

# ST. PATRICK PARISH

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## BULLETIN DEADLINE

The deadline for items to be placed in the bulletin is Monday at 12 Noon.

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## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, and Friday  
9:00 am—2:00 pm  
Closed Tuesdays, Wednesday,  
and Thursdays



## SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday Vigil.....5:00 pm\*  
Sunday.....9:30 am  
Weekdays.....see schedule  
\*Mass time changes with Daylight Savings Time

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm  
Also by appointment.

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Normally celebrated on Sunday and are encouraged at a Sunday Eucharist. Baptism preparation is required.

## SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Arrangements must be made one year in advance.  
Marriage preparation is required.

## SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

A family member must notify the parish office if a parishioner is hospitalized or confined to home. Eucharist is brought to the homebound on the third Sunday of each month.

**The Epiphany of the Lord  
January 3, 2021**

### Masses For The Week

**Saturday, January 2 Vigil: The Epiphany of the Lord**

5:00 pm—For All Living & Deceased Parishioners

**Sunday, January 3: The Epiphany of the Lord**

9:30 am—Rev. Eldon Somers—Peggy Wimer

**Monday, January 4: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**

-Victor DeBacco—Ann Andreassi's Grandchildren

**Tuesday, January 5: St. John Neumann**

9:00 am—Dick Bowser—Chris Henderson

**Wednesday, January 6: St. Andre` Bessette**

9:00 am—Gary Yough—Tom Double

**Thursday, January 7: St. Raymond of Penafort**

-Margretta Forster—Alice & Dick Crisman

**Friday, January 8: Christmas Weekday**

9:00 am—Jennie Stimac—Rose Snyder

**Saturday, January 9 Vigil: Baptism of the Lord**

5:00 pm—For All Living & Deceased Parishioners

**Sunday, January 10: Baptism of the Lord**

9:30 am—Joseph & Helen Painter—Family

### **The Example of the Magi: Diligent Searching**

Today, Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord, the Gospel presents us with three attitudes with Christ Jesus' coming and his manifestation to the world were welcomed. The first attitude is searching, the second is indifference, and the third is fear. Diligently searching, the Magi do not hesitate to set out on a journey to seek the Messiah. Arriving in Jerusalem they asked, "Where is he who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the east and have come to worship him." They had made a long journey and attempted to locate the new born King. In Jerusalem, they turned to King Herod, who asked the high priest and the scribes to discover the place where the Messiah was to be born.

This careful searching of the Magi contrasts with the second attitude, the indifference of the high priest and the scribes. These people are very complacent. They know the Scriptures and are able to give the correct answer on the birth place, "in Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet." They know but they do not go out of their way to visit the Messiah. Bethlehem is a few kilometers away, but they don't budge.

There are three attitudes that we find in the Gospel, the diligent searching of the magi, the indifference of the high priests and the scribes (who are familiar with theology, and a fear of Herod. We must think and choose which of the three to assume. Do I wish to diligently search for Jesus? Does Jesus mean nothing to me? ... Do I have peace of mind? ... Or, do I fear Jesus and want to eliminate him from my heart?

Selfishness can lead us to consider Jesus is coming into our life as a threat. Thus we try to suppress or to silence Jesus' message. When we follow human ambitions, the most comfortable prospects and tendencies toward evil, Jesus is perceived as an obstacle. On the other hand, the temptation of indifference is always present. Even though we know that Jesus is the savior to all, we prefer to live as if he were not. Instead of behaving in accordance with our own Christian faith, we follow worldly principles that entice us to satisfy tendencies toward arrogance, toward thirsting for power, and toward riches.

In its place, we are called to follow the example of the Magi, to be diligent in searching, prepared to go out of our way to encounter Jesus in our lives. Seeking him in order to adore him, to acknowledge that he is our Lord, the one who reveals the true path to be followed. If we have this attitude, Jesus truly saves us, and we can live a fine life; we can grow in faith in hope in charity toward God and toward our brothers and sisters.

Let us invoke the intercession of Mary Most Holy, star of pilgrim humankind throughout time. With her maternal help, may every person come to Christ, the Light of Truth, and may the world advance along the path of justice and peace.

