

May 3, 2015 5th Sunday of Easter

As we gather today in Christ's name, we can reflect on the fact that ours is but one of many, many communities throughout the world that are gathering today in the same way. Indeed, Christ is the true vine and there are many branches. As we continue today, perhaps our prayer can be that each of the branches grow stronger on the vine, and that all might grow closer together as we share Christ's mission on this earth.

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

April 26 - May 10, 2015

Health & Blessings for Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Hvozdovic by Family

Epiphany Church Blessed Mother Candle

April 26 - May 10, 2015

In Memory of Karen Ruda by Mom & Dad

Epiphany Church St. Joseph Candle

April 26 - May 10, 2015

For Our Pastor

Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Chapel) Sanctuary Candle

April 26 - May 10, 2015

Candle donation for two weeks is \$20.00. Please call the rectory to reserve a candle.

Bulletin Article Guidelines:

When submitting information for the bulletin it is preferred that you use email, single space, Times New Roman 10 font as an attachment. Email to: epiphanyparishoffice304@gmail.com

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration 1992-2015

23rd Adoration Anniversary Dinner- Will be held May 16th, in the parish hall. RSVP by May 9th. 570.247.1044 or e-mail valleyadoration@gmail.com

There is a great need for two people to come forward and offer to be quadrant coordinators. Currently the person coordinating the night-time and afternoon hours is planning to move South by August. It is very important that two people begin taking over these quadrants prior to August. Maintaining Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration for years to come will only occur if more committed people come forward and offer their support. Please call or attend the next committee meeting May 5th, @ 7:00 pm (call for location).

Open Holy Hours

Monday-8:00am (every other week)

Friday- 1:00pm & 2:00pm (long-term subs needed)

Saturday- 1:00 am (long-term sub needed) Noon, 1:00 pm, 6:00pm, 7:00 pm

Sunday- 10:00 am, Noon

Calendar Reminder

May 2: First Holy Communion 10:00am

May 2/3: Second Collection for the Care and Education of our priests

May 10: Mother's Day (May Crowning following the 11:00am Mass)

May 12: Free Community Meal 4:30-6:00pm

May 12: Knights of Columbus Council #1807 meeting follows 6:30pm

May 14: Ascension Thursday (Holy day of Obligation)

May 25: Memorial Day, there will be two Masses an 8:00am at Epiphany Church and a 10:00am at OLPH Cemetery

Congratulations to the following who received the Sacrament of Confirmation last Sunday

*Noah Lee Sebastian Aranda
 Peter Joseph Thomas Bennett
 Zachary David Anthony Cole
 James Matthew Michael Esposito
 Scott Michael David Herlan
 Alexander Richard Francis Krall
 Devin Charles Albert Lewis
 Bryce Edward Luke Mashas
 Ethan Todd Sebastian Miller
 Jeffrey Richard Michael Reagan
 Matthew Richard Gregory Rilloraza
 Kaden Patrick Sebastian Rude
 Keegan James Michael Rude
 Brady Stephen Jude Smith
 Carson Patrick Isaac Stanfield
 David John Paul Testen
 Leah Barbara Cecilia Reid
 Emily Marie Elizabeth Sutryk
 Sheridan Rose Lucy Talada*

*Brooke Katherine Mary Magdalene Benjamin
 Emily Elizabeth Francesca Canavan
 Erin Nicole Maria Ciavardini
 Alexis Rene Rita Dietz
 Alexandria Ruth Abigail Dibble
 Olivia Grace Cecilia Dougherty
 Amber Ellis Elizabeth Grazul
 Christine Catherine Lucia Henry
 Angela Rachel Gemma Hudock
 Rachel Elizabeth Cecilia Hutchison
 Paige Caroline Lewis
 Alyssa Katherine Yvette Liddane
 Amelia Joan Catherine Martin
 Morgan Marie Phoebe McCutcheon
 Abigail Marie Felicity Moliski
 Avery Madeline Isabella Priester
 Abigail Mae Gabriella Sindoni
 Marnie Helen Anne Sweeney
 Alexandra Elise Anne Tomasso
 Erika Rose Isabel Wells*

Mother's Day Spiritual Remembrance Envelope is found in this month's mailed envelope pack. It will be placed on the Altar during the month of May. There is no greater way to remember those who died, or to ask for God's blessings upon those living than through this spiritual remembrance.

Annual Cemetery Envelope is found in this month's mailed envelope pack. By using this envelope your generous donation helps with the upkeep of Epiphany Cemetery. What would be a major source of income for the cemetery, the selling of burial plots, is not available and has not been for quite some time.

