THE Epiphany OF OUR Lord

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

October 25, 2026

30th 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

A Pennsylvania Charitable

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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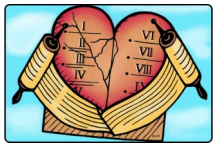
Reflection

Love That Becomes Visible



It is easy to say that we love God. Jesus asks us to love Him with our whole heart, soul, and mind—and to love our neighbor as ourselves. These commandments reach into every part of daily life: our priorities, conversations, spending, and treatment of others.

In Exodus, God makes love concrete. He commands His people to protect the foreigner, widow, orphan, and poor. He hears their cries. Do we? A neighbor struggling to pay the heating bill, someone grieving a spouse, or a newcomer hoping to belong should find compassion among God's people.

St. Augustine, quoted in Aquinas's *Catena Aurea*, teaches that loving our neighbor includes helping that person love God. Christian charity attends to both bodily and spiritual needs. We can offer a meal, a listening ear, an invitation to Mass, or a gentle word of encouragement toward reconciliation with God.

St. Paul praises the Thessalonians because their faith became an example to others. Our families and neighbors likewise learn something about Christ through us.

This week, choose one person to love more deliberately. Make the call. Offer the help. Pray with them. When loving becomes difficult, turn to the Lord whom today's psalm calls our strength. Ask Him for the grace to make His love visible through you.

With Deepest Sympathy — Condolences are extended to the family of Joseph Angelo Righetti. May God grant him eternal rest, and comfort to his family. We commend his soul to rest in the peace of Christ.

Message from Fr. Anthony:

Dear Parishioners,

During the seasons of Advent and Lent, we will be introducing a brief catechetical instruction across our three partner parishes to help deepen our understanding of the Catholic faith and enrich our spiritual preparation during these sacred seasons.

The catechesis will be presented by the lector of the day, beginning five minutes before each Holy Mass.

We encourage all parishioners to be present a little earlier and take advantage of this opportunity to grow in faith and deepen our knowledge of the teachings of the Church.

Thank you for your cooperation and participation.

May God bless us all as we continue to grow together in faith.

Fr. Anthony Onoko
Pastor

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.**

Inspiration for the Week

Jesus gives us the greatest commandment: love God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind. When we do that, the rest comes naturally, and we love others as they should be loved. So, give him everything — and let your life be love.

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

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
Monday, October 26
8:00 AM † Norm Vesely by Janet Salay
Tuesday, October 27
8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian
Wednesday, October 28
9:00 AM Mass at St. John the Baptist
Thursday, October 29
8:00 AM † Anthony Volpe by Rosina Volpe
Friday, October 30
8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian
10:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian
Saturday, October 31 — Vigil
4:00 PM Pro Populo
Sunday, November 1 — All Saints Day
8:30 AM Pro Populo
10:30 AM Pro Populo

Parish Office:

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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.

The Office will be closed Monday, Nov. 2 in observance of All Saints Day.

Ministry Schedule — Oct. 31 & Nov. 1

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 p.m.	P. Fantauzzi	C. Pawelec M. Dzurik R. Lucas	D. Harkins
8:30 a.m.	S. Stein	T. Todd F. Petrosky A. Pastella	M. Blatnik
10:30 a.m.	D. Yagodich	T. Mazzei K. Byron P. Francowic	G. Yatchyshyn

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

Faith

All Saints and All Souls

Next week, we will celebrate two great feast days honoring days honoring all of those who have died. We recognize the countless people who have attained the honor of eternal glory through the Sainthood of Jesus Christ. On **November 1st** we celebrate the feast of **All Saints, a Holy Day of Obligation.** On Monday, we will celebrate All Souls Day where we recognize those souls who have not yet attained the glory of Sainthood. At a future date, there will be a Mass in memory of all those who have died. Everyone encouraged to come and pray for **all of their loved ones who have died.**

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-mon-valley-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.

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.

Stewardship

Weekly Collection October 18

Votive Candles:	171	Online :	1,550
Utility & Energy:	25	**Total Collection:**	**$5,468**
Accent:	0	World Mission:	733
All Souls:	10	**Total Collection:**	**$6,201**
Children & Adult:	3,712		

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.

