

May 12, 2024



7th Sunday of Easter

Today's readings

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass

Monday & Thursday:
8:00 a.m.

Tuesday, Wednesday,
and Friday:
No Mass

Weekend Mass

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday:
8:30 a.m.
10:30 a.m.

Confession:

Saturday: 11:30 a.m.
Or by appointment

All Sacraments:

Please call the office




OUR LOCATION

Epiphany of Our Lord Catholic Church

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Office Hours

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Regardless of your past, family, or beliefs, you are embraced by our Catholic community. Whether lifelong follower or seeker, you are cherished here. God's love knows no bounds. Let's journey in faith, supporting one another. Welcome home.

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, May 11 — Vigil

4:00 PM All Mothers Living & Deceased

Sunday, May 12 — 7th Sunday of Easter

8:30 AM All Mothers Living & Deceased

10:30 AM All Mothers Living & Deceased

Monday, May 13

8:00 AM † Dolores Bucci by Greg, Toni & Cathy Bucci

Tuesday, May 14

8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

Wednesday, May 15

No Mass

Thursday, May 16

8:00 AM † Ed Monaghan by Ginny Monaghan

Friday, May 17

8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

Saturday, May 18 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Arthur & Lena Marino by Joe and Suzanne Surdyn

Sunday, May 19 — Pentecost

8:30 AM † Deceased Members of the Tesznan Family by Michael & Beth Tesznan

10:30 AM † Dustin Harvey by Family of Dustin Harvey

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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 — May 18 & 19

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 p.m.	R. Kozar	S. Beneccio J. Elias R. Lucas	D. Harkins
8:30 a.m.	K. Miller	L. DeFelices J. Todd S. Stein	V. Watkins
10:30 a.m.	W. Vlasic	P. Francowic G. Pesi K. Byron	M. Guiliford

Money Counters

Monday, May 13—Team #1 – B. Geis

Online Giving

With summer on the horizon and everyone on the move, 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.

Power of Prayer and Love

The Church is winding down with the Season of Easter and we hear the stories about how the early Christians worked to continue the message of Jesus. Over the past few weeks we have heard from John about the importance of love. That has to be the key ingredient to whatever the church is supposed to grow into. There are so many ways that we need to look at what this “love” is calling us to live. We are reminded in the first reading that every institution, whether political or religious needs to have structures that guarantee continuity and security. Families, schools, churches, and clubs all have them. We see how important it was to the apostles to have twelve members. This was an important issue because Jesus had promised that the 12 tribes of Israel would be restored and that they would rule in God’s kingdom. Continuity between the old and the new is guaranteed.



In choosing the successor for Judas, the apostles relied on the power of prayer before they made such an important decision. Throughout the New Testament we find that the importance of prayer was always recognized when any important decision was to be made. As they cast lots they trusted on the power of God’s love to guide them in their decisions and choice. The only thing we know about their requirements for this successor was that he had to be “one of those who was in our company all the while we had the Lord Jesus with us.” It is interesting to note that very little was known about any of the apostles. The New Testament rarely mentions them. When we think of them we tend to think of them as a group rather than individuals. After their choice the idea was that life would go on, and the work of the church could continue.

In the Gospel, we find Jesus praying for the success and well-being of the future church. He makes reference to fears, joy, unity, happiness and holiness. This is a heartfelt reminder to us all that we do not set off to continue the ministry of Jesus on our own and without assistance; we receive the Holy Spirit and thus are assured of receiving the blessings for which Jesus prays. We take up Jesus’ ministry and are his risen presence in the world. The world for Jesus made reference to anything that was hostile to God. It was surely promised that the disciples would meet hostility in the world therefore Jesus prayed that they be “kept from the evil one” and share in his joy. In scripture, joy is that special grace that assures that, no matter what happens, a sense of God’s presence will never go away. These were the final words from a man who showed the disciples how to love and how to believe that faith in him will conquer all their troubles and fears.

With all of this comfort and support, why then do we still find it so difficult to love as we are called to? Why is love so hard to show or even talk about? First of all love must go out from each of us, it must come from within and this takes energy. When we love, we risk things like rejection and pain. Past experiences with love often keep us from loving as we should. In spite of these apprehensions, this is what we are all called upon to do: love one another! We simply cannot love alone. Love is always a relationship. When the handsome Greek youth Narcissus stared at, and fell in love with his own image in a reflecting pool of water, he died! Jesus showed us that love is a conviction, a voice, and an action. Know that as Jesus prayed for the disciples, he prays also for us. This prayer feeds us to go out and love as we have been called to love, to live as our Baptism strengthens us to live.

