

IN ALL THAT WE DO, LET US GIVE GLORY TO GOD

MASS INTENTIONS March 7—13, 2011

MONDAY (March 7) Sts. Perpetua and Felicity

7:00am Souls in Purgatory (Mike & Kathy Juda)
12:10pm Rosalie Waite (Andrew & Phyllis Viselli)

TUESDAY (March 8) St. John of God

7:00am Adelaide Paluzzi (Mary Costic)
11:00am Sayre House
12:10pm Chang Fung Miu (The Epiphany Choir)

WEDNESDAY (March 9) Ash Wednesday

7:00am Celebrant's Intention
10:00am School Mass
12:10pm Bruce Darrow (The Hendershot Family)
7:00pm Celebrant's Intention

THURSDAY (March 10)

7:00am Catherine Lambert (Helen Shaw & Family)
12:10pm Nick Chacona (Rita Jo)
6:00pm Anniv. Diane Calveric (Family)

FRIDAY (March 11)

7:00am James Crawford (Richard & Teresa Sykes)
12:10pm Clement Altieri (Eugene & Barbara Marrone, Jack & Sally Marrone)
6:00pm Phyllis Altieri (Marie Sabin) *Followed by the Stations of the Cross*

SATURDAY (March 12)

Vigil: First Sunday of Lent

5:00pm Rick Pierson (Jeff & Mary Lyons Cheeks)

SUNDAY (March 13) First Sunday of Lent

8:00am 30th Anniversary Rita Mokrzynski (Sharon & Nathan)
9:30am Jack Lenz (Family)
10:00am (OLPH) For Our Parishioners
11:00am Ellen Bustin (Alice Bustin & Family)

<u>March 12/13</u>	<u>Eucharistic Minister</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>	<u>Lectors</u>
Saturday 5:00PM	Dave Brawley, Mary Haner Tressa Wells	Patrick & Maggie Cole Nathan Kendrick	Barbara Ann Guarino Tom Yonkin
Sunday 8:00AM	Charlie Hammond, Jason Ruda Jodea Sweeney	Marnie & Erin Sweeney Chase Benjamin	Maureen Beirne Ceil Daher
Sunday 9:30AM	Karen Duggan Gerard & Meg Spagnoli	Alex, Andy & Anna Moliski	Rick Antonetti Toni Ballenstedt
Sunday 10:00AM (OLPH)	Kathryn Craig Maria Landy	Bryant Ashby Christian McCarty	Kathy Keleher Shelly Reagan
Sunday 11:00AM	Alice Dunham Dan Kelleher Jan Sheedy	Emily & Kaeli Sutryk Kurt Walck	Michael Nagar James Schmiege

March 6, 2011

NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Brothers and sisters, on this last Sunday before the beginning of Lent, we are issued a challenge. Are we all talk and no action? Moses tells the people to keep the word of God with them always; Jesus' challenge is that only those who do the will of the Father may enter the heavenly kingdom. Let us pray today to be people of deeds and not just of words.

The Most Blessed Sacrament is reserved in this Church.

We respectfully request that a reverent silence and appropriate attire be observed by ALL.

Epiphany Church Sanctuary Candle-The Light of Christ

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Special Intentions

Epiphany Church Blessed Mother Candle

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Mary T. Sabatura by John

Epiphany Church St. Joseph Candle

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Jack Lenz by Family

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Sanctuary Candle:

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Special Intentions -- Betty Ann Graley

Candle donation for two weeks is \$15.00. Please call the rectory to reserve a candle.

Mass Requests for an anniversary of the death of a loved one, to celebrate one's birthday, wedding anniversary, to request a favor, or to offer thanks for a favor granted are always being accepted. Please contact the Parish Office.

Any change of address for any parishioner is to be brought to the rectory's attention ASAP. Thank you.

ANY current parishioners who are in active military duty, please forward a recent photo, name etc to the parish office. We will display the photo and ask all for prayers for their safe return home.