Pope Francis, Angelus Message January 6, 2018

### **Clearances**

Hard to believe the it has been almost six years since clearances were required by the Diocese of Greensburg. With COVID and volunteering being at a minimum, gathering new clearance information was put on hold. Beginning in January, letters will be sent to homes asking you to complete clearance paperwork and return to the parish office. The goal is to have everyone who volunteers up-to-date prior to when Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Altar Servers, and volunteers for fundraising events may resume.

*Your cooperation is appreciated.*

# 2021 Lottery Calendar

There are approximately 710 calendars remaining for sale. Calendars purchased will be eligible to win from the date purchased forward.

Please help our parish with this fundraising opportunity! Thank you to everyone who has purchased calendars to date. Your support is valued.

## Mass Helpers Needed

Additional Mass Helpers are needed for Saturday evening Mass and Sunday morning. The duties are checking people in for Mass, excusing the pews at communion time, letting people out at the end of Mass, and sanitizing after Mass. Several volunteers have been assisting, but if additional people volunteered their time, each Mass helper would only need to serve once a month. Please contact the parish office by phone or email if you would like to help.



## Blessed Mother Pilgrimage Statue Tour 2021

The St. Paddy's Ladies group will continue the traveling Madonna Program in 2021. We had great success with the program in 2020 and many more prayers are needed.

We are looking for families to host the traveling Madonna for a two week period in their home. The 2021 schedule will begin Sunday January 10, 2021. Please contact Jan Bishop at (724) 756-5015 if you would like to schedule your two week time slot.

## Stewardship of Treasure

	<u>December 20-21</u>	<u>Year-To-Date</u>
Adult Offertory	\$3,058.75	\$71,844.00
Children Offertory	\$0.00	\$0.00
Loose	\$49.00	\$2,132.90
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,107.75</b>	<b>\$73,976.90</b>
Budget	\$3,600.00	\$90,000.00
<b>Difference</b>	<b>-\$492.25</b>	<b>-\$16,023.10</b>
Christmas Accent	\$10.00	
Children & Family Svc.	\$5.00	
Christmas Flowers	\$25.00	
	\$155.00	

Due to early bulletin deadlines, the offertory figures for Christmas and December 26-27 will be published in next week's bulletin.

## Faith Formation News

**Preschool—Grade 6:** In keeping with recently revised recommendations provided by the Diocese of Greensburg, faith formation classes for grades preschool through grade 6, with the exception of grade 2, will continue to use the at home instructional model with parents as instructors for the remainder of the 2020-21 school year. Please continue to read and do the activities in the Pflaum Gospel Weeklies with your children each week.

**Second Grade (First Communion):** The next First Communion class will be held on **January 10 from 10:15 am—11:45 am in the hall.**

**Confirmation Prep:** Per diocesan guidelines, in person activities are cancelled until January 4. **Our next Confirmation Prep class will be held on January 17 from 10:15 am—11:45 am in the hall.**

## Votive Candle Reminder

Small Votives (4 hours).....\$.50  
6-Day Candles .....\$3.00

## Vocation Discernment Events for Young Adults and Boys

Jeremiah Days is an opportunity for middle school-aged boys and their parents or guardians to gather to learn, discuss, and pray about a vocation to the priesthood. The group will meet on the following days: Feb. 20, and April 17 from 9:30–11:30 a.m. at St. Barbara Parish, Harrison City. To register, visit [gbgvocations.org](http://gbgvocations.org).

Exploring God's Call, for boys in grades 9-12, will be offered Jan. 17, Feb. 21, March 21, April 18, and May 16 from 6:30-8 p.m. at Greensburg Central Catholic High School. For information or to register for either group, visit [gbgvocations.org](http://gbgvocations.org).

The Melchizedek Project is designed for both high school and young adult men to gather with other individuals their age who would like to grow in their understanding of how to discern a vocation to the priesthood. Upcoming dates for the project are: Jan. 31, Feb. 14, Feb. 28, March 14, March 28, April 11, April 25, and May 23. Each gathering involves prayer, discussion on a specific topic related to priesthood and dinner. Please visit [gbgvocations.org](http://gbgvocations.org) for registration information, dates and locations.