

**February 15, 2026**

**6h 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](http://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

Today's readings speak with one clear voice: God has given us His commandments as the path to life.



In **Sirach**, we hear: "If you choose, you can keep the commandments." God sets before us life and death. He does not force us. In love, He created us with free will. Yet He never leaves us alone—His grace strengthens us to do what He commands.

St. Paul reminds us that God's wisdom is not worldly success, but the wisdom revealed in Christ. True happiness is found in living according to Him. And in **Matthew's Gospel**, Jesus says He has not come to abolish the law but to fulfill it. He deepens the commandments. It is not enough to avoid grave sins; we must allow God to purify our hearts.

How do we do this concretely?

We keep the First Commandment by making Sunday Mass the center of our week and by praying each day, even if only a few faithful minutes.

We honor God's name by speaking it with reverence and avoiding gossip or harsh words.

We honor father and mother by forgiving old hurts in our families.

We guard against anger by choosing patience with a spouse, neighbor, or caregiver.

We protect the dignity of marriage by remaining faithful in thought and action.

We practice honesty in our finances, our taxes, and our dealings with others.

We resist envy by thanking God daily for what we have.

God promises life and blessing to those who walk in His ways. But He respects our freedom. If one persistently rejects His commandments without repentance, he risks eternal separation from God.

Let us choose life. Let us choose Christ—today, in the small, faithful decisions of daily love.

### Ministry Schedule — Feb. 21 & 22, 2026

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 p.m.	B. Sherred	E. Yatchyshyn M. Dzurik J. Brown	S. Yatchyshyn G. Yatchyshyn
8:30 a.m.	D. DeCarlo	L. DeFelices F. Petrosky A. Pastella	G. Pesì
10:30 a.m.	A. Punturiero	K. Imbrescia K. Elias W. White	M. Guiliford

#### Money Counters

Monday, February 16 — Team #3 — K. Byron

Join us for coffee and doughnuts  
between the Sunday Masses.

## LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

### Saturday, February 14—Vigil

4:00 PM † Helen & ValGene Veschio by Their Children & grandchildren

### Sunday, February 15 — 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM Pro Populo

10:30 AM † Betty Jane Lespilette by Candice Treser

### Monday, February 16

8:00 AM † Ron Godla by Jay Rocreta

### Tuesday, February 17

8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

### Wednesday, February 18 — Ash Wednesday

8:00 AM Mass at Epiphany of Our Lord

8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

9:30 AM Mass at St. John the Baptist

1:00 PM Mass at St. Sebastian

5:00 PM Mass at St. Sebastian

6:00 PM Mass at St. John the Baptist

6:30 PM Mass at Epiphany of Our Lord

### Thursday, February 19

8:00 AM † Rita Cocca by Rosina Volpe

### Friday, February 20

8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

10:15 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

### Saturday, February 21 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Joe Reda by Clemmie Malec

### Sunday, February 22 — 1st Sunday of Lent

8:30 AM Pro Populo

10:30 AM † Jacqueline Bender by Son, David

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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. 18, Ash Wednesday

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
8:00 a.m.	F. Petrosky	M. Dzurik S. Stein J. Brown	D. Harkins
6:30 p.m.	K. Miller	P. Fanatuzzi T. Mazzei W. White	Volunteer

## Stewardship

<b>Weekly Collection Feb. 8</b>	Easter Flowers:	20
Votive Candles:	124	Children & Adult: 4,597
Utility & Energy:	140	Online : 927
Accent:	0	<b>Total Collection:</b> \$5,524
Lenten Folder:	10	Eastern Europe: 10
Ash Wednesday:	90	<b>Total Collection:</b> \$5,534

During the Lenten season we focus on our Stewardship and how we share with people who are less fortunate than we. We will again participate with **Heifer International in providing families with ways to sustain themselves and build their communities.** Over the past years, we have helped make this goal a reality. Each week you will be able to purchase animals that will be given to families to use in building a secure life for themselves and their communities. It will be our goal for lent to purchase an entire ARK of animals. If you wish to make a contribution, simply put it in an envelope and mark it Heifer.

## Prayer Breakfast

### Women's Lenten Prayer Breakfast

The Christian Mothers of St. Anne in Rostraver Twp., invite all women to attend the **Lenten Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, February 21. Deadline to register is Monday, February 16.** Speaker for the event is Mary Blythe, Regional Director of Faith Formation and Discipleship for the Diocese of Greensburg. Cost is \$10. Reservations can be made by calling **Marsha Kanski at 724-689-7385** or email her at [mkanski@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:mkanski@dioceseofgreensburg.org). Checks can be made payable to St. Anne Christian Mothers. [www.stannerostraver.org](http://www.stannerostraver.org)

Please RSVP online, mail, or drop-off by February 16<sup>th</sup>.

Name(s) attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Info: \_\_\_\_\_ \$Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary Restrictions (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

Church of St. Anne, 1870 Rostraver Rd, Rostraver Township, PA 15012

[www.stannerostraver.org](http://www.stannerostraver.org)

## Bake Sale

### Bake Sale reminder

With the Fish Fry comes the bake sale! We will rotate through the alphabet so everyone will have a chance to bring in their scrumptious baked goods. For Ash Wednesday, February 18, the first group will be **I—P**; for Friday, the second group will be those whose last name begins with **Q—Z**.