Monthly Operating Statement March 2015	<u>Catholic Community of the Epiphany Stewardship, as a way of Life</u>
<u>Income:</u>	<i>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.</i>
Offertory Envelopes: \$39,718.00	
Loose: 4,802.00	
Building Fund: 425.00	
Misc.: 4,470.01	
CCD: -0-	
<u>Diocesan Collections: 2,596.00</u>	
Total: \$52,011.01	
<u>Expenses:</u>	<u>The difference is in the result of the giving:</u>
Administration: \$14,527.87	<u>COLLECTION</u> <u>April 25/26</u>
Rectory: 3,087.50	Envelopes: \$ 6,197.00
Liturgy: 3,744.92	Loose: \$ 1,196.00
Religious Education: 79.32	<u>Building fund:</u> \$ 0.00
Oper. & Maint.: 9,144.69	TOTAL: \$ 7,393.00 (does not include the 4pm Confirmation Mass)
Self Insurance Asst.: 1,966.61	2nd Collection: \$1,367.00
Catholic School Asst.: 7,823.67	<u>Envelopes issued: 660</u>
Non-Operating: -0-	<u>Envelopes used: 353</u>
<u>Diocesan Collections: 1,717.00</u>	
Total: \$42,091.58	
Balance: (loss) \$9,919.43	Electronic Donations: (4) 410.00

Liturgical Ministers for May 9/10

Altar Servers

5:00pm Shayne & Leah Reid; Dylan Schrader
8:00am Paige Lewis; Thomas & Joseph Cook
9:30am Lucas & Nathan Aquilio; Olivia Corbin
10:00am Harrison & Brian Davis
11:00am Grace Cobb; Stephen & Matthew D'Ortona

Extra Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

5:00pm Bob Dillinger; Bill & Mary Ann Gardner
8:00am Jan Sheedy; Tressa Wells
9:30am Jim & Pat Briggs; Tom Hale
10:00am Dave Brawley; Kathryn Craig
11:00am Matt D'Ortona; Carol & Ralph Meyer

Lectors

5:00pm Toni Ballenstedt; Pat Reid
8:00am Ceil Daher; Greg Friedman
9:30am Rick Antonetti; Patrick Aquilio
10:00am Shelly Reagan; Maureen Wright
11:00am Michael Nagar; James Schmieg

Leader of Song

5:00pm Cathy Russo
8:00am Dolores King
9:30am Karen Garman
10:00am
11:00am Joan Coveleskie

EPIPHANY SCHOOL NEWS

"A School to Believe In"

Pre-K (3 & 4 year olds) to Grade 8

www.epiphany-school.net

Register for the 2014-2015 school year .

Catholic Tuition will apply for all families registered in 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 (570-888-5802) and make arrangements to tour our facility and learn about our programs.

April Support Our School

Monthly Envelope

totaled: \$800.00 from 45 supporters
2015 year to date: \$4,803.00

Because you asked—the Catholic tuition for 1 child for the 2015-2016 school year is \$4,575.00
The non-Catholic tuition for 1 child is \$5,375.00

Diocesan Wide Dialogue on Pastoral Leadership

Over the course of the last year and a half, Bishop Bambera has been gathering with the priests of our Diocese to discuss the current and approaching needs for providing pastoral leadership in all parishes of the Diocese of Scranton. A great deal of this dialogue has focused on reviewing viable alternatives for meeting such a need, based on options provided in Canon Law and models in place in other Dioceses. Corresponding to this has also been a continued emphasis on parish renewal and the "full, conscious and active participation" of all of the baptized in each person's vocation and responsibility for the mission.

2014 DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL "Transforming Lives Together" We are getting close to the end of the 2014 Diocesan Annual Appeal, and are making a final plea to every member of the parish who has not yet contributed to do so. Our goal is \$95,000.00 and to date we have raised \$87,068.93 or 91% of our goal. Only 47% of our parishioners have participated in the Appeal, which is less than half of the parishioners. If all parishioners contribute, in accordance with their means, we can easily meet our goal. Please prayerfully consider contributing to the Annual Appeal if you have not already done so. Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdovic, Pastor & Regional Co-Chair, Ralph & Carol Meyer, Regional Co-Chairs

Church Sewage backup recently was caused by the flushing of products other than basic toilet paper down all toilets in the Church. NO paper towels/ hand towels/ feminine-hygiene products are ever to be flushed down the toilets. PLEASE keep this in mind as to avoid this problem in the future. The cost of repair is extensive, not only for the clean up but replacing nearly half of the flooring in the Church Hall.

Thus the reason for the "Building Fund Envelope" in your monthly envelope pack. As many of you are homeowners you are very much aware of the need to routinely maintain your property and the experience at time the need to make repairs or replace items that break down. This envelope is needed to help assure us that when such need arises like the current sewage issue monies are available to make the proper repairs.

It is estimated that the cost to not only cleanup and replace damaged property but also to assure this problem is avoided as best we can from reoccurring in the future will come at a price tag of \$30,000.