For a better understand of the DLA money that comes back to us: the case statement for 2026 was to purchase and install security cameras for the church grounds. Any money that is over the Diocesan goal comes back to the parish and is used to offset the cost of that year's project.

K of C Sausage Sale

The KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will hold their Christmas Sausage Sale on Tuesday, December 8. **All orders must be turned in by Sunday, November 22.** Place your order now to make sure you get yours! **The cost is $6.00/lb, payment must accompany the order form.**

Please use this form to order your sausage today.

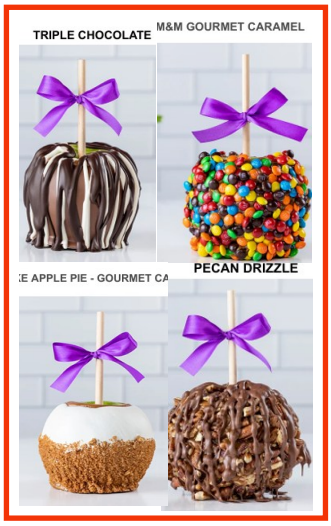
	LINK	LOOSE
SWEET SAUSAGE	_____lbs	_____lbs
HOT SAUSAGE	_____lbs	_____lbs
EXTRA HOT SAUSAGE	_____lbs	_____lbs

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

Orders may be placed by filling out the above order form, placing it in an envelope marked "SAUSAGE SALE" with payment and depositing it into the collection basket. Please make checks payable to Knights of Columbus Monessen Council #954. You will be called when the order is ready and can be picked up in the Epiphany Church Hall on Tuesday, December 8. **Thank you and God Bless!**

Falling for Apples



We will be selling gourmet Carmel apples just in time for Thanksgiving. They make for great eating, and a great hostess gift, or slice them and share! Apples are $12 each. There are 4 verities to choose from: **I Like Pie** (carmel apple coated in white chocolate and partial dip with brown sugar cinnamon); **Pecan Drizzle, Triple Chocolate and M & Ms**. Pictures on the Epiphany website; order forms are available in the back of the church. Orders and payment due to the church office by **Thurs., November 5.** Orders will be in for pick up in the church hall around Nov. 20.

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

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.

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.

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.

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: _____

Communion to the Homebound

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

VOTE

The Pennsylvania General Election is on **Tuesday, November 3.** This year, Epiphany of Our Lord Church Hall will be a voting site for those who normally vote at the high school. Bishop Kulick reminds us that " ...important choices stand before us this year in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. These choices are part of the democratic system we enjoy and the freedoms that allow us to help shape a more just and moral society.

"Many times, people say to me, "Bishop, your role isn't to talk about politics." Today, I am not speaking about politics. Rather, I am reminding each of you of the importance of the Church's teaching that we are called to exercise the rights and responsibilities we have been given.

Even before Pennsylvania became one of the original 13 states, it was known as **a place founded upon religious freedom and tolerance.** The Quakers came here seeking that freedom and independence. At the very core of the establishment of this Commonwealth, and at the heart of its identity, is the desire to practice one's religion freely and to allow firmly held religious convictions to be exercised in the public square.

... Make this November an opportunity to faithfully exercise your responsibilities as citizens. Together, let us continue building a Commonwealth of which we can be proud, and may we leave our own small mark on its tremendous legacy."

Bishop Kulik's entire article can be found on https://theaccentonline.org/bishop/

