



January 25, 2026



Today's readings

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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: 3:00 p.m.
Or by appointment

All Sacraments:

Please call the office



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Scripture Reflection

From Fr. Anthony Onoko:

ATTITUDE TO THE UNDERPRIVILEGED, JANUARY 12, 2026
WEEK 1, YEAR 1
1 SAMUEL 1:1-8; PSALM 116; MARK 1:14-20

Yesterday, I reflected on trusting God even when life does not make sense. (The feast of the Baptism of the Lord) I said that there are situations that confuse us, wound us, or leave us questioning God. Yet, when we walk through them with trust, clarity eventually comes. God always makes sense in the end.

Today's First Reading gives us a concrete example. Hannah was faithful, prayerful, and God fearing. Yet her devotion seemed unrewarded. Peninnah, the second wife of her husband, had many children, while Hannah had none. Peninnah practised a form of religiosity that did not transform her character. It was spirituality without charity.

This kind of situation can make people feel that God is unfair. But we know how the story ends. God was never unjust. He was simply working in His own time. Today, the world remembers Hannah through her son, Samuel. Very little, if anything, is remembered of the many sons and daughters of Peninnah.

However, I want us to focus not on Hannah's pain, but on Peninnah's attitude. She mocked, taunted, and humiliated Hannah because she lacked what she herself possessed.

This raises an important question for us.

What is our attitude towards those we consider less privileged than ourselves?

Towards those who do not have what we have, know what we know, or are blessed in the way we are?

How do we treat those who struggle, who carry visible weaknesses, or who are different from us?

Do we treat them like Peninnah treated Hannah, or do we respond with love, patience, kindness, tolerance, and gentleness?

Jesus shows us the right attitude. In today's Gospel, when He begins His mission, He does not go first to the powerful, the learned, or the wealthy. He goes to the seaside; He calls fishermen. He walks into ordinary places where simple people gather. He chooses the lowly and the overlooked. This was His way throughout His earthly life.

Beloved in the Lord, mocking others for who they are or what they lack is not strength. It is a sign of spiritual ignorance, lack of charity, and hidden arrogance. Scripture reminds us clearly that God has no favourites; He loves us all equally (Acts 10:34; Romans 2:11).

I end with the words of Proverbs 17:5:

“Those who mock the poor insult their Maker; those who rejoice at the misfortune of others will be punished.”

May the Lord give us hearts that reflect His own.
Amen

Stewardship

Due to the bulletin transmission deadline, last week's collection will be listed next week.

Eastern Europe Collection

Next week, **January 31 and February 1**, there will be a second collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Proceeds from this collection will help the Church to overcome the challenges of rebuilding after decades of atheistic communist rule, bringing light to twenty-nine nations in Central and Eastern Europe, such as Lithuania, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Poland, Slovenia, Slovakia, Macedonia, and Ukraine. We are called to continue to offer hope to our fellow Catholics in Central and Eastern Europe by providing both material and spiritual assistance as they face enormous challenges.

Pierogi Time

We will be making pierogis this Sunday, **January 25**, following the 8:30 a.m. Mass and on Monday, **January 26**, following the 8:00 a.m. Mass. Come and lend a hand for as long as you can. If you've seen our pierogis at the fish fry you know they are a big seller. We need to keep up with the demand!

Additional pierogi making dates are: Sunday, February 1 and Monday, February 2, and Sunday, February 8 and Monday, February 9.

Children's Envelopes

Envelopes for children's offering are available in the back of the church. Helping your child prepare their offering sows the seeds of basic Catholic stewardship helping children to grow into adults who joyfully give of their time, talent and treasure.

Open House

St Sebastian Regional Catholic School will hold an Open House on Sunday January 25, 2026 from 12:30-2:00 p.m. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to EFouch@sssbv.org

With Deepest Sympathy — Condolences are extended to the family of NANCY RIZZUTO. May God grant her eternal rest, and comfort her family. We commend her soul to rest in the peace of Christ.

