

February 1, 2026



4th 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

Office Hours

Mon.–Thurs.: 8:30 am, - 3:00 p.m. Fri.: 8:30 a.m.– 12 Noon

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Scripture Reflection

When Jesus says, “Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth,” He is not praising weakness. In the Bible, the word “meek” does not mean timid or powerless. It means someone who has strength but keeps that strength under God’s control.



A weak person gives in because they cannot stand against what is happening. A meek person can stand, but chooses patience, humility, and mercy. Weakness is surrendering to fear. Meekness is courage guided by love.

The meek are not silent about the truth. They are not passive about sin. They hunger for righteousness and remain firm in the faith. Yet they refuse to let anger rule them, pride harden them, or vengeance shape their actions. As the saints teach, it takes more strength to restrain yourself than to strike back. Christ Himself is our model. He spoke boldly against error. He stood unshaken before His enemies. And yet He was gentle of heart, forgiving those who harmed Him.

So what does this mean for us?

Be strong in what you believe. Learn your faith. Defend the truth with clarity. But do it with patience, kindness, and humility.

This week, choose one concrete act of meekness:

- Hold your tongue instead of speaking in anger.
- Forgive someone who has wronged you.
- Speak the truth without bitterness.
- Serve someone without seeking praise.

Ask God for a heart that is both strong and gentle, so that in your life others may see not weakness, but the strength of Christ.

Questions of the Week

1st Reading Question

Zephaniah speaks of a “remnant” of Israel who will live humbly and seek justice.

Are there people in your life who live this way?

2nd Reading Question

Paul describes members of the Corinthian church as foolish, weak and despised.

How would you characterize your faith community?

Gospel Question

Jesus begins his “Sermon on the Mount” with the many ways that people are blessed.

What do you consider your biggest blessing?

Communion to the Homebound

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

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

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

Monday, February 2

8:00 AM † Mary Moncini by C D of A Court 776

Tuesday, February 3

8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

Wednesday, February 4

9:00 AM Mass at St. John the Baptist

Thursday, February 5

8:00 AM † Louise Dudas by Daughter & Family

Friday, February 6

8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

10:15 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

Saturday, February 7 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Joe & Mary Ann Gallo by Gloria Hayes

Sunday, February 8 — 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM † Lorraine Maiolini by Jeffrey and Paige Maiolini

10:30 AM Pro Populo

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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 — Feb. 7 & 8, 2026

| | Lector | Eucharistic Minister | Altar Server |
|------------|-------------|--|--------------|
| 4:00 p.m. | G. Pesi | 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. | D. Yagodich | K. Byron E. Yatchyshyn P. Francowic | M. Guiliford |

Money Counters

Tuesday, February 3 — Team #1 — B. Geis

Stewardship

Due to weather conditions, last week's collection will be listed next week.

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| Weekly Collection Jan. 18 | Children & Adult: | 5,308 |
| Votive Candles: | 195 | Online : 1,700 |
| Utility & Energy: | 175 | Total Collection: \$7,381 |
| Accent: | 3 | |

Eastern Europe Collection

This weekend, **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. 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 Making

We will be making pierogis this Sunday, **February 1** following the 8:30 a.m. Mass and on Monday, **February 2** 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.

Thank You

Thank you to the Epiphany Ladies for purchasing a new TV for the hall and coordinating its arrival. This is a great asset for any instructional use.

Around the Diocese

Superbowl Souper

An all-you-can eat sampling of 25-plus soups is set for **Sunday, Feb. 8, from 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.** Sandwiches, desserts and beverages will also be provided, and a basket and 50/50 raffles are planned at **St. Edward Parish, Herminie**. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 10. For information, call 724-446-5197.

Cash / Purse Bash

The annual cash/purse bash at **Visitation Parish, Mt. Pleasant**, will be held Sunday, **March 1, from 1-4 p.m. in Saint Pius Parish hall**. Tickets include lunch, appetizers, salads, desserts and beverage. Bingo, specials, a 50/50 raffle and games of chance are planned. Cost is \$35 per ticket (four numbers; need not be present to win). For tickets, call 724-547-3903, 724-547-2432 or 724-547-1911.

Faith

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**.



St. Blaise is patron saint of diseases of the throat and other illnesses because he healed the boy who had a fishbone stuck in his throat by ordering him to cough it up.

Candlemas

February 2 is Candlemas Day. Forty days after Christmas Day, it celebrates the presentation of Jesus in the Temple. It concludes the extended period of Christmastide.

Inspiration for the Week

Blessed are the poor, the meek, the persecuted. These are radical words in a world that insists the opposite: blessed are the wealthy. Blessed are the forceful. Blessed are the comfortable. Do we have what it takes to be radical?

Liturgy

We are always in need of men and women to serve as **Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion, to serve as reader, cantors and servers**.

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.

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/

2026 STEUBENVILLE YOUTH CONFERENCE

Calling all high schoolers! In our ever-changing world, Jesus is the answer to the longing of our hearts for meaning, fulfillment, security and love. Join hundreds of Catholic teens at the Steubenville Youth Conference June 26-28 to be transformed by the love of Christ. All rising freshmen in high school through rising freshmen in college are invited to attend this retreat with the Diocesan group. Registration is currently only for high school students due to limited tickets. Adults interested in attending as chaperones should contact youth ministers and e-mail ffd@DioceseofGreensburg.org. Registration for chaperones will be opened once the number of chaperones needed is determined. Chaperones must have all clearance and safe environment requirements completed. A portion of the costs for the conference has been underwritten by the Diocese of Greensburg Francis Fund. The remaining cost per participant is \$375 and includes room, board, transportation and three T-shirts. The full cost may be paid at this time, or there is an option to pay a non-refundable \$50 deposit to secure a spot, with the balance due by April 1. Learn more at www.DioceseofGreensburg.org/steubenville-youth-conference.

