



February 8, 2026

5th 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



OUR LOCATION

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Scripture Reflection

From Fr. Anthony Onoko:

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2026
MALACHAI 3:1-4; PSALM 24; LUKE 2:22-40

Dearly beloved in the Lord, today is exactly forty days after we celebrated the birth of Jesus. According to Jewish custom (Leviticus 12:3-8; Exodus 13:2, 12, 15), forty days after the birth of a child, the mother is purified, and if the child is a firstborn son, he is presented and redeemed. Today, therefore, we celebrate the feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple and the purification of Mary.



The feast of today contains several biblical paradoxes. I will highlight just a few.

The parents of Jesus were not rich enough to afford the prescribed lamb according to Leviticus 12:1-8, especially verse 8, so they brought a pair of turtle-doves. However, in reality, they offered the best of lambs to God, because the child they brought was the Lamb of God himself, the Lamb whom God approves and supplies.

They brought Jesus to the Temple to be consecrated, but in truth, He is the Temple of God whose presence consecrated the Temple.

Jesus was ceremoniously presented and dedicated to God, whereas in reality, He is the one who presents and dedicates us to God in Himself.

In appearance, Simeon held Jesus in his arms, but in reality, Jesus holds Simeon, you and me, and the whole world in His arms.

There are at least four characters in today's Gospel, and each has an important place in this feast.

I. The parents of Jesus, who were committed and devout Jews.

II. Jesus Himself, who shared in all our human conditions and experiences. His presentation is a prolongation of the Incarnation and a deepening of His solidarity