**Soda Donations** are needed for the Fish Fry! Coke and Pepsi products, diet or regular are welcomed. Soda can be dropped off in the office or the hall.

## Faith

### Lent Begins this week

Our Lenten Season begins with Ash Wednesday this week. There are many ways that we can use these weeks to grow closer to God's goodness and become more aware of just how blessed we are. **Going to daily Mass** is a wonderful way of making the Eucharist a center of your life. Plan to attend the evenings of reflection in March. There are three evenings; three different topics.

- We celebrate Ash Wednesday with Mass at 8:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.
- Mass is celebrated Monday and Thursday here and Tuesday and Friday at St. Sebastian, and Wednesday at St. John the Baptist.
- Our fish fry will start on Ash Wednesday, and continue throughout the Fridays of Lent from 11:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.
- On Fridays of Lent we will pray the stations together at 6:00 p.m.

**Ash Wednesday is a day of Fast and Abstinence and that all of the Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence.**

**Little Black Books** for Lent are available in the back of the church. For children, we have **Little Purple Books available for children.** Please encourage your children to follow along for Lent.

### Evenings of Reflection

This Lent, step away from the noise and into reflection. Join us for a series of Lenten talks. Topics for the Evenings of Reflection presented by Fr. Barnabas O'Reilly, OSB are as follows:

**Monday, March 9** at St. Sebastian: "Why didn't God just bring us to Eden?"

**Tuesday, March 10** at Epiphany of Our Lord: "What am I supposed to be doing with my life right now?"

**Wednesday, March 11** at St. John the Baptist: "What's actually happening at Mass?"

All sessions will begin at 6:00 p.m.

Fr. O'Reilly, earned his undergraduate degree from St. Vincent College, entered St. Vincent monastery in 2015 and subsequently enrolled at St. Vincent Seminary, receiving a Master of Arts in Catholic philosophical studies.

## Purse Bash

We're looking ahead to spring! Epiphany of Our Lord and St. Sebastian parishes will be holding a Designer Purse Bash and "Unique" Bake Sale on **Sunday, April 26**. The event will be held at Epiphany Church Hall from 2 p.m.—5 p.m. Doors will open at 1:30 p.m. Tickets are \$35 and include lunch, beverage, and door prizes.

## Hoagie Sale

### Monessen Knights of Columbus are having a Hoagie Sale

The hoagies will be \$10 each. **Orders must be received by Friday March 13, 2026 6 P.M.** Orders can be placed in the collection baskets at Masses or emailed to

**monessenkoc954@gmail.com.** Any questions please contact Jason at 724-454-8688 if there is no answer please leave your name and number. There will be a very limited number of hoagies that can be purchased on the day of pick up.

Hoagies available for pick up at the Monessen KoC Hall located at 1925 Grand Blvd, Monessen, PA 15062 on **March 28, 2026, from 10AM-2PM**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Best Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Hoagies: \_\_\_\_\_

## Youth Conference

Calling all high schoolers! 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 at a later date. 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.

[www.DioceseofGreensburg.org/steubenville-youth-conference](http://www.DioceseofGreensburg.org/steubenville-youth-conference).

### Sunned Disciples Podcast, Season 2

This Catholic Accent Podcast blends faith, humor and heartfelt storytelling to explore how the Gospel continues to surprise and inspire believers today. Hosted by Jordan Whiteko, Father Andrew Hamilton and Father Christopher Pujol, listeners are invited to rediscover wonder in their everyday faith journey. Be Inspired. Be Stunned. Listen at [TheAccentOnline.org/TheCatholicAccentPodcast](https://TheAccentOnline.org/TheCatholicAccentPodcast) or wherever you download your podcasts.



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TO REGISTER OR FOR MORE INFORMATION, SCAN THE QR CODE OR VISIT [DioceseofGreensburg.org/Kerygma](http://DioceseofGreensburg.org/Kerygma)




Want to hear the Gospel message with new ears? Are you looking to deepen your relationship with Jesus? Are you looking to discover joyful living through your faith? Find all of that and more at the **Kerygma Discipleship Retreat April 10-12** at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg. The retreat is designed to give you an opportunity to begin, renew or strengthen your relationship with Jesus Christ. It's a time to evaluate where you are in your Christian way of life and discover practical ways to stay close to Him. Learn more about this transformative retreat at [DioceseofGreensburg.org/Kerygma](http://DioceseofGreensburg.org/Kerygma).

## Engaged Encounter

**Catholic Engaged Encounter weekends** will be held **March 28-29 and Oct. 3-4** at the Spiritan Center in Pittsburgh. The weekends begin Saturday morning and end Sunday afternoon. A team of two trained married couples, along with a priest, facilitate and guide the program. For more information or to register, visit [pittsburgh.engagedencounter.com/](http://pittsburgh.engagedencounter.com/). An Engaged Encounter weekend is one of the **accepted wedding preparation programs in the Diocese of Greensburg**.