Readings for the Week

Readings for the week of October 25

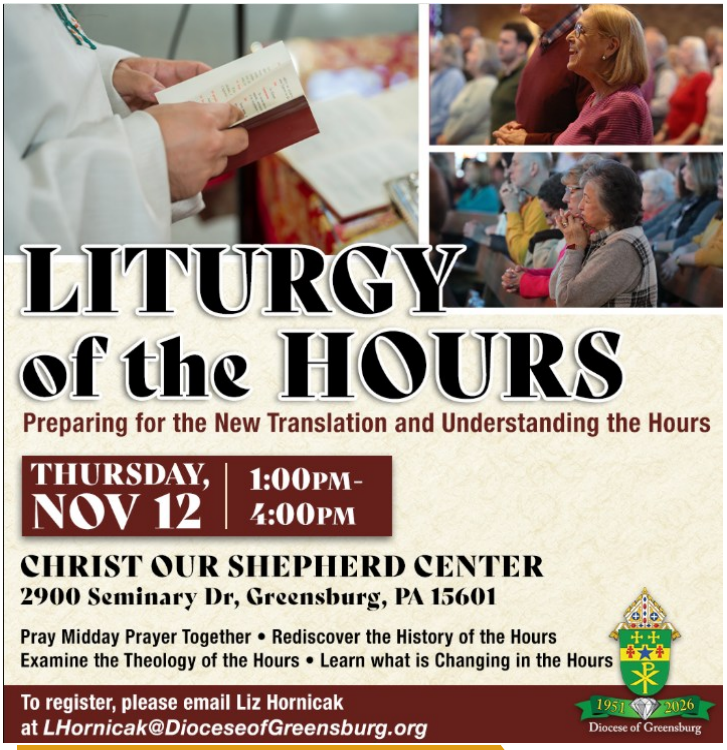
Sunday: Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3a, 3b-4, 47 and 51/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40
Monday: Eph 4:32-5:8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 13:10-17
Tuesday: Eph 5:21-33/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Lk 13:18-21
Wednesday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16
Thursday: Eph 6:10-20/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Lk 13:31-35
Friday: Phil 1:1-11/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 14:1-6
Saturday: Phil 1:18b-26/Ps 42:2, 3, 5cdef/Lk 14:1, 7-11
Next Sunday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

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. weekdaysFor information, call 724-837-1840.



Middle School Students

Calling all Middle School Students — Get ready for an unforgettable night! Register now for PAX: CHOSEN, Friday, Nov. 6, from 6-9:30 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.

Christmas Shoppe

The Benedictine nuns at Saint Emma Monastery, Greensburg will hold their Christmas Shoppe **Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 5-7**. Hours are 1-6 p.m. Thursday (early bird, $5 for adults), 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday (50% off most items, bag sale including most items from 1-3 p.m.). Food will be available for purchase (eat in/take out). For information, visit www.stemma.org.

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

Love God First

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

When the iconic Notre-Dame Cathedral of Paris burned in 2019, some made the argument that the money necessary to rebuild it would be better spent by the Church on providing services to the poor.

"After all," I heard someone argue. "History is important, but humanitarianism is our religion."

Close, but — as my father likes to say — no cigar.

Humanitarianism is actually not our religion, and you should never let anyone tell you it is. It's a small mistake, but it can become a big one, fast. Humanitarianism is wonderful — it describes a set of principles animated by an underlying belief in the value of human life. But this is not sufficient. We can't start with loving people and work our way up to God.

Why? Because I promise you, we will never end up reaching God.

If you have any doubt about this, you can consult literally any history book. Every war, every famine, every political disaster since the dawn of time has resulted from an attempt to put people first. "We're putting our people first," governments say — always right before they do something really, really heinous.

For what it's worth, the Church hasn't owned the Notre-Dame de Paris since the French Revolution. It was seized and rededicated to the Cult of Reason — the atheistic state religion that, it assured everyone, put people first (and put those people who disagreed to death at the guillotine).

We can't start with love of people, because we will always displace *some of the other people*. Only by starting with love of God — heart, soul, and mind — can we enter the narrow gate of correctly loving other people. ©LPi

Faith, Dignity & AI

The Saint Vincent Center for Catholic Thought and Culture, Latrobe, invites you to "**Magnifica Humanitas: The Sanctity of Life in an Era of Artificial Intelligence" Friday and Saturday, Nov. 13 and 14.** Inspired by Pope Leo XIV's encyclical and Bishop Larry J. Kulick's commitment to protecting the dignity of every human person, this free conference will feature nationally recognized Catholic speakers exploring faith, technology and the sanctity of life. Open to the public, the conference includes meals, and attendees may participate in one or both days. To register, email **CCTC@stvincent.edu or visit stvincent.jotform.com/form/magnifica-humanitas-the-sanctity-of**.