THE Epiphany OF OUR Lord

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

October 18, 2026

29th 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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www.eolparish.com

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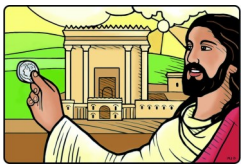
Reflection

From Fr. Anthony Onoko:
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
Give to God What Bears His Image



Today is the 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A. The Gospel begins with a trap. The Pharisees and the Herodians ask Jesus whether it is lawful to pay the Roman tax. If he says yes, some may accuse him of cooperating with the occupying power. If he says no, the authorities could accuse him of rebellion.

Jesus sees through their flattery and asks them to show him the coin used to pay the tax. It bears the image and title of Caesar. So Jesus replies, "Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and to God what belongs to God."

His answer does not simply divide life into a "political" part and a "religious" part. Jesus recognises that we have responsibilities as citizens, but he also makes clear that no earthly ruler can claim what belongs to God.

We should fulfil our just civic duties, contribute to the common good and take part responsibly in society. But our ultimate allegiance belongs to God.

The coin bears Caesar's image. But whose image do we bear? The Book of Genesis tells us that every human person is created in the image and likeness of God. The coin may belong to Caesar, but we belong to God. Our lives, our conscience, our gifts and our whole being are entrusted to us by him.

This gives us a practical question: What are we giving to God? Do we give him only an hour on Sunday, or do we allow him to shape how we speak, work, spend, forgive and treat other people? We cannot claim to give God our worship while withholding from him the parts of our lives where he asks us to act with honesty, compassion and justice.

The first reading reminds us that God is Lord of history. He can work even through Cyrus, a foreign ruler, to accomplish his purpose. The second reading praises the Thessalonians for their work of faith, labour of love and endurance in hope. Their faith was not just something they professed; it was visible in the way they lived.

That is the challenge for us. We are called to be good citizens and faithful disciples. We respect legitimate authority, but we do not make any person, party, nation, wealth or ambition into a god. When our faith asks something of us, we must follow Christ with courage. And in our daily choices, we should let the image of God in us become visible through love, truth and service.

Let us pray.

Lord our God, you have made us in your image and called us to belong to you. Teach us to fulfil our responsibilities with honesty and to serve the common good. Keep our hearts free from every false idol, and help us give you our whole lives through faith, love and service. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

Wisdom Nugget

An adage says " if you do not throw the toad in hot water and also throw it in the cold water it won't know which is better"

The Wisdom

Some times it takes the change of circumstances before one appreciates one's good fortune, never wait until that moment. Always appreciate what you own when you still have it.

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.

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

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

Monday, October 19
8:00 AM † Anna & George Josay by Loving Family

Tuesday, October 20
8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

Wednesday, October 21
9:00 AM Mass at St. John the Baptist

Thursday, October 22
8:00 AM † Dolores R. Harhai by Susan Campus

Friday, October 23
8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian
10:15AM Mass at St. Sebastian

Saturday, October 24 — Vigil
4:00 PM Pro Populo

Sunday, October 25 — 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 AM † Deb Harkins by Dan Harkins
10:30 AM † Robert Betza by Rosemary and Family

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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. 24 & 25

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 p.m.	G. Pesi	M. Dzurik R. Lucas J. Brown	M. Guliford
8:30 a.m.	F. Petrosky	S. Stein J. Todd L. DeFelices	D. DeCarlo
10:30 a.m.	W. Vlasic	T. Mazzei K. Imbrescia P. Francowic	G. yatchyshyn

Money Counters
Monday, October 19 — Team #3 — K. Byron

Faith

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.**

PK– 12 Faith Formation

Faith Formation for our youth in PreK through 12th Grade is now underway. Haven't registered yet — you still can by going to this link**: https://www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/mid-monvalley-region-faith-formation-registration-2026-2027/**

Sacrament Preparation Sessions are underway for those requesting to receive the **Sacrament of Confirmation and the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist.** If you have not yet attended, please contact Adelle at asle-bodnik@dioceseofgreensburg. Two full years of formation are required.

Seventh Grade parents will have meetings during their child's formation session beginning October 18, email reminders have been sent. Seventh and 8th Grade youth are required to attend a retreat day, information has been emailed to all registered formation families. If you have not registered, please use the link

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 12

Votive Candles:	198	Online :	949
Utility & Energy:	175	**Total Collection:**	**$6,773**
Accent:	0	World Mission:	35
Children & Adult:	5,451	**Total Collection:**	**$6,808**

Checking Our Stores

Fall is the time of year when we start to gather numbers and take stock of our parishes. Sometime in late fall you will receive the annual report. For now, there are some figures that we would like to share. The number of donor households in the parish is 373; the number of non-giving households is 154. If you are in the non-giving group, consider contributing and making our parish stronger.