If you would like to **listen to the bible** when you can, check out the audio version of the YouVersion Bible app (Audio on Bible.com—YouVersion). This is the direct link to instructions: <https://help.youversion.com/1/en/article/ayv8e2ormh-how-to-listen-to-bible-audio-on-bible-com>

## Stewardship

With changing priorities for U.S. government humanitarian assistance, our most vulnerable sisters and brothers are being affected around the world. Due to funding challenges, people need us more than ever. We are experiencing immediate and critical gaps in our ability to bring lifesaving programs across all areas of our work in the face of ongoing foreign aid crisis. As little as 40¢ a day can make a difference! Please consider joining Catholic Relief Services' Footsteps in Faith monthly giving program.

By committing a monthly gift to your sisters and brothers around the world, you'll be at the forefront of giving comfort and aid to families affected by disasters. When you join Footsteps in Faith, you make an impact by protecting families in need, rush aid to people during emergencies, help provide long-term care effectively and efficiently, enjoy ease of giving (join once and that's it!), receive updates about the people you help, and live your faith in an extraordinary way. Visit [www.crs.org](http://www.crs.org) for more information!

### To build an ark

Through Heifer International, families throughout the world are able to build a sustainable life style. The program began with 17 heifers when Dan West, the founder, recognized that families needed sustainable, long term support, not just a quick fix. As part of the sustainability, Heifer used a Passing on the Gift concept where recipients were required to donate the first female offspring of their animal to another family in need. In some countries, there were elaborate Passing on the Gift events, celebrating the joy of sharing their good fortune. Aside from animals, Heifer also provides training in their care.

Each week we will try to tell a bit about the animals so you will have an idea of the impact your contribution can make.

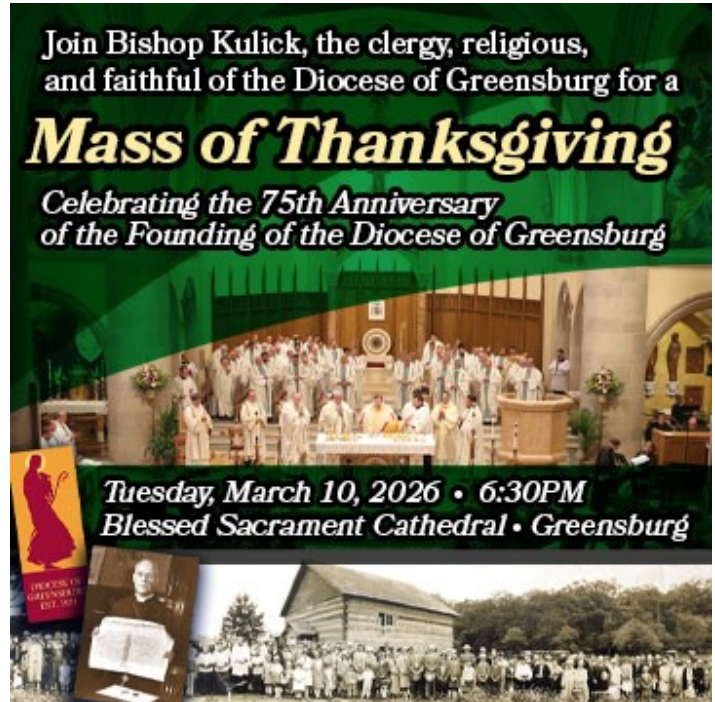
**Cows** are a sign of wealth in many countries. Bred to give milk, dairy cows can give four or more gallons a day. Families can sell extra milk, butter, cheese or yogurt to provide a steady income. They sell calves after the first heifer (young female cow) is passed to another family. Heifer teaches farmers to plant special grasses and trees with leaves that cows like to eat. These plants hold water in the soil, improving it's quality. Cow manure is an excellent crop fertilizer, and some cattle pull plows or other heavy loads.



## Faith

### Mass of Thanksgiving

Join Bishop Larry J. Kulick, clergy, religious and the faithful of the Diocese as we celebrate the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Diocese of Greensburg with a Mass of Thanksgiving **Tuesday, March 10, at 6:30 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Greensburg.** Join us as we give thanks for 75 years and look forward to our future.



### Inspiration of the week

Jesus does not want us to live within the law — he wants the law to live within us. God's law, fulfilled by His Son, is rich soil. We must let it nourish the words and the decisions of our Christian life — only then will it flow forth into the world.

### Questions of the Week

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Reading Question

Sirach speaks of the human freedom to choose between good and evil and of God's desire for us to act justly.

*What good could you do this week for a friend or family member?*

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Question

Paul teaches that God reveals His wisdom to us through the Holy Spirit.

*How might you be more open to listening to the Holy Spirit in your daily life?*

#### Gospel Question

Jesus offers stern warnings against breaking the commandments, holding grudges, committing adultery, divorcing your spouse, and falsifying oaths.

*Why do you think Jesus holds us to such high moral expectations?*