Speakers Available

SISTERS OF CHARITY OF SETON HILL

SPEAKERS AVAILABLE: Speakers are available to parishes and organizations. Topics include prayer, human trafficking and Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton. For topics or to schedule a speaker, contact Sister of Charity Colette Hanlon at 203-809-1574 or chanlon@scsh.org.

Joshua

The Rosary/ Altar Society is planning a bus trip to the Sight and Sound theater of Lancaster -Joshua-April 28, 2026. Open to all! We will leave the St. Bart parking lot (2538 State Route 119, Crabtree, PA 15624) at 6:30 AM sharp- one stop on the turnpike in each direction. Arrive for lunch at Millers Restaurant -all you can eat - then the premier showing of Joshua. Lower level seating for easier access. Return around 10:30 PM. Cost- for 30 reservations- \$ 277/ person. For 40 reservations- \$257/person. Price includes bus , lunch and theater tickets. To register - call Jan Grant- 724-961-4709 or Gail Uliano-724-972-5805. Payment due by April 1. Checks made payable to "Saint Bartholomew Rosary Altar Society . "Invite friends and join us for an amazing day!

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RETREAT
"The Eucharist is "the source and summit of the Christian life"" -CCC1324
Presented by the Office of Faith, Family, and Discipleship

OPEN TO MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS. BRING A FRIEND!

REGISTER BY FEB 20
Scan or visit DioceseofGreensburg.org/Pax

Climb Higher. Encounter Christ.

DOORS OPEN 9:30AM
SAT, FEBRUARY 28 · 10AM-6PM
CHRIST OUR SHEPHERD CENTER
2900 SEMINARY DR, GREENSBURG, PA 15601

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4:30PM Mass with Bishop Larry J. Kulick Families Welcome!

Pax: The Summit

Middle school students are invited to a day to pray, play and grow in faith together in an atmosphere of joy, fellowship and fun Saturday, Feb. 28, from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg. Come encounter Christ through dynamic speakers, games, meaningful prayer and the sacraments. PAX – because God’s peace is for you. Doors open at 9:30 a.m. Bishop Larry J. Kulick will celebrate Mass for the second Sunday of Lent at 4:30 p.m. Families are welcome to attend Mass. Registration closes Friday, Feb. 20. Register now at DioceseofGreensburg.org/pax-february-2026.

Oblates Meeting

OBLATES OF SAINT BENEDICT MEETINGS:

The Oblates of Saint Benedict, Latrobe Deanery, will meet Sunday, Feb. 15, from 3-4:15 in Brownfield Room 202 at Saint Vincent Archabbey. Benedictine Brother Nicholas Koss will speak on “The History of Benedictines in China.” “The Eucharist in Benedictine Spirituality.” Attendees may also attend vespers at 5 p.m. in the archabbey basilica and supper at 5:35 p.m. in the Eichstätt Dining Room. Those planning to have supper should call Benedictine Father Donald Raila at 724-805-2291. The next meetings are Sunday, March 15, with Benedictine Father Killian Loch speaking on “Holiness in Benedictine Spirituality”; and Sunday, April 19, with Benedictine Brother Hugh Lester speaking on “Obedience in Benedictine Spirituality.”

MMV REGIONAL FAITH FORMATION

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Catechesis of the Good Shepherd has started again
Youth Ministry (6th-8th) is back on Sundays
Traditional for Grades K-5 returns on 2/15

We are in need of substitute catechists and aides at all of our formation sessions in the region. If you are interested, contact Adelle.


Please contact Adelle Slebodnik at 724-244-9434 or slebodnik@dioceseofgreensburg.org for any formation needs

Steubenville Youth Conference
Inviting high schoolers into a life-changing encounter with Christ!
JUNE 26-28, 2026
Franciscan University of Steubenville

Scan the QR code for more information or to register.




MINISTRY TEAM



Michael Gormley, Katie Hartfiel, Bob Lesnefsky, Maggie Craig, John Paul Von Arx, Father Agustino Torres, CFR

FRANCISCAN Live the Truth STEUBENVILLE CONFERENCE

"Man and Woman He Created Them Together with Purpose"

The Office of Faith, Family, and Discipleship invites you to
BLESSINGS & BLISS
A CELEBRATION OF NATIONAL MARRIAGE WEEK
Fri, Feb 13 - 7PM
Christ Our Shepherd Center
2900 Seminary Dr, Greensburg


Scan the QR code or register at DioceseofGreensburg.org/DateNight
FREE! REGISTER NOW - OPEN TO ALL MARRIED COUPLES

Questions? Contact Andrea at 724-858-5271 or FFD@DioceseofGreensburg.org

Mass · Keynote Reflection · Blessing · Champagne Toast · Cookie Reception



A seat is waiting for you around the table in




The Upper Room

Young Adult Ministry for those aged 18 to 40
Speaker will be Mary Sampey
Mary is the Director of Youth Evangelization in Greene County & Campus Minister of Waynesburg & Penn West

Dinner & Soft Drinks Provided
You may bring your own wine or drink.

Wednesday, February 11
6pm - 8pm
St. Mary's Hall at St. Peter Parish
(118 Church St., Brownsville)

No Cost Sign Up Here




A great big THANK YOU to the Knights of Columbus Council #954. They generously gave an amazing donation to offset the materials for the region's 15 catechumens and 11 candidates entering into the Catholic faith at 6 of our churches this year through OCIA. The members also gift matched to donate towards our Regional CALLED Youth Ministry. Their generosity and faith mentoring is truly appreciated.