THE Epiphany OF OUR Lord

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

October 11, 2026

28th 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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OUR LOCATION

Epiphany of Our Lord Catholic Church
44 Pennsylvania Blvd., Monessen, PA 15062

724-684-7661

724-397-7035 —Emergency Pastoral Care

www.eolparish.com

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Reflection

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
An Invitation That Changes Us

God desires to gather us at His table. Isaiah describes a feast where death is overcome and tears are wiped away. Psalm 23 assures us that our Shepherd remains beside us even through life's darkest valleys. For anyone carrying grief, illness, or worry about the future, these readings offer hope: our suffering will not have the final word.

Yet the Gospel asks whether we will accept God's invitation. Some guests turn away because they are occupied with their farms and businesses. Ordinary responsibilities can absorb us so completely that prayer, Sunday Mass, and our relationship with God are continually postponed.

The guest without a wedding garment offers another warning. St. Gregory the Great, quoted in Aquinas's *Catena Aurea*, understands this garment as charity. Accepting the invitation means allowing God's grace to change how we live and love.

St. Paul shows us that Christ supplies strength in both abundance and hardship. We can begin responding today: make time for prayer, seek reconciliation in Confession, forgive an old hurt, or visit someone who is lonely.

At Mass, Christ nourishes us for this life while preparing us for the heavenly banquet. Let us receive His invitation with grateful hearts—and carry His love into the lives of others.

With Deepest Sympathy — Condolences are extended to the families of Ronald Croushore and Bernard Plavko. May God grant them eternal rest, and comfort to their families. We commend their souls to rest in the peace of Christ.

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

10:15AM Mass at St.. John the Baptist

Saturday, October 10 — Vigil
4:00 PM † Andrew and Janne Sepesky & Decesased Children by Family

Sunday, October 11 — 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 AM † James H. Todd by Wife, Ruth Jane, & Family
10:30 AM Pro Populo

Monday, October 12
8:00 AM † John & Nira Persico by John Lauteri

Tuesday, October 13
8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

Wednesday, October 14
9:00 AM Mass at St. John the Baptist

Thursday, October 15
8:00 AM † Dolores Harhai by Dom, Shirley & Vaccaro Family

Friday, October 16
8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian
8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

Saturday, October 17—Vigil
4:00 PM Helen & ValGene Veschio by Children & grandchildren

Sunday, October 18 — 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 AM pro populo
10:30 AM † Mary & Sinbaldo Daniele by Daughters

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OFFICE HOURS :
Monday –Thursday: 8:30 a.m. –12; 1 p.m.– 3 p.m.
Friday: 8:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Ministry Schedule — Oct. 17 & 18

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 p.m.	A. Punturiero	L. Henry J. Brown Volunteer	D. Harkins
8:30 a.m.	D. DeCarlo	C. Pawelec F. Petrosky A. Pastella	T. Todd
10:30 a.m.	M. Melvin	W. White P. Francowic K. Byron	M. Guilford

Money Counters
Monday, October 12 — Team #2 — W. Anders

Prayer for the Month of October

Loving and merciful Father,
as we begin this new month of October, we place into Your caring hands all those who are suffering in body, mind, or spirit.

We pray especially for all who are battling cancer, heart disease, and every serious illness. Bring them healing, strength, courage, and peace. Bless their doctors, nurses, carers, and all who support them. May they never feel alone, for You are close to the broken-hearted and near to all who call upon You.

We pray for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one. Comfort them in their sorrow, wipe away their tears, and give eternal rest to those who have died. May the hope of the resurrection strengthen every wounded heart.

We pray for marriages and families experiencing difficulty, misunderstanding, separation, pain, or lack of peace. Lord, heal what is broken, soften hearts, restore communication, deepen love, and grant the grace of forgiveness and reconciliation.

Bless all Your children throughout this month. Grant us good health, protection, wisdom, peace in our homes, success in our work, and growth in faith. May this month bring renewed hope, unexpected blessings, and a deeper awareness of Your loving presence.

Through the intercession of Our Lady of the Rosary, may God bless us, protect us, and keep us close to His Sacred Heart.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Fr. Anthony Onoko

Anima Christi

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.
Body of Christ, save me.
Blood of Christ, embolden me.
Water from the side of Christ, wash me.
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.
O good Jesus, hear me.
Within your wounds hide me.
Never permit me to be parted from you.
From the evil Enemy defend me.
At the hour of my death call me
and bid me come to you,
that with your Saints I may praise you
for age upon age. Amen.