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Weekly Collection May 5

Votive Candles:	212
Utility & Energy:	303
Accent:	0
Ascension:	91
Children & Adult Collection:	\$4,738
Online Collection:	\$1,285
Total Collection:	\$6,629
Communications:	10
Total Collection:	\$6,639

Stewardship

The annual collection for the U.S. bishops' **Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC)** will be held in the Diocese of Greensburg next weekend, **May 18-19**. Half of the donations stay in the diocese to support local projects, including *The Catholic Accent* and the **diocesan website**. The other half supports multimedia projects from the Catholic Communication Campaign, an initiative of the U.S. bishops that promotes Gospel values through both new and traditional media. For examples of local projects, go to the diocesan Web site: www.dioceseofgreensburg.org. For more information about national projects, visit: www.usccb.org/nationalcollections

May Crowning

The Epiphany Ladies will sponsor a May Crowning on **Tuesday, May 14 at 6:30 p.m.** All are invited. After a procession, the wreath of flowers is placed on the statue of Mary, followed by prayers and Marian Hymns as we celebrate the "Queen of Heaven." May has been Mary's month since the medieval period, when May was considered the end of winter and the start of a new season of growth.

Breakfast



Next **Sunday, May 19**, the Holy Name society will sponsor a combined Mothers' and Fathers' Day breakfast in the church hall **after the 8:30 a.m. Mass**. Following the breakfast, the Man of the Year and Senior

Boy of the Year awards will be presented. The breakfast will be free. There is no charge to those who attend.



Parish Picnic

This is the first year that we will be able to have our parish picnic on our grounds and use the pavilion. The picnic is scheduled for Sunday, June 30 and will begin with Mass at 1:00 p.m. To make it all happen and ensure things run smoothly, we are having a planning meeting on Monday, **May 20 at 6:30 p.m.** in the church hall. **We are going to need someone to take charge of the food as well as someone to come up with some activities for the children as well as the adults.** If you are able to help in any way, think about attending the meeting, or let me know.

Groups

CDA Monessen Court #776 will meet on **Tuesday, May 21** in the church hall. The Rosary will be prayed before the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Members are welcome to bring a guest as we participate in the Crowning of Mary and honor all women. Call Regent Debbie Genemore for additional information at 724-708-8335.

Contact for Child Sexual Abuse

If you have any suspicion about the sexual abuse (or any other type of abuse) of a minor child by anyone—please contact PA Childline immediately at 1-800-932-0313. If the alleged abuser is functioning in a parish, school, or diocesan position as clergy, religious, paid staff or volunteer, you are also requested to contact the Bishop's Delegate for Matters of Sexual Misconduct *after* you have called the Childline number and made the report. The Bishop's Delegate may be reached at 724-837-0901, ext. 1221.

Faith

Pentecost Celebration!

Next week we celebrate Pentecost Sunday, the gift of the Holy Spirit among us. As we look at what a treasure this is to our church we all open our hearts to share in the fullness of what that Spirit is about. Since the color for the Holy Spirit is red, we are asking all of you to **wear something red next week!**



Also, we will be decorating the church for Pentecost on **Thursday, May 16**. If you would like to help, we will be meeting in the church at 5:30 p.m. Decorations will be taken down after 10:30 Mass on Sunday. If you can help with either or both, it would be greatly appreciated.

Vacation Bible School



We have scheduled our VBS on **June 26 to 28**. This will be a wonderful opportunity for our children to come and have fun together while learning about God's love. We will offer the program to children from K – 5th grade. Older children are most welcome to come and be leaders for the program.

We had a meeting last week and decided on the program as well as the date. Our next meeting will be on **June 4 at 6:30 p.m.** in the church hall. We will need all the help we can get! If you are interested please know you are most welcome!

Happy Mother's Day!

Today is a day set aside to remember our mother. If you are lucky enough to have your mom with you, make this a special day for her by showing how much she is loved and appreciated. If your mom is no longer with you, she is in your heart so remember her in your thoughts and prayers. To all of our Mothers: we wish you a Blessed and Happy Mother's Day!



T-Shirt Time



We're now taking orders for t-shirts. The deadline to order is Thursday, May 30. The shirts, up to size 2 XL, are **\$22** each; 3XL – 5 XL are **\$23** each. Orders can be placed in the collection basket or mailed to the office.

T-Shirt Order Form

To order a t-shirt, include your name, best contact number, size and \$22 (\$23) per shirt ordered.

Name: _____

Best Contact: _____

Size & Quantity: S M L XL
 2XL 3XL 4XL 5XL

Amount Enclosed: _____