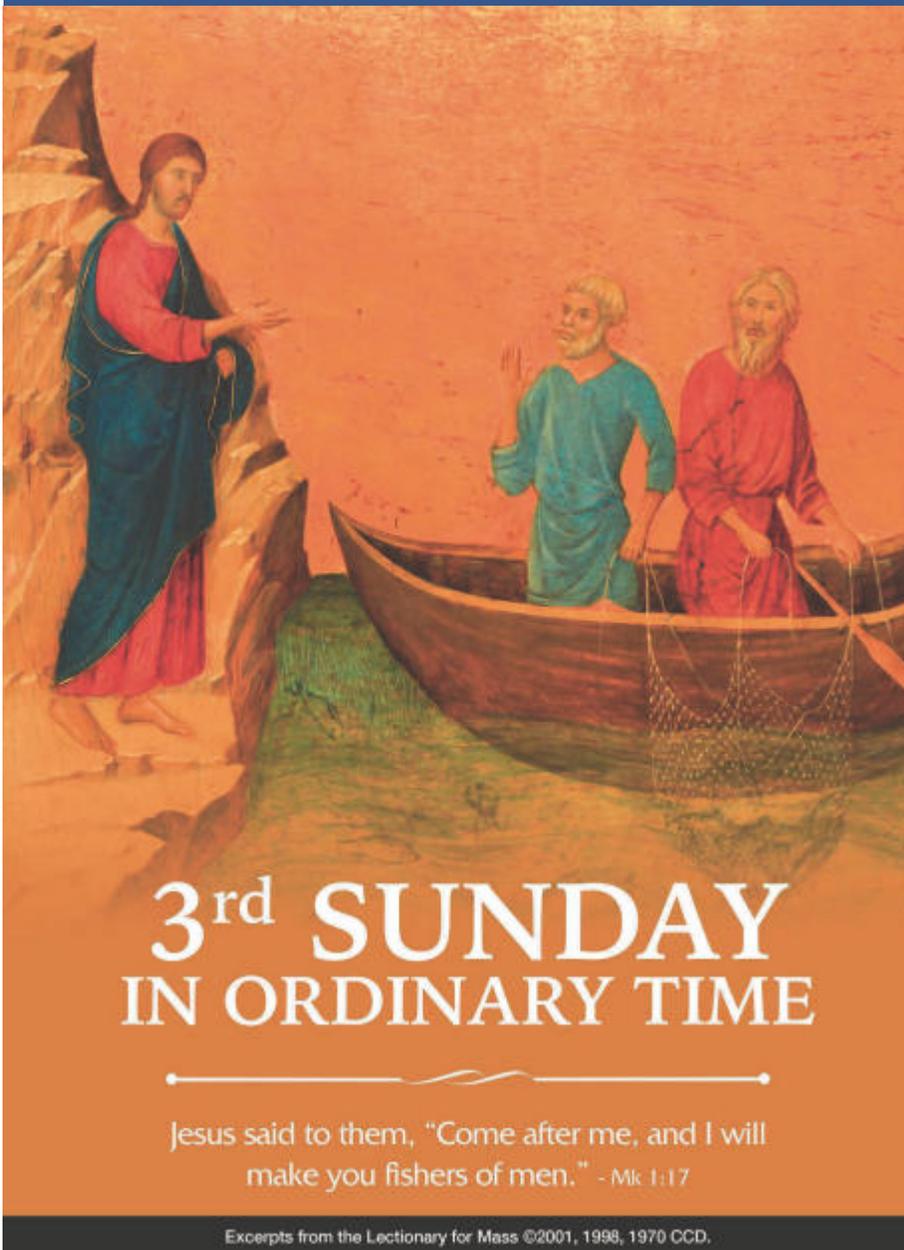
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3rd SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will
make you fishers of men." - Mk 1:17

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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.