Epiphany School 6 month Lotto results

Apr. 20 \$35 UNSOLD #881
Apr. 21 \$35 Sam Shantillo #850 Athens, PA
Apr. 22 \$35 Angelo Esposito #396 Sayre, PA
Apr. 23 \$35 Rich Lupinsky, Sr. #285 East Smithfield, PA
Apr. 24 \$35 Gina Horn #884 Sayre, PA
Apr. 25 \$50 UNSOLD #719
Apr. 26 \$50 Derrick Kelley #372 Canton, PA

***886 tickets have been sold so far. It still is not too late to purchase a ticket. Please contact the school 570-888-5802 or stop by Mastracchio's Bakery.**

120th Anniversary of Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Sunday, June 28 at 10:00am. We are making up a memory booklet for the 120th anniversary celebration at Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Share your inspirational or humorous memory of OLPH. Pictures are welcome if they correspond with the memory, but they are not necessary. Recent recollections or stories passed through generations are welcome. E-mail Maureen Wright at dm.wright@hotmail.com. (Don't forget the dot in the e-mail address). You may also call her at 570-888-5931 and tell her your story, or send your memory to Maureen's attention at 3273 Wolcott Hollow Road, Athens, PA 18810. Please respond by April 30, 2015.

It's that time again! Registration for Religious Education (CCD) 2015-2016 will be held during the last day of CCD. Parents with children who will be in K-8th grade next year may stop by the school gym from 10:30am-12:00 on May 3rd to register. Registration fees are as follows: 1st child - \$20.00, 2nd child -\$15.00, 3rd child - \$10.00, 4th+child - free.

REGISTRATION WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT PAYMENT (BY CHECK). If you have any questions or need financial assistance, please contact Emily Cook at epiphanyccd3@gmail.com. If you are registering for the first time, please bring a copy of your child's baptismal certificate if they were baptized outside one of the Epiphany consolidated parishes. As always, we are welcoming volunteers for this ministry. If you are interested in teaching or helping in a classroom, please contact us!

Diocesan Pilgrimage for the Papal Mass in Philadelphia on Sunday, September 27. We are currently asking parishioners that would like to participate in this once in a lifetime opportunity to contact the parish office. We are able to secure a 56 passenger bus to depart from Epiphany Parish if there is enough interest. Cost for the bus per person will be \$40.00. **There is now a waiting list as we have a FULL BUS.**

Diocese of Scranton: Shrines of France Pilgrimage 2015 Led by Bishop Bambera and assisted by Fr. Andrew (Diocesan Coordinator of Pilgrimages). Aug. 23-Sept. 1, 2015. For brochure and further information contact Travel World at 1-800-828-6029.

MASS SCHEDULE May 4 - 10, 2015

MONDAY (May 4)

7:00am: *Anniversary:* Mr. & Mrs. C.J. Milliken, Jr. (Charlie & Margaret Nittinger)
12:10pm: *Anniversary:* Phyllis Cochi (Family)

TUESDAY (May 5)

7:00am: *Anniversary:* David Shaw, Sr. (Family)
12:10pm: *Anniversary:* Paul Scanlin (Family)

WEDNESDAY (May 6)

7:00am: *Anniversary:* Emma Mastracchio (Family)
12:10pm: *Anniversary:* Michael Sydock (Sister, Patti)

THURSDAY (May 7)

7:00am: Catherine Calveric (Ruth Frisbie)
12:10pm: Edward & Michael Kelly (Passarelli Family)

FRIDAY (May 8)

7:00am: Anna Altieri (Joe & Linda Scopelliti)
12:10pm: Karen Ruda (Mom & Dad)

SATURDAY (May 9)

Vigil: 6th Sunday of Easter

5:00pm: Mother's Day Intentions

SUNDAY (May 10) 6th Sunday of Easter

8:00am: Mother's Day Intentions
9:30am: Mother's Day Intentions
10:00am: (OLPH) Mother's Day Intentions
11:00am: For Our Parishioners
(MAY CROWNING TO FOLLOW)

Essential Oils 101 Class: You've heard of Frankincense, Myrrh, and other oils from the Bible, now come learn about their history, how they work, and how they can benefit you. Did you know they have medicinal nature, can be used for emotions, and to swap toxic cleaning supplies? There will be a **free class on May 17, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. in the church hall.** We will also have some items on hand such as allergy roll-ons, insect repellent, and more for a small fee.

MASS ATTENDANCE

<u>April</u>	<u>4/5</u>	<u>11/12</u>	<u>18/19</u>	<u>25/26</u>
5:00pm (8pm 225)		181	156	166
8:00am	261	112	150	118
9:30am	281	238	192	151
10:00am	140	62		63
11:00am	370	146	186	140
4:00PM				418
TOTAL:	1,277	977	684	1,056