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

On World Mission Sunday, Oct. 18, we join Catholics around the world in praying for and supporting the Church's missionary work. This special collection helps provide pastoral care, education, healthcare and spiritual formation in mission dioceses where resources are limited. Through our prayers and generosity, we participate in Christ's call to share the Gospel with all nations. Please prayerfully consider supporting the World Mission Sunday Collection and remembering missionaries in your prayers. Thank you for helping bring the love and hope of Christ to people throughout the world. Learn more about the Diocese of Greensburg Missions Office at DioceseofGreensburg.org/mission-work.

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.

Ideas Wanted!

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.

Groups

Catholic Daughters of the Americas will hold their meeting on Tuesday, October 20 in the Epiphany Church Hall. The rosary will be recited at 6:00 and the meeting begin at 6:30 p.m. As a reminder, members are to bring candy for Trunk or Treat, and cheeseball orders are due.

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.

COR

Cor *(from the Latin cor, meaning "heart")* is a Knights Council 954 initiative for **ALL MEN** in our Parishes, that attempts to build Christ-centered brotherhood through prayer, formation and fraternity. **Cor does not replace or compete with any existing ministries** but serves as a resource to help deepen men's interior lives. In the coming weeks, we will be offering additional information about ***Cor*** and encouraging all men in our parishes to investigate and participate.

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.

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.

Parish App

Don't have the app yet? Search for **WeConnect Parish App** in the Apple Store or Google Play or use the appropriate QR code .

Apple

Android

Communion to the Homebound

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

Tickets will be sold after Masses this weekend, October 17 & 18.

Paint 'n' Sip

Ladies of Faith are sponsoring a Paint n Sip fundraiser on **Saturday, November 7**, beginning at Noon in the St Sebastian social hall. $35 ticket includes light snacks, soft drinks and everything needed to paint Santa. Tickets may be purchased in St Sebastian parish office or call Patty at 724-288-8644.

Lantern Tour

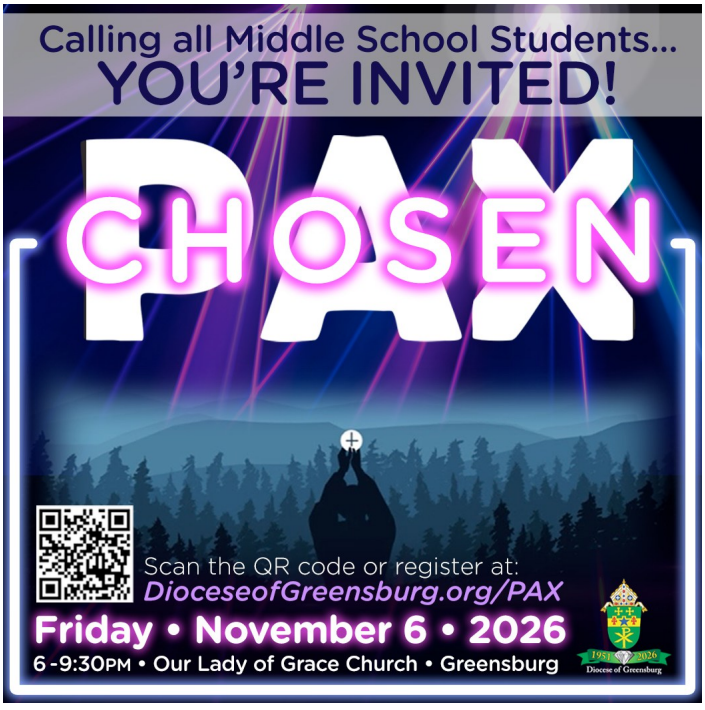
Greensburg-Catholic Schoolhouse and Saint Emma Monastery will sponsor a lantern- lit walking tour on the grounds of **Saint Emma Monastery, Greensburg, Friday, Oct. 23** (rain date: Saturday, Oct. 24) from 4-8 p.m. **This year's tour will feature patriotic USA and some of America's greatest Catholic 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.

Spirited

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**.

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.



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!

Inspiration for the Week

The Pharisees try to trick Jesus into starting a political revolution. They don't realize he came to start a revolution of the heart, not the state. God's image is stamped on our soul, but still the world tries to claim us. Revolt! You belong to God.

Gospel Question The Pharisees and the Herodians are unable to trap Jesus in his words. Do you feel equipped to defend the Faith from others who may challenge you?