Faith

A Change of Heart

We have begun our Furthering Our Faith sessions of Metanoia. There are still a few more weeks. You won't feel that you have come in late as each session is independent. **Metanoia** means conversion, but more than that, it means to change, to think differently. And that's what we will be looking at in this series by Wild Goose. We will **meet each Thursday in October at 6:30 p.m. in the church hall.** There is no study guide for the series, so there is no cost. We will watch the video by Wild Goose and have a brief discussion.

Confirmation Retreat

All youth preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in spring 2027 are **required to participate in the Diocese of Greensburg's ACTIV8 Confirmation Retreat.** Inspired by Acts 1:8, this retreat provides an opportunity for candidates to deepen their relationship with Christ and be strengthened by the Holy Spirit as they prepare for Confirmation. Retreats will be held at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg, **Wednesdays, Oct. 28 and Nov. 11, and Saturday, Nov. 21, from 10 a.m.-6:30 p.m.** Registration opens at 9 a.m. Morning bus transportation is available. Families are invited to attend Mass at 4:30 p.m., and parents are required to participate in a meeting with Bishop Larry J. Kulick at 6 p.m. For information and registration details, visit **DioceseofGreensburg.org/ConfirmationRetreat.**

October Count Throughout the month of October it has been customary to count the people who attend church. This count is important when we look at where we are going and how we can best manage coverage of our parishes.

You are most welcome here. To join our parish, drop this form in the collection basket, or call the office at 724-684-7661.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Stewardship

Weekly Collection October 4

Votive Candles:	146	Online :	3,108
Utility & Energy:	240	**Total Collection:**	**$7,658**
Accent:	0	Seminarian:	90
Advent:	6	World Mission:	30
All Souls:	13	Retired Religious:	10
All Saints:	13	**Total Collection:**	**$7,788**
Children & Adult:	4,132		

Give online

Consider online giving. It is quick and easy to set up. You can do it one time, or however often you wish. It can be stopped at any time. Sign up through the app or the website: www.eolparish.com

DLA

Since we have reached our Diocesan goal of $44,564, everything now contributed to DLA **will come back to the parish!** We are currently $5,383 toward our parish goal of $20,000.

World Mission Sunday

Next weekend, October 17 & 18, there will be a second collection for World Mission Sunday. This is the vocation of the church — to go out to all the world and share the Good News. World Mission Sunday 2026 marks the 100th anniversary of its establishment by Pope Pious XI. Currently, 5.5 of the 8.1 billion people alive are not Christian, two millennia after Pentecost. The second collection we take up on World Mission Sunday supports the Church's missionary work in places where the Gospel has never been heard before and where the Church is too young, too persecuted, or too poor to sustain itself.

Have an Idea? We Want to Hear It!

We are forming a new **Fundraising Committee** and would love to have you be part of it! We're looking for people with ideas, creativity, and a willingness to help our parish find new and **enjoyable** ways to raise funds and support our church.

You don't need fundraising experience—just a willingness to share ideas and lend a hand. Whether you can help with planning, organizing, promoting, or simply have a great idea, **there's a place for you!**

Interested? We're meeting in the church hall on **Monday, October 19 at 6:30 p.m.** For more info, call the office.

Shoe Box Project

The Diocesan Central Council of Greensburg, **Society of St. Vincent DePaul,** will be participating in the Appalachian Christmas Shoe Box Project. The shoeboxes will be packed on **Saturday, October 24 at 10:00 a.m. in the St. Sebastian** parish hall. The last date to contribute items is Sunday, October 18.

Cheese Balls

Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Monessen are again selling their "World Famous Cheese Balls" for the Holidays. They are wrapped to freeze and nuts are bagged separately. Cost $10.00. **Orders are due by Tuesday, October 20**, by calling Regent Debbie Genemore at 724-708-8335. **Pick up date: Friday, November 13** between 1:00 to 3:00 in the Church Hall. Thank you, in advance, for your support of our projects.

Tickets will be sold after Masses this weekend, October 10 & 11 and next, October 17 & 18.

Joseph's Nursery Vouchers

Epiphany Ladies will be selling $10 and $20 vouchers for Joseph's Nursery. Vouchers expire January 31, 2027. Know someone with a Fall Birthday? This is the perfect gift to let them choose their own plant or décor. Order forms are in the back of the church.

Knights' Notes

Winter is generally cold. To help care for those in need, **the Knights' Council #954 is donating 260 coats** costing over $3,000 to children attending Monessen and Belle Vernon Schools, the Free Store and to the Monessen Family Center.