From the Pastor's Desk:

LENT: Our 40 day spiritual journey begins this week on Ash Wednesday. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of strict fast (only one meal eaten), and abstinence (no meat products are eaten.) All Friday's of Lent are days of abstinence as well. Masses will be celebrated daily at 7am; 12:10pm and 6pm (as posted in the bulletin). In addition on all Fridays of Lent we will pray the Stations of the Cross following the 6pm Mass. During this 40 day journey the church asks all who are able, to perform works of charity, fasting, prayer, and penance. The long standing tradition for the faithful has been to (give up of something) for Lent, which can prove to be very beneficial especially if in the long run it could improve your health. In addition we are asked to consider doing something special during this time of year, through works of kindness, charity, (participating in Epiphany School Lenten Food drive) volunteerism, just to name a few. I pray that this great journey of 40 days will truly be one which will bring all to a deeper relationship with Our Lord.

Father Andrew

Calendar Reminder

March 6: OLPH refreshments following the 10am Mass

March 5/6: 2nd Collection for the Education and Continued Care of our priests

March 12: Vigil Mass returns to 5:00pm

March 13: Refreshments following the 11am Mass in the Church Hall

March 13: Public School Religious Education Class

March 13: Confirmation Class

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REMINDER THAT THE SATURDAY EVENING (VIGIL) MASS RETURNS TO 5:00PM ON MARCH 12TH.

Eucharistic Adoration Chapel

IMMEDIATE openings. Please contact Charles Hammond at 570-888-5161 if you would consider taking one of these hours or be a substitute:

We are most grateful to those who have responded to fill the open hours thus far. As you can see there are still several more that need to be filled along with developing a list of those willing to substitute when someone is ill.

Sunday: 10am Monday: 3am
Wednesday: 3am Thursday: 3am
Friday: 1pm Saturday: 4am, 5pm

LENT BEGINS: on Ash Wednesday, March 9th. This is a day of strict FAST (only one complete meal to be eaten) and ABSTINENCE (no meat product is to be eaten). Masses with distribution of ashes will be 7:00am; 10:00am (School); 12:10pm and 7:00pm.

LENTEN DAILY MASSES will be daily (as scheduled in the bulletin) 7:00am; 12:10pm; 6:00pm. On the Fridays of Lent we will continue the tradition of praying the Stations of the Cross following the 6:00pm Mass.

ALL the FRIDAYS of Lent are to be observed as days of ABSTINENCE (no meat product is to be consumed).

You are Invited As we begin our Lenten journey, you are invited to participate in Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl. Throughout Lent we will pray, fast, learn and give as a way to reach out in solidarity with our brothers and sisters around the world. Please be sure to take home a Rice Bowl packet and follow this simple yet powerful Lenten practice. Visit orb.crs.org for additional resources to use at home.

Girl Scout Week runs from March 6th to the 13th. This years marks the 99th year for this great organization. Even though our parish does not have it's own troop we have many girls from the parish who do belong to the Girl Scouts. We congratulate this wonderful organization on this milestone of it's existence.

MASS ATTENDANCE

Feb.	5/6	12/13	19/20	26/27
4:00pm	219	339	275	278
8:00am	125	120	136	116
9:30am	181	301	215	212
10:00am	65	55	51	45
11:00am	224	205	190	217
TOTAL	814	1,020	867	868

EPIPHANY SCHOOL NEWS

"A School to Believe In"
Pre-K (3 & 4 year olds) to Grade 8

www.epiphany-school.net

Registration for the current school year is ongoing. Catholic Tuition will apply for all families registered in the newly consolidated Epiphany Parish. Tuition Assistance will be considered for ALL families that qualify. To see if you are eligible please contact the school office. Call the school (888-5802) and make arrangements to tour our facility and learn about our programs.

February Support Our School Monthly Envelope

totalled: \$1,167.00 from 72 supporters
2011 year to date: \$2,080.00

EPIPHANY SCHOOL CASH CLUB

\$1,000.00 RAFFLE TICKET

WEEK #23 WINNER:

948

Carol Georgetson

Annual Lenten Food Drive begins the weekend of March 5/6. Food collection boxes will be in the vestibule of Epiphany Church and Our Lady of Perpetual Help Chapel as well as the School Lobby. **Week of March 6 to 13 we are collecting Peanut Butter and Jelly.**

The Altar and Rosary Society meets the 1st Thursday of the month at 1PM from September to May, in the Church Hall. All women of the parish are welcome.

Youth Group News: Next meeting March 12 in the Church Basement Saturday night after the 4:00 Mass. We'll be discussing the National Youth Rally in Indianapolis, In. (November), summer mission trip (7/31 through 8/6) and Light the Fire Youth Rally June 29. If you are interested in any of these there will be members of our youth group present to share their experiences with you. Sign up now for the Summer Mission trip. Call or email 888- 5766; David-scheftic@yahoo.com. The youth group will again be collecting NYS deposit cans and bottles. Please let us know if you have any.

