

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday:

4:00 p.m.

Sunday:

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

Monday, & Thursday

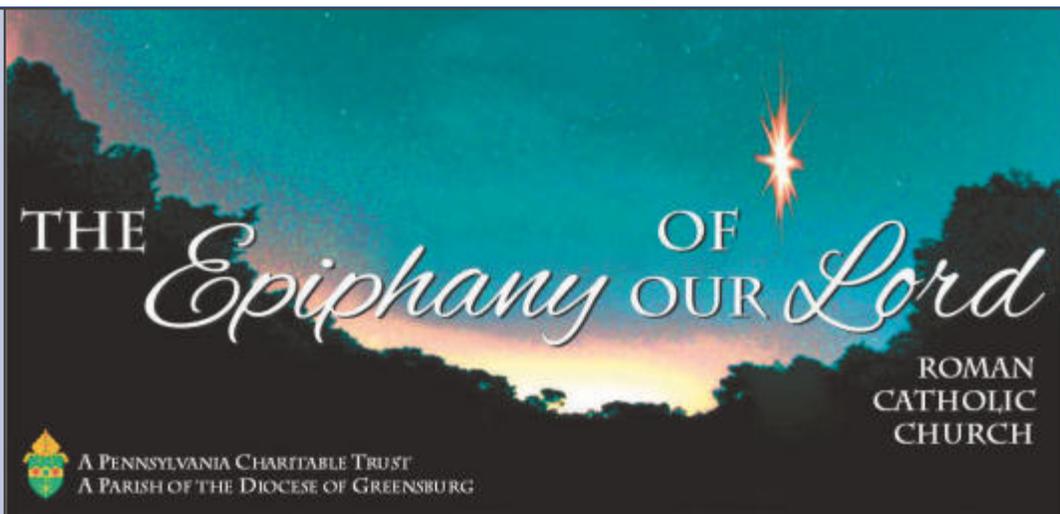
8:00 a.m.

Tuesday, Wed., Friday

NO MASS

July 4, 2021

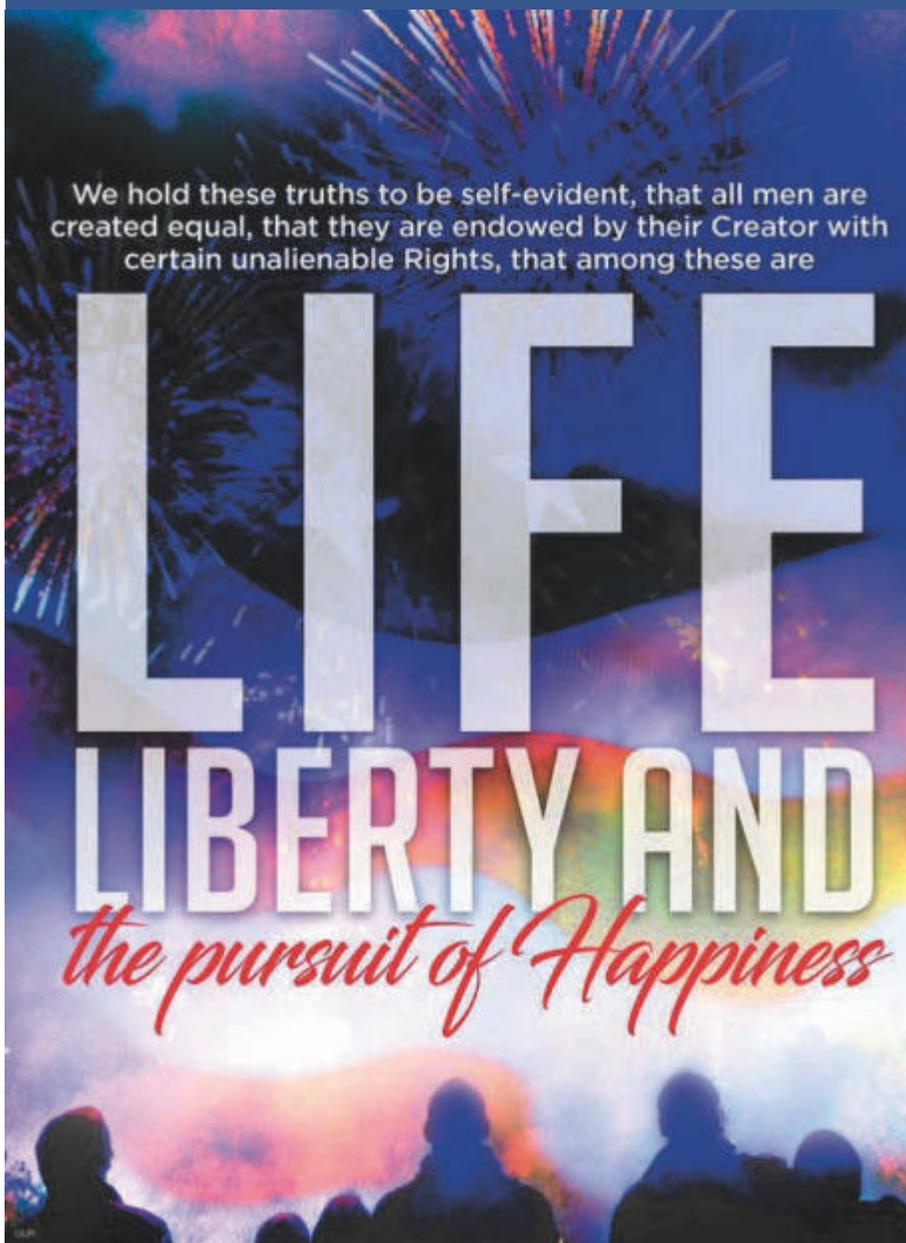
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RECONCILIATION