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: _____

Around the Diocese

Beloved, an inspiring afternoon of **sacred music and reflection** based on the writings of Saint John the Evangelist, the Beloved Disciple, will be held **Sunday, Oct. 25,** at 2 p.m. at St. John the Evangelist Parish, Uniontown. Presented by Father Anthony J. Klimko and featuring the combined choirs of the Roman Catholic Churches of Southern Fayette, this special event offers an opportunity for prayerful reflection through music and Scripture. As part of the parish's 175th anniversary celebration, proceeds from the event will benefit Loaves and Fishes, supporting local food distribution and outreach efforts.

The 44th **Annual Carpatho-Rusyn Celebration** will be held at Saint John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Church, Uniontown, on **Sunday, Oct. 25,** from noon-5 p.m. There will be a Divine Liturgy at 9 a.m. The day will include ethnic foods and baked goods, displays, crafts, raffles, videos, music, demonstrations, speakers, children's activities and more. Admission is free. For information, call 724-438-1382 or visit stjohnbaptist-byzcath-uniontown.org or the church's Facebook page.

A Slovak dinner featuring haluski, halupki and pirohy will be held Sunday, Nov. 1, from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at **Visitation Parish in Mount Pleasant.**

A **fall craft and vendor show** will be held **Saturday, Nov. 7,** from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. There will be a soup sale and foods for purchase. For information, call 724-668-2829 (option 3).

Certification Opportunity

Franciscan At Home Certification

This course is for anyone wishing to expand their faith knowledge. The Diocese of Greensburg has partnered with the Catechetical Institute at Franciscan University to offer **Standard Catechist Certification** online. The courses that correspond with our Standard Certification courses can now be found on the Diocese of Greensburg landing page on Franciscan at Home's website at **https://franciscanathome.com/diocese-greensburg.** All courses and webinars are free for all members of the Diocese of Greensburg by choosing the second option: "My parish or school is already registered..."

God in Ordinary Moments

Whose Image We Bear

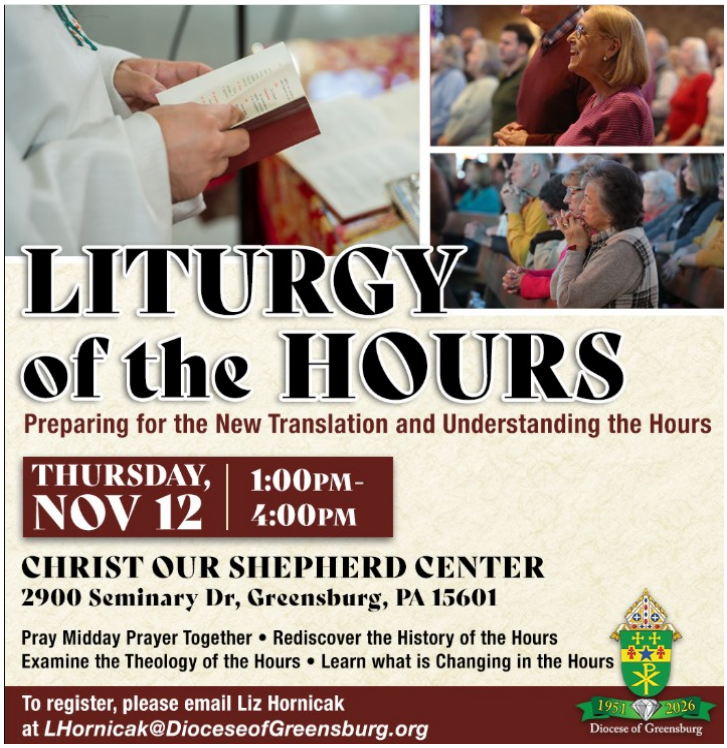
By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

In writing this column, I spent a lot of time mulling over a strange question: if I had a coin with Caesar's face on it, could I use it to pay for my morning coffee?

Ancient Roman artifacts are worth a lot of money, but I have no idea how to appraise the artifacts and convert that worth to cash. I doubt my local barista does, either.

Out of curiosity, I Googled it. Apparently, the value depends a lot on the emperor. If we're talking about a marquee name like Julius Caesar, a coin will go for thousands of dollars. But let's say it's a shekel from Emperor Geta, some third-century failure who got murdered by his brother. You can get his coin for less than $200.

It matters, apparently, whose face you're stamped with. We are all only as good as the image we bear.

When Christ said, "Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and to God what belongs to God," he was talking about faithful citizenship and faithful discipleship. He was talking about the omnipotence of God over any political movement or historical era.

But he was also talking about our worth. Where it comes from, what it means, how long it will last. He was talking about whose image *we* bear. ©LPi