Parish Altar And Rosary Society is selling PA Evening Lottery tickets for the month of May. Tickets are \$10.00 each with 2 numbers per ticket. All proceeds to benefit the works of the Altar & Rosary Society. Tickets are available after weekend Masses; in the rectory office; or from any member of the society.

Epiphany Church Hall Bingo: March 10, 2011

Team #4: Kitchen: Reid, Smith, Sherman/Simpson, Ackley.

Floor: Ackley, McNamara, Lewis, Moorehead, Fauver, Osmond.

SMOKE FREE BINGO GAMES BEGIN at 6:15pm

**Catholic Community of the Epiphany
Stewardship, as a way of Life**

*It is **NOT** based on the need of the Church, but on **OUR** need to give based on **OUR** relationship with God. It is an internal part of **OUR** spiritual lives, and we give out of **OUR** gratitude to God for what **WE** have received.*

The difference is in the result of the giving:

COLLECTION February 26/27

Envelopes:	\$7,010.00
Loose:	\$1,223.00
Building Fund:	\$ 43.00
TOTAL:	\$8,276.00

Total Envelopes issued:853

Total Envelopes used:327

**Endless Mountain Pregnancy Care Center
Baby Bottle Campaign** will be conducted this year from Feb. 6 to March 20. Bottles are available at the entrances of the Church. The Center is very excited to announce that a new ultrasound clinic will be opening in Sayre soon. It will be located a few blocks from the Packer Hospital and Sayre High School.

Parish Registration at 766 households.

Because we are a new parish, all members of our Catholic Community must register. Forms can be found in vestibule of all worship sites, on our parish web site and also at the parish office. All information is confidential. Help, if requested, will be available by calling the Parish Office at 888-9641.

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New Members: Please stop by or call the parish office and register. (If you are leaving the parish, please notify the office before you leave). Thank you.

The Legion of Mary open to both men and women meet weekly at Epiphany Church Hall on Tuesdays at 2:00 pm.

Are you or someone you know
called to do Christ's work?

The Priesthood:

A call worth answering...

a commitment worth making

"Vocations Discernment Retreat"

Friday, March 25 - Sunday, March 27

Fatima Renewal Center, Dalton, PA

For information call 207-2216, Ext. 1013

or visit www.ScrantonVocations.com

Permanent Diaconate Class Being Formed

Men between the ages of 31-60 are invited to consider becoming a Permanent Deacon in the Diocese of Scranton. The Deacon serves in the parish in ministries such as home visits, hospital visits, caring for the bereaved, youth work, RCIA, and community work such as prison ministry and advocacy for the disadvantaged. Anyone interested should contact his pastor by March 15th to be nominated. Information is available on the diocesan website: www.dioceseofscranton.org

IMPORTANT SACRAMENT DATES for the

Parish: April 28th at 5pm the Sacrament of Confirmation with Bishop Dougherty as Conferring Bishop. May 7th at 10am the Sacrament of First Holy Communion.

2011 Epiphany Parish Bus Trip to Vermont.

Dates being: August 15-19 (5days-4nights) Staying at the famous Cascade Lodge in Killington, Vermont. For additional information contact Louise Angelo. Fliers can also be found on the table at the front entrance of the Church.

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NEXT MINISTER SCHEDULE is being set

please send your UNAVAILABLE dates for the next three months (April, May and June) to the parish ASAP using the parish email and send it to the attention of BETSY.

Women's Retreat: May 17,18,19, 2011 at Villa of Our Lady, Mt. Pocono, PA. Staffed by the Bernadine Franciscan Sisters. Retreat given by Fr. Basil Wallace, OSB. Cost for a private room \$150.00, shared room \$125.00; both prices includes all meals and snacks. Transportation by Coachmaster Bus Comp. Cost of the bus is determined by the number of people going. Prior to the retreat, for those wishing there will be a drop off at Mt. Airy Casino, across the street from the Retreat Center. Additional information call Carol Bailey (570) 882-1240.

Help Us Conserve Energy this winter season in the Church by keeping ALL doors closed—inside glass doors and all outer doors (helps to avoid drafts). Also please turn off all lights when leaving the restrooms and the lower Church level.