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, January 24 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Larry Mauro by Jim & Cathy Quattro

Sunday, January 25 — 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM † Earl Lancaster by Angela & Sons

10:30 AM Pro Populo

Monday, January 26

8:00 AM † Stanley Matinsky by Joe & Teri Smith

Tuesday, January 27

8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

Wednesday, January 28

9:00 AM Mass at St. John the Baptist

Thursday, January 29

8:00 AM † Sister Rose Tomilinson, Sister Agnes Mikolaj by Linda Guiffre

Friday, January 30

8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

10:15 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

Saturday, January 31 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Joe Minno by Wife & Children

Sunday, February 1 — 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM † Deceased Members of the Reda and

Naccarato Family by Mr & Mrs Fred Naccarato

10:30 AM Pro Populo

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OFFICE HOURS :

Ministry Schedule — Jan. 31 & Feb. 1 2026

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 p.m.	G. Pesì	M. Dzurik R. Lucas J. Brown	D. Harkins
8:30 a.m.	S. Stein	F. Petrosky L. DeFelices A. Pastella	V. Watkins
10:30 a.m.	M. Melvin	K. Byron E. Yatchyshyn P. Francowic	M. Guiliford

Money Counters

Monday, January 26 — Team #5 — M. Smith

Communion to the Homebound

If you are homebound and would like to receive the Eucharist, please call the office and let us know.

Liturgy

Have you considered how you can help serve in the liturgy? When we gather for Mass, we all contribute in some way. **Serving at the altar** is a way to actively participate in the liturgy and experience God’s presence in a profound way. We are always in need of men and women to serve as **Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion**. If you are in high school and have been confirmed, you are welcome to join as a **reader** or a **cantor**. Children who have made their First Communion, as well as teens and men and women, are welcome to participate as **altar servers**.

If concern about scheduling is holding you back, know that we can work to fit it in your schedule. **If you are interested serving in any of the ministries, please call the office, email or talk to Fr. Anthony or Fr. Mike by Sunday, February 15** so we can schedule a training. Email addresses can be found on the front of the bulletin.

Blessing of Throats

Each year the Church commemorates the feast of Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr celebrated on **February 3rd**. Because St. Blaise is the patron saint for the protection against throat diseases, **we will bless throats after Mass on Tuesday**. There will be a general blessing to the congregation on the following weekend, **February 7 & 8**.



Church History

As the Diocese of Greensburg begins its 75th anniversary celebration, the Office of Faith, Family and Discipleship will host a presentation by Bishop Larry J. Kulick and Father Michael P. Conway, Vicar for Clergy and Consecrated Life for the Diocese of Pittsburgh, **Saturday, Jan. 31, from 9 a.m.— Noon at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg**. Bishop Kulick will speak on the history and future of the Diocese of Greensburg; Father Conway will speak on the history of Catholicism in the United States, and American saints. Light refreshments will be provided.

Blessings & Bliss

The Office of Faith, Family and Discipleship invites married couples in the Diocese of Greensburg to celebrate National Marriage Week at **Blessings and Bliss Friday, Feb. 13, at 7 p.m. at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg**. The evening is free and will include Mass, a keynote reflection, blessing, champagne toast and cookie reception. Register now at DioceseofGreensburg.org/

Catholic Schools Week



The 12 Diocese of Greensburg Catholic schools have millions of dollars in tuition assistance available! Visit www.CatholicSchoolsGuide.org or call 724-552-2565.

Tax Credit Program

Did you know that you can redirect your Pennsylvania state taxes into scholarships for students attending Catholic schools in the Diocese of Greensburg? It's possible through the Pennsylvania Educational Tax Credit Program (EITC). Select the Catholic school(s) you'd like to support with your contribution and receive 90% of that amount as a tax credit for a two-year commitment. The school(s) will receive up to 100% of your donation to provide tuition assistance for qualified families in the upcoming school year. Visit DioceseofGreensburg.org/EITC to fill out the interest form or contact Bill Barnes in the Office of Catholic Schools at 724-552-2589.

Groups

Epiphany Ladies will continue their winter schedule and meet on Sunday, February 8 in the church hall following the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Members, and all women of the parish, are warmly invited to attend this pre-Lent gathering.

The Holy Name Society will not meet on February 8.

Formation Volunteers

The Faith Formation program is in need of substitute catechists, building monitors and class aides at all of our formation sessions in the region. If you are interested, please contact **Adelle Slebodnik**, Director of Religious Education, aslebodnik@dioceseofgreensburg.org.