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, January 23 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Michael Hazy by The Jim Hazy Family

Sunday, January 24 — 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM † Anthony J. Mascetta & Maria & Frank Dolessandro by Lena Mascetta

10:30 AM † Virginia M. Quattro by Dolores & Ralph Tegnalia

Monday, January 25

8:00 AM † Kathleen Vivio by Pat & Cheryl LaPresti Clancy

Tuesday, January 26

8:00 AM † Bludis & Harvey Families by Mimi Harvey

Wednesday, January 27

No Mass

Thursday, January 28

8:00 AM † Joe Vizza by Rosina Volpe

Friday, January 29

8:00 AM † Joseph Minno by Wife & Children

Saturday, January 30 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Calvin & Adeline Smith by Family

Sunday, January 31 — 4th Week in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM † Virginia Quattro by Clemmie Malec

10:30 AM † Frances Turkovich by Kostelac & Winn Families

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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 — Jan. 30 & 31

Time	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
4:00 p.m.	B. DuBreucq	J. Dudas
8:30 a.m.	J. Petritis	A. Pastella
10:30 a.m.	W. Vlasic	K. Byron

Money Counters

Monday, January 25 — Team #4 — J. Petritis

Scholarship

Knights of Columbus Scholarship

Applications for the Monessen Knights of Columbus #954 Merit Scholarship are available. It can be obtained in the church office, or on the website. Students must be a senior member of Epiphany of Our Lord Catholic Church or St. Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church, or their father or grandfather is a member of Monessen K.O. C. #954. All rules are on the application, which are due by April 16, 2021.

No Compromising Discipleship

The message from our readings this week is very clear and yet in spite of its simplicity, it is difficult to make a part of our lives. We are reminded of the centrality of Jesus in the mission of the church, and our call to discipleship. If we all looked at our lives as individuals and then looked at our community, we would have to admit that there are many distractions that keep us from following the demands Jesus puts on us.



St. Paul moves from his comforting prayer and support of the people of Corinth to a sharp criticism of their behavior. He is very specific in addressing the unity and the divisions that were present in the community. Paul was much saddened by the reports about these divisions in the community of Corinth. He quickly addresses the people about how they need to realign their priorities and focus on what really is important, namely the mission of Jesus.

We are all aware of the challenges posed to our Christian communities today. There is certainly a decline in church attendance in some places, shortage of priests and ministers in many places, internal problems of divisions between conservatives and progressives, loss of exposure and influence of Christian discourse and leadership, and the increasing number of religious groups and the rise of other major religions, like Islam and Buddhism. Even though there are many problems facing us today, we all need to put into perspective what our call is really all about.

To recognize the kingdom in our midst reveals our ongoing need for repentance and invites us to enter ever more fully into the kingdom by following Jesus. The good news is that the light begins shining here, among us. The way out of darkness is to hear the cry for repentance and we cannot hear it often enough, for this is the way to living in Christ's light. This is how God's kingdom is established: faithful disciples hear Jesus' call repent, and faithfully follow!

Ultimately the question we all need to be asking ourselves is: what is the gospel in which we believe and where do we stand, for the sake of the gospel, on major issues today? Are we taking enough risks, or are we satisfied just to follow the crowd? If we are Disciples of Christ, we should have something to propose concerning vital issues for everyone: environment, equitable salary and use of resources, immigration, refugees, military disarmament, peace and justice, humanitarian assistance, human rights, dialog between cultures and between religions.

The gospel has no readymade solutions for such huge problems. Yet the life of Jesus and his message make no compromise whatsoever when it comes to justice and compassion for the poor and the little ones. These are non-negotiable gospel values that could change a lot in the world of today. Instead of withdrawing into our own internal problems, we Christians should be committed to joining all men and women of good will to attend the needs of the world, so that the message and the life of Christ "might not be emptied of their meaning."

We practice following Jesus in the simple, everyday things that come our way: the friend who needs a listening ear, the elderly parent who needs a comforting phone call, the sick child who interrupts our sleep. In all of these instances, do we hear Jesus' call to repent? Jesus invites us to turn from ourselves toward those in need. Turn from darkness to light. Repentance is the condition for following Jesus to the fullness of the kingdom. It is the condition for taking up his saving work.

With Deepest Sympathy — Condolences are extended to the families of RONALD O. VALDISERRI. May God grant him eternal rest, and comfort to his family. We commend his soul to rest in the peace of Christ.

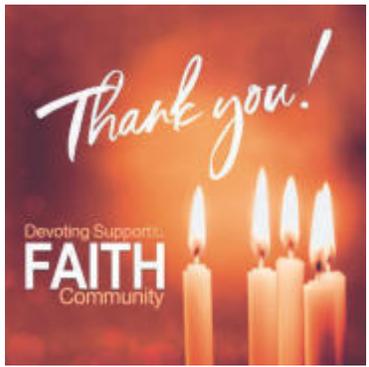
Stewardship

Weekly Collection Jan. 17

Votive Candles:	110
Utility & Energy:	97
Accent:	6
Children & Adult	
Collection:	4,791
Online Collection:	893
Total Collection:	\$5,897

Tax Season is right around the corner. It is that time of year when we start to think about gathering all of our “stuff” for taxes. If you would like a copy of your donations statement for 2020, please call the office.

