



St. Edward Catholic Church



A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust
120 St. Edward Lane, Herminie, PA 15637
A Parish of the Diocese of Greensburg

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 29, 2012

PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. John J. Harrold

Pastor

jharrold@dioceseofgreensburg.org

Miss Faith A. Rich

Pastoral Minister

frich@dioceseofgreensburg.org

Mrs. Kathleen M. Topolosky

Director of Faith Formation

ktopolosky@dioceseofgreensburg.org

Mr. Benjamin P. Murray

Director of Music Ministry

bmurray@dioceseofgreensburg.org

Mrs. Glenda E. Sekerchak

Administrative Secretary

gsekerchak@dioceseofgreensburg.org

Mrs. Lisa Arch

Faith Formation Secretary

larch@dioceseofgreensburg.org

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil 6:00 p.m.

Sunday 9:00 & 11:30 a.m.

Weekday - no Wed. 8:00 a.m.

Holy Days—As listed in the bulletin

Reconciliation—Saturday at 4:30 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Parents must attend a Baptism

Preparation Class. The Sacrament of Baptism is usually celebrated on the 1st and 3rd Sunday after 9:00 a.m. Mass. No baptisms during Lent.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confession on Saturday at 4:30 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Contact the pastor and arrange date at least 1 year in advance. Attendance at Marriage Prep. Program is required.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF

ADULTS (R.C.I.A.)

Adults interested in becoming Catholic or those who have not received all of the Sacraments of Initiation should contact the Faith Formation Office.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND

Communion calls to the sick and homebound and those confined in nursing homes are made regularly. Please notify the Pastoral Minister in the Faith Formation office.

CONTACT US:

Parish Office: 724-446-5197

Faith Formation Office: 724-446-5381

Parish Fax: 724-446-1433

Parish E-Mail:

stedward@dioceseofgreensburg.org

Parish Web: www.saint-edward.org

Diocesan Web: www.dioceseofgreensburg.org

Faith. Academics. Service. Catholic Schools

“The beginning of wisdom
is the fear of the Lord,
and knowledge of the
Holy One is understanding.”

~Proverbs 9:10



Parish Mission Statement

We, of St. Edward, are a large parish family diverse in age, community and background. We are united by a shared Catholic faith, offering hospitality and opportunities for spiritual growth. Our baptismal commitment is continually renewed by living and proclaiming the word of God, through our celebration of the sacraments, especially the Eucharist. The proclaiming of our faith is found in our example and participation in the world. With the help of the Holy Spirit, we strive to grow in Christ during our journey of a lifetime.



MASS SCHEDULE

SAT: JANUARY 28
6:00pm † Bernie Floriani
(Janet Staigvil)

SUN: JANUARY 29
9:00am For the Living & Deceased Members of
St. Edward Parish
11:30am † John & Viola Vano
(Ron & Glenda Sekerchak)

MON: JANUARY 30
8:00am † Elizabeth Olson (Anni)
(Family)

No morning Mass this week after Monday. Please visit neighboring parishes for daily Mass.

St. Agnes: Mon - Fri 7:30am; Sat 8am
Immaculate Conception: Mon - Sat 8am
Holy Family: Mon - Fri 8am
Seven Dolors: Mon, Wed, Thur, Fri 9am; Tue - Noon

February 3 - Throat Blessings

In Father John's absence, please see the schedule below. Throats will be blessed at these Masses and Services on Friday, February 3rd.

Immaculate Conception - Friday, 8am Mass
Seven Dolors - Friday, 9am Mass
St. Agnes - Friday, 7:30am Mass & Prayer Service at 7pm



SAT: FEBRUARY 4
6:00pm For the Living & Deceased Members of
St. Edward Parish

SUN: FEBRUARY 5 - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00am † Frank Fedor (Anni)
(Ron & Glenda Sekerchak)
11:30am † Ann Merlino (Anni)
(Merlino Family)

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE
January 22, 2012**

Adult Envelopes (281 donations out of 741 families)	\$5835.80
Children's (48)	\$41.61
Loose	\$133.20
Monthly (11)	\$295.00
On-Line Giving (6)	\$140.00
Total	\$6,445.61

Amount budgeted for the week	\$9,241.00
Over / (Under)	-\$2,795.39

Thank you for your generosity!