Ascension App

To hear the bible and/or the Catechism of the Catholic Church, download **The Ascension Catholic App** to your cell phone or tablet. Fr. Mike Schmitz provides podcasts on the bible and the catechism. The app is available at the Google Play Store for Android and the Apple Store for iPhone.

Join us for coffee and doughnuts
between the Sunday Masses.

Stewardship

CRS Spotlight

In the past five years in Rwanda, CRS has reached over 300,000 young children with early learning and nutrition support, trained over 5,000 caregivers to nurture healthy growth, and built and equipped 174 community centers where children can learn and play safely. Please consider donating today at

www.crs.org. Thanks for your support!



"I am convinced that the preferential choice for the poor is a source of extraordinary renewal both for the Church and for society." ~ Pope Leo XIV

The St. Vincent de Paul store in Monessen is always in need of volunteers. If you are able to lend a hand it is much appreciated. Stop in or call the store.

Faith

The **OCIA** (formerly RCIA) process involves a journey of faith and conversion. A person is introduced to the beliefs, life, liturgy, and apostolic work of the Catholic Church. OCIA is for the unbaptized, the baptized who would like to receive Confirmation and Eucharist, those who have been baptized in another Christian faith and have little knowledge or experience of what it means to be a Catholic Christian, and those who just have questions. If you would like to ask questions or start this journey, please contact Adelle Slebodnik or speak with Father following Mass.

The Upper Room: A Young Adult Ministry

We are excited to announce a monthly opportunity for **young adults between 18 and 40 years** of age to come together in faith, fellowship, and food. We will gather at **St. Mary's Hall at the Historic Church of Saint Peter in Brownsville**. Our first gathering will be **Wednesday, Feb. 11** at 6 p.m. Come and join us and bring along a friend. So that we can plan for dinner, please register at <https://tinyurl.com/55t6umcw>

Questions, please contact Adelle at aslebodnik@dioceseofgreensburg.org.

Youth Ministry

Youth in grades 6 through 12 will have opportunities to deepen their faith understanding through two separate programs. Called, for grades 6–8 and Impact, for Grades 9–12. Info is on the website. Both programs will be held at St. John the Baptist, Perryopolis. To register, use the QR code above or email Adelle at aslebodnik@dioceseofgreensburg.org

CANDLEMAS

*Traditions of the Past,
Inspiration for the Future*

**Candlelight Mass at
St. Bruno Church**

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND
6:30 PM**

*Please Bring Any Candles You Would Like To
Be Blessed And Used In Your Home Throughout The Year*

Light refreshments will follow in the church hall

Please bring any candles you would like to be blessed and used in your home throughout the year. Light refreshment will follow in the church hall.

Weekly Reading

Readings for the week of January 25



Sunday: Is 8:23-9:3/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17
Monday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20
Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/Mk 4:21-25
Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11/Mk 4:26-34
Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41
Next Sunday: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/Ps 146:6c-7, 8-9a, 9b-10/1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a

Blessing of Light

Where you have known darkness, may the light stretch and shine.

Where you have dwelt in shadows, may the sun reach its gentle rays.

Where you have hidden in shame, may you know light-filled redemption, healing, belonging, and rest in Jesus.

Amen.



Renew & Restore

Adult Faith Experience

The Fay-West Catholic Churches of the Diocese of Greensburg presents: Renew and Restore. Guest Speaker Marita Parker will talk on "Patching and Healing the Cracks in our Foundation". All adults are invited to join us at St. Joseph Parish in Uniontown for dinner, fellowship, games, Adoration and prayer. Child Care is Available. Cost is \$35 per person or \$50 per couple. Register at: <https://www.osvhub.com/st-joseph-uniontown/forms/refresh-and-renew> For more information contact **Adelle Slebodnik**, Director of Religious Education, aslebodnik@dioceseofgreensburg.org.

The Fay-West Catholic Churches of the Diocese of Greensburg present:

RENEW & RESTORE

an adult event

Friday, January 30, 2026 + 6pm to 9pm
 St. Joseph Church, Uniontown
 Cost \$35 per person or \$50 per couple

Dinner + Non-Alcoholic Drinks + Games
 Dynamic Speaker on
 "Patching & Healing the Cracks in our Foundation"
 Adoration + Prayer

Child Care Available