In addition, the Council is:

- Donating $1,000 each to St. Sebastian Regional School and Madonna Catholic to aid in educating youth in our Catholic faith.
- Presenting their three 'adopted' seminarians with $600 each to assist in schooling expenses.
- Sponsoring an essay contest (see below and on the parish website.
- Welcoming all to gather at the Council Hall on Grand Blvd., for the recitation of the Rosary on the third Wednesday of every month at 7:00 p.m.

Lead with Faith, Serve with Purpose

The Knights of Columbus Monessen Council 954 is looking for **men who want to make a difference** in our parish and our community. We aren't just a social club; **we are a brotherhood** built on the pillars of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity.

If you are looking to put your faith in action, join the Knights of Columbus today. See any Knight for an application, or call the church office.

Student Essay Contest

The Knights of Columbus, Council #954 is sponsoring a Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest for **Catholic students grades 8-12.** The essay will be up to 750 words. This year's theme is taken from President John Kennedy's inaugural address quote on human rights. Specific instructions and entry forms will be available in each Church. The contest closes on November 15 with a **cash prize awarded to the first-place winner in each grade.** Winning entries will then be forwarded to district and state offices for further judging. Looks for complete details of the form and in future bulletins.

A teaching Mass will be held Tuesday, Nov. 17, at 6 p.m. at St. James Parish, New Alexandria, will explain the prayers, gestures, symbols and traditions involved. It is an opportunity to learn how each part of the Mass draws us closer to Christ. For info, call 724-668-2829, option #3.

Groups

Our Second Epiphany of our Lord Ladies meeting will be held **Sunday, October 11** following the 10:30 a.m. Mass. All current and new members are welcome. We will be collecting for our Salvatore's Marinara September fundraiser and anyone interested in our October fundraiser of Vouchers for Joseph's nursery can contact any officer about the fundraiser as well as any of our Philanthropic agendas. We will be collecting monetary donations to help with Father Anthony's people in Nigeria. We work together with our faith community in love to bring relief, hope and charity together to make a difference. Any way possible you can help our efforts are greatly appreciated or if you have a cause please bring to our attention to help. Our theme for October is ***'HUMILITY'.***

K of C SUPERBINGO

Sunday, October 18, 2026
Doors Open 11:00
Early Bird at 11:30 am
Regular Bingo Starts at 12:15 pm
Basket Raffle, Tip boards, and Instant Bingo
Ascension Church, Mersinger Hall
615 Division St., Jeannette, Pa

Jackpot $1,000

Tickets $30.00

Includes one packet and Boxed Lunch
For tickets or more information call:
Dick Harrold 724-516-6544 or John Cramer 724-396-9737
Tickets Available at Jeannette St. Vincent DePaul
And Friday Bingos at Mersinger Hall

Calendar Ticket

A 2027 Cash Calendar is available for sale at St. Sebastian Parish, Belle Vernon. You may stop by their Parish Office 801 Broad Ave., Belle Vernon (9 AM - 3 PM) and pick your winning number for 365 chances to win! Any questions or for more information call Linda at 724-929-9300.

Communion to the Homebound

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

Women are invited to attend Spirited 2026: "Chosen and Precious in the Sight of God" (1 Peter 2:4) **Saturday, Nov. 7, at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg.** The conference, a day of prayer, inspiration and fellowship sponsored by the Diocese of Greensburg's Office of Faith, Family and Discipleship, will feature nationally recognized Catholic speakers Mari Pablo and Ali Hoffman, along with keynote presentations, breakout sessions, witness talks, opportunities for Eucharistic Adoration and the Sacrament of Reconciliation, praise and worship, and Mass celebrated by Bishop Larry J. Kulick. Breakfast and lunch are included. Whether you are seeking spiritual renewal, deeper discipleship or fellowship with other Catholic women, Spirited 2026 offers a meaningful opportunity to grow in faith and encounter Christ. **Register now at DioceseofGreensburg.org/Spirited**.

Middle School Students

Calling all middle school students! Get ready for an unforgettable night! Register now for **PAX: CHOSEN, Friday, Nov. 6,** from 6 p.m. -9:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Grace Parish, Greensburg. Join us for an evening of **games, food, friends and a powerful faith experience.** Keynote speaker Mari Pablo will remind you how God has CHOSEN you for greatness. Register now at **DioceseofGreensburg.org/PAX**

Join us on **Thursday, Oct. 22**, for KNOW HIM: Through His Mother's Eyes, at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg. This experiential event will enable you to encounter Christ through the eyes of His Blessed Mother. You will explore the ways Mary leads us more deeply to her Son. Sign up for either the 2 p.m. or 6 p.m. session at **DioceseofGreensburg.org/KNOWHIM.** There is no charge, space is limited so register today!