God tells us that only the hand that is open to give can also be open to receive His peace and joy.

**TODAY'S READINGS FOR THE
4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

FIRST READING: The book of Deuteronomy is Moses's final testament to the Israelites in light of his imminent death. Moses gives the people God's promise to raise up a prophet like him who will speak in God's name and not his own. The people, for their part, are to listen to him.

*"If today you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts."*

SECOND READING: We continue to hear from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians. Today's text must be seen in light of the belief of a very imminent Parousia, or return of the Lord. As a result, believers are to be totally focused on the Lord, free of all other concerns, without division or distraction.

GOSPEL: In the Gospel according to Mark, one of Jesus' main works was to conquer the power of Satan. Earlier in this first chapter, Jesus had contended with the devil in the dessert. Today, we see a more public confrontation. Interestingly, the man with the unclean spirit is in the synagogue, a gathering place for prayer and the study of scripture. Though not evident in English translation, the possessed man "immediately" verbally assaults Jesus. Jesus had indeed come to destroy his evil spirit and does so. The account of this exorcism is framed by references to the impressive authority of Jesus' word. His style of teaching immediately attracted people.



Light has been given, that we may shine forth!

What a bright light shone on the temple the day the Lord Jesus was presented by Mary and Joseph. Cradled in the loving arms of His mother, protectively guarded by His earthly father, Jesus began His ministry of light, blazing into the hearts of Anna and Simeon who had waited so long for His coming.

To commemorate such a gift of divine light, candles will be blessed and made available for use in homes in private devotion next weekend, February 4/5 on the bulletin table. A donation of \$2 is suggested. A simple glowing reminder that we are called to bring the Light to the world around us. The light of one single candle can be seen for as far as 10 miles on a dark, still night. How far is our light shining today?

CANDLEMAS DAY WEATHER FOLKLORE

*If Candlemas day be sunny and bright,
Winter again will show its might.
If Candlemas day be cloudy and gray,
Winter soon will pass away.*

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

Lent is a gift of 40 days to allow us an opportunity to turn our lives toward God. The church provides many ways in which we can do this. Our Bible Study is one of those.

On Wednesday, February 29th, a 5-part Lenten Bible Study will begin. This study entitled "Jesus Passion: The Story of Redemptive Suffering" examines the Scriptural basis of Mel Gibson's movie, *The Passion of the Christ*, and looks at how this powerful portrayal of the suffering and death of Jesus relates to the Bible and the teaching of the Catholic Church.

The study guide is \$15 and needs to be ordered by February 6th. Please call Kitty in the Faith Formation office at 724-446-5381 for information and to register.

BOY SCOUT SUNDAY

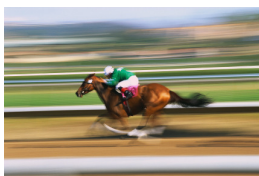


Boy Scout Sunday will be celebrated across the nation on February 5th. Founded in 1910, the Boy Scouts have grown in membership and influence the daily lives of our young men. Millions of youths have joined Catholic Scout units over the years and thousands of them have become community and church leaders.

All Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts are encouraged to wear their uniforms to Mass next weekend, February 4/5 to represent Scouting in our parish.

NIGHT AT THE RACES

St. Edward Parish will sponsor a "Night at the Races" on Saturday, February 18th at 7:30pm in Edwardian Hall. Doors open at 7:00pm. All horses are now sold! Admission tickets are available to purchase this weekend before and after all Masses. The cost is \$10 each. They will be \$15 at the door. The evening includes free food, free beer, beverages, BYOB, and much more! (Must be 21 to attend). All proceeds benefit the church.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - Many volunteers are needed to make this parish fund-raiser a success. Please call Dawna at 724-446-1802, Joyce at 724-446-1112 or Becky at 724-446-4012 to offer your Stewardship of Time.