We are grateful to those who supported our increased stewardship appeal! Thank you to those who have decided to devote your talent to a ministry and others who increased their giving. Your support helps us continue God’s work, especially during this difficult time.



Lenten Fish Fry

We are trying our best to provide a “pick up” fish fry this year. As we are working on how the details, we are looking for people who might be able to help deliver. I am sure that there are many people who would use a delivery service. We will **need people to deliver** between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. If you are interested, please call the office and let us know. If we get a lot of help we will make up a schedule so you wouldn’t be on each week. Our first fish fry will be on Ash Wednesday, **February 17**. I thank you in advance for considering to help!



Valentine Chocolates

Chocolate Fundraiser

St. Sebastian Church will be taking orders for Chocolates from the Pink House in Finleyville. All orders must be in by the end of January. If you have any questions, please call the St. Sebastian Church Office at 724-929-9300. You may also use the form and drop it in the collection basket or send it to the church office: St. Sebastian Church, 801 Broad Ave., Belle Vernon, PA 15012. Below are listed the prices and sizes available.

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Total amount: _____

Missionary Childhood Association Artwork Contest

is open until January 31, 2021. Information and official entry form can be found online at mcaartcontest.missio.org This is open for students in grades K—8.

Our New Bishop!

The Ordination and Installation Mass for Bishop-elect Larry J. Kulick, J.C.L., as the Sixth Bishop of the Diocese of Greensburg, will be celebrated **Thursday, Feb. 11, at 2 p.m.** at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral. In an abundance of caution and in order to prioritize the health and safety of the faith community, attendance will be extremely limited and by invitation only. However, the entire diocesan community is invited to participate in the celebration, which will be available for **viewing on the diocesan website**, DioceseofGreensburg.org, our diocesan Facebook page and YouTube Channel. **The Mass will also be broadcast on EWTN (Eternal Word Television Network) live at 2 p.m. EST.** Diocesan coverage of this much-anticipated event will begin at 1 p.m. with special coverage by The Catholic Accent.

The Season of Lent



Every year we are given the opportunity to experience a renewal of our faith through the weeks of Lent, and discover our faith on a deeper level. This Lenten season will certainly be different than what we would like. Although we are still not going out the way we used to, there are still ways to make this Lent meaningful to you.

Many people are staying away from the weekend Masses and watching it on the television or computer to avoid crowds. Think about maybe going to **daily Mass**, there are certainly not crowds of people and all safety precautions are followed. We will also celebrate the **Stations of the Cross** on Fridays with the same restrictions.

We are trying to think of other creative ways to celebrate lent during this pandemic. If you have any ideas please let me know.

Ash Wednesday

Providing for the safety and welfare of the faithful has necessitated many modifications to our ritual practices. To reduce the risk of transmitting the coronavirus, it is not permitted this year to “sign” the faithful with ashes in the customary fashion. Rather, on Ash Wednesday the tradition of being marked with ashes will take place in a different fashion, through a Sprinkling with Ashes.

Sprinkling with Ashes is a custom observed in many countries throughout the world. The minister, using their thumb and index finger, secures a pinch of ashes from the vessel containing the ashes. Without using words, the minister then sprinkles these ashes on the heads of the recipients.

Through this **ancient practice** we witness to our intention to undertake penitential practices during these Lenten days. We join with the whole Church throughout the world in acknowledging our need for continuing conversion. We express our hope and firm conviction that through Christ’s victory over sin and death our tears shall one day be turned to rejoicing.



Adult Faith Formation

We will be holding another bible study session via Zoom. We will begin on Monday, February 15. The series, **Forgiven**, will run for 5 sessions. Registration deadline is **Friday, January 29**. If you would like to purchase a paper copy of the book, the cost is \$10. To register, call the office or email Tara at tmanderino@dioceseofgreensburg.org



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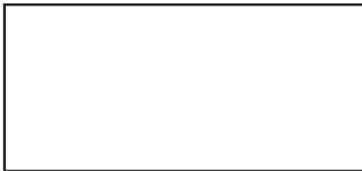
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