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, July 3 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Ron Godla by Susan & John Easley

Sunday, July 4 — 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM † Deceased Doty & Paytas Families
by Mr. & Mrs. Charles Urbanowicz

10:30 AM † Terry Shipley by Tony & Diane Organ

Monday, July 5

8:00 AM † Ronald Valdiserri by Rosina Volpe

Tuesday, July 6

No Mass

Wednesday, July 7

No Mass

Thursday, July 8

8:00 AM † James Weldon by Mr & Mrs David Tuoni

Friday, July 9

No Mass

Saturday, July 10 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Eleanor Mehalic by Dzurik & Lucas Families

Sunday, July 11 — 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM † Dorothy Vizza by Gary, Doreen & Abigail Smith

10:30 AM † Josephine & Quirino & Rosetta Ciccarelli by Family

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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, July 5

Ministry Schedule — July 10 & 11

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 p.m.	D. Harkins	J. Dudas	Volunteer
8:30 a.m.	G. Pesi	J. Todd	T. Todd
10:30 a.m.	P. Fantauzzi	E. Yatchyshyn	S. Yatchyshyn

Money Counters

Tuesday, July 5—Team #1— P. Pettko

No Prophet is Without Honor...

Have you ever found it to be true that when you are at your lowest point in life you are able to find your greatest strength? It seems that when we have nowhere to go but up, that is exactly what we do. Today our readings speak to us about the role of the prophet, and the struggles they are faced with in life. Generally when we think of any sort of prophet our minds drift towards what we know about the prophets from the history of the Jewish People. Our first reading tells us of the grief that Ezekiel had to endure. He was the first prophet to preach outside of the Holy Land. His mission was to reach the hearts of the people in exile and bring them back home. He showed the people of Israel that their God was extremely mobile and not just found in one place. The people didn't want to be reminded of their transgressions and as a result they gave him a pretty rough time.



In spite of the hardships that the prophets endured, they did complete the tasks God gave them. We hear the same to be true for St. Paul. He speaks of his own personal sufferings which he endured for the sake of Christ. Jesus also in the Gospel endures hardship in delivering his message. The people of his own town were not able to see beyond what they knew of Jesus to hear his message. As a result, their lack of faith prohibited Jesus from working any miracles there. The people lacked faith in Jesus so he went somewhere else. Often we are as unbending in our opinions as were the people of Nazareth. What is our response to people who tell us things we do not want to hear?

A true prophet is one who looks at the world and comes up with solutions and new visions to bring about change and hope in a church or the society in general. The problem is that whenever someone speaks of change no matter how great or small, we usually resist the impulse to change. Their message either goes unheard or unheeded. As we approach our readings for today we can recall the many prophets in our time that were met with opposition and derision. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Fr. Dan Berrigan come to mind during the crucial civil rights movement and the Vietnam War. Mother Teresa is remembered now for her saintly love of the poor, but it is important to remember that, when she first arrived in Calcutta and spoke loudly against ingrained attitudes toward the poor, people stoned her and shouted abusively against her as she would leave her home each day. Prophetic voices warned against going to war in Iraq, among them Pope John Paul II. They were discounted, and the war became a witches' brew of violence and terrorism. So the world has not changed that much since Ezekiel's time.

Our church likes to define itself as a community that is always reforming. Yet sometimes it is difficult to see our spiritual leaders moving in that direction. Those who speak out for bold measures are not usually very popular. As a result, they usually do not move up the ladder of leadership. Saint John XXIII, before he became pope, was exiled by the Vatican to Bulgaria because he was considered too progressive. He was removed from the seminary faculty for teaching "unorthodox" theology.

Prophets are often ordinary people so we ought to be careful about silencing those who speak courageously and boldly in religion and politics. Let's not send them into exile. The Holy Spirit is not always in the status quo. Each of us can be a prophet speaking out from our ordinary stations in life and make a difference. It might mean being a prophet without honor in one's own land, but it is worth the risk.