RACE SPONSORS NEEDED - A few sponsors are needed! The cost is \$40. If your business is interested in offsetting the expense of our fund-raiser, please call Dawna at 724-446-1802.

CHINESE AUCTION BASKETS WANTED - Can you help by donating a basket for the Night at the Races? Please contact Dawna at 724-446-1802 or Lisa at 724-446-5381 as to the type of basket you will be donating.

2011 PERSONAL CONTRIBUTION RECORD

Name _____

Envelope Number _____

Please complete this form and return it to the rectory office or place in the collection basket. No phone calls, please! All discrepancies should be brought to the attention of Finance Council Chairman, Mr. Dan Pergola at 724-872-7307.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK! - Is celebrated this week, January 29 - February 5 throughout our diocese and country. The theme this year is "**Catholic Schools: Faith. Academics. Service.**" Catholic Education in America maintains strong faith, positive values and high educational standards. Students from Queen of Angels Catholic School will be speaking at all Masses this weekend in support of Catholic education. Please pray this week for our schools, our children, and the dedicated women and men committed to the ideals of Catholic education. *Enclosed in the bulletin this weekend is a complete list of events scheduled for Catholic Schools Week at Queen of Angels School in Irwin. Also enclosed is information on Queen of Angels School and all they have to offer for your children's education. Check it out!*

PEROGHI ORDERS TODAY! - Place your orders for the Lenten Season before and after all Masses this weekend. The cost for the Homemade Peroghi's (potato and cheese) is \$6.00 a dozen. Orders will be taken through February 22nd. Delivery will be the weekend of February 25/26. You may also call Donna at 724-446-9544 or Lorraine at 724-872-7307 to place your order. All proceeds benefit the church!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES - Continue on Monday, January 30th from 6-7:30pm for students in grades K-5 who attend public school.

RCIA SESSION - Continues on Monday, January 30th at 7:00pm in the parish meeting room.

SUNSHINE CLUB MEETING - Members will meet on Tuesday, January 31st at **1:30pm in the church hall**. Refreshments will be provided by the Executive Board and Heads of Committees. Blazer's Fitness Center of Irwin will provide a demonstration of the UPMC Silver & Fit Class for senior fitness. Dee Mangini, certified personal trainer and group instructor, will lead the group of Blazer members for this demonstration.

BIBLE STUDY CONTINUES - "Women in the Old Testament" continues on Wednesday, February 1st at 9:30am in the parish meeting room.

FOOD BANK - Distribution of food on Wednesday, February 1st at 10:30am in the church hall.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY - Bring your knitting or crocheting supplies with you and join our members in this ministry on Wednesday, February 1st in the meeting room from 1-3pm.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS - Janice Stepinsky, of our parish, who died this past week. A Liturgy Service was celebrated on January 21st. May she rest in the peace of Christ.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS - Frank Schehr, Jr., of our parish, who died recently. May he rest in the peace of Christ.

GIFTS FOR NEWBORN BABIES - Please consider taking a duckie or two from the display board in the church vestibule to benefit Birthright. Please place all items purchased in the baskets available in the church vestibule by February 12th. Thank you for your support!

YOUTH MINISTRY HOAGIE SALE! - Next weekend on Super Bowl Sunday, the Youth Ministry students will be selling 16" Italian Hoagies with or without onions for \$6.00 each. Purchase a few Hoagies for your Super Bowl Parties!

EASTERN EUROPEAN COLLECTION - Next weekend, February 4/5, a second collection will be taken for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This Collection supports Catholic organizations that provide food, shelter, medical care, catechesis, and companionship for the lonely in a region still struggling in the aftermath of atheistic Soviet rule. Your donation helps to restore the strength of the Church in the region. Please be generous in your support as all of us together are building Christ's Kingdom of peace. Visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections to learn more.

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS CAN BE FOUND TODAY ON A SEPARATE SHEET IN THE BULLETIN.