Frozen Ravs Sale

St. Anne Church, Rostraver is holding their semi-annual Frozen Drive-by-Sale on Saturday, October 17 from 1 a.m. to Noon. Meat or cheese ravioli: $10 /dozen; Sauce: $7 /quart; Meatballs: $5/5.

Purse Bash

Catholic Charities Designer Purse Bash
Tickets are on sale now for Catholic Charities' 10th Annual Designer Purse Bash & Crystal Bake Sale, set for **Sunday, Nov. 1**, at the Barn at Ligonier Valley. Doors open at noon. **Tickets are $35** and can be purchased at **www.ccharitiesgreensburg.org** or by stopping in the office during business hours, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays. The event sells out annually, so it is recommended that tickets are purchased early. For information, call 724-837-1840.

Virtues, *Explained!*

Honesty

If the question were posed: "Who is God?" a variety of answers could be given, and more than one could be correct.

The most succinct, however, would be this: God is truth.

"I am the Way, the Truth and the Life," Jesus tells his disciples (John 14:6). The pursuit of truth, he further instructs, will set them free (John 8:32) from the original untruth uttered and embraced in Eden.

If God is truth, he is honored by truthfulness. Untruthfulness, not surprisingly, is synonymous with disorder and broken relationships among mankind — Eden's everlasting legacy. The virtue of honesty, writes St. Thomas Aquinas, is "a kind of spiritual beauty" which measures the degree to which we honor one another in how we live truthfully (Sum. II:II, 145, Art 1-4).

Honesty is something that must be known interiorly in order to be visible exteriorly: "Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your Truth" (Psalm 86:11). ©LPi

Mental Health Sunday

***Whole Hearted* is a free mental health-awareness resource** created by Catholic Charities USA that combines spirituality and religious practices with behavioral health. It may be used in a seminar with other parishioners or privately at home. Spanish and young adult versions are available. For information, visit **www.catholiccharitiesusa.org/publications/whole-hearted/.**

Lantern Tour

Greensburg-Catholic Schoolhouse and Saint Emma Monastery will sponsor a lantern- lit walking tour on the grounds of **Saint Emma Monastery, Greensburg, Friday, Oct. 23** (rain date: Saturday, Oct. 24) from 4-8 p.m. **This year's tour will feature patriotic USA and some of America's greatest Catholic saints,** plus Eucharistic Adoration, patriotic refreshments, raffles, face painting, fall fun and special souvenirs to take home. The tour takes about an hour. Reserved tickets are recommended and are $10 ($5 for students, $2 for children under 13, free for those under 5). For information, contact Donna Sunseri at greensburgpa@catholicschoolhouse.com or 724-961-0224.

God in Ordinary Moments

The King of Rejected Meals

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

"She was the Queen of Rejected Meals."

That's what I want it to say on my tombstone. Etched in marble, deeply, so the wind and rain of a thousand years can never erase it.

Humor, you see, masks my despair. I'm sure many of you know the feeling of sweating over a hot stove for an hour to create a dish that a small, picky eater will push away, lips curled with disgust.

We've all made a feast no one wanted to come to.

It strikes me that "King of Rejected Meals" is an epithet which could likewise be scrawled on the empty tomb. Don't mistake me — I'm not comparing myself to Christ! (And I'm definitely not comparing my sub-par beef-and-zucchini casserole to the Eucharist, the food of life.)

I'm just saying that a lot of evenings, when I'm clearing plates from the table, I wonder why I even bother. I wonder why I don't just give in and let the kids eat potato chips and KitKats for every meal like they want.

Why don't I? Well, mom guilt, for starters. But it's more than that, really. It's the certainty I have, underneath the resentment, that my efforts aren't in vain, despite all evidence to the contrary.

Hope springs eternal, you see. How can we Christians help but be optimistic? We have been welcomed to a feast laid for others. We find our salvation in the ultimate rejected meal, in recognizing what true nourishment looks and feels and tastes like, even — *especially!* — when the rest of the world does not.

Maybe one day my kids will eat grilled chicken willingly. Who knows? Miracles happen every day. ©LPi

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If you change your address or phone number, be sure to let us know. You can call the office, drop the info in the collection basket or email Tara at tmanderino@dioceseofgreensburg.org

Name: _____

New Address: _____

Phone: _____