Cantors, Lectors, Altar Servers: Please let Tara know your availability for the new schedule by **Tuesday, July 6**. . You can email tmanderino@dioceseofgreensburg.org or call the office.

With Deepest Sympathy — Condolences are extended to the families of RITA COCCA, JUDY ANN STEPOLI, AND RONALD CAMPANA. May God grant them eternal rest, and comfort to their families. We commend their souls to rest in the peace of Christ.

Stewardship

Online Giving

Unlike last year, many people are on the move this summer and are not in town for Sunday Mass. If you want to make sure your contribution is counted, consider giving online. You can do it one time, for the summer, or however long you wish. It can be stopped at any time. Online giving can also be found on the app.

Weekly Collection June 27

Votive Candles:	126
Utility & Energy:	80
Accent:	9
Children & Adult Collection:	3,170
Online Collection:	821
Total Collection:	\$4,206
Peter's Pence:	208
Mission of Faith:	68
Total Collection:	\$4,382

Peter's Pence Thank you!

Thank you for your support of last week's Peter's Pence Collection! Our contributions will join those from our brothers and sisters around the world to help Pope Francis in his ministry to the universal Church, including relief to people in need and support for the Holy See. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give. Visit www.uscb.org/peters-pence.

Lottery Tickets for Basket Auction

We're asking for donations for our Lottery basket. If you could donate a new lottery ticket of any denomination by Sunday, July 18 we could 'up the ante.' Drop the ticket in the basket in an envelope marked 'Lottery Ticket' Thank you in advance.

Coffee & Doughnuts

After a very long hiatus, we will resume our Coffee and Doughnuts this week after 8:30 Mass. I'm sure we all have a lot of catching up to do! As in the past, with the coffee and doughnuts we do need some help. If you are interested, please let me know or call the office.

Across the River

St. Andrew the Apostle Summerfest will be on Saturday, July 17 from Noon until 10 p.m. at St. Andrew Parish Park, 1st & Main St. (behind Dierken's Pharmacy), Monongahela. Live bands from 5 p.m.—10 p.m. Mass in the park at 4 p.m.

Groups

Holy Name Sunday is next Sunday, July 11. Corporate Communion will be at the 8:30 a.m. Mass. There will be no meeting in July.

Outdoor Rosary

Monessen CDA Court #776 will host its 33rd Annual Outdoor Rosary at Mary's Garden on Tuesday, July 13, at 8:00 p.m. A SUNSET ROSARY will be prayed. Must bring your own lawn chair. Social will follow. All are welcome to attend. For information, contact Regent Debbie Genemore at 724-708-8335.

Thank you from the Bishop

Thank you so much for all of your assistance, generosity and hospitality pertaining to my recent visit to Epiphany of Our Lord Parish. It was deeply appreciated.

Special thanks for the delicious pierogis—I shared them with my dad and uncle....

Please pass along my gratitude, extend my pledge of prayers to your staff, volunteers and parishioners.



The RCIA Lenten Journey



If anyone has asked you about being Catholic — they may be interested in learning more about our faith. Tell them about RCIA.

For the RCIA participants (or the Elect, as they are now called) the Lenten season is the most intense. For them, this is the Period of Purification and Enlightenment, a time when they and we as a parish family are called to examine our lives, to turn away from sin, and to ask for God to rid us of all that is keeping us from becoming holy. Those who are on the journey toward the Easter Vigil are to intensify their prayer, to join the Church in her penitential practices and almsgiving, and to begin to discern where the Lord may be calling them to serve God through service in their new parish family.

During the Sundays of Lent, the elect and their sponsors are called forward to participate in a special intercessory prayers and blessings known as the Scrutinies. At these liturgies, the community hears special Gospel readings chosen especially for the occasion; and then, the celebrant invites the entire assembly to pray for the elect, that they would be freed from the hold of sin and would reform their lives. As we pray with and for them, we pray that we, too, might come to know the Lord in a deeper and more personal way and that God might free us from all that would hold us back from embracing God fully in our lives.

This period calls us all to experience a “metanoia,” or change of heart. The elect and Team members also attend a Day of Recollection in order to prepare themselves quietly and earnestly to experience the mystery of the Holy Triduum and the glory of the Resurrection.

If you or someone you know would like to learn more about the RCIA, please call the faith formation office at 724-929-9300.

4th of July



This weekend we celebrate the Birthday of our Nation! Even though the weekend is crowded with picnics and celebrations, we all need to take a few minutes to ponder over what it means to live in this great nation. Freedom is a

precious gift and like so many we don't appreciate it nearly enough. So, take a few minutes just to be grateful for who we are and what we have as citizens of this great nation.

Sausage Sale

HOMEMADE SAUSAGE SALE
Epiphany Church will hold a sausage sale on July 27 & July 28. All orders must be in by **Saturday, July 17**. Put in your order now to make sure you get it! The **sausage will be sold at \$4.50 / lb. Minimum order is 2 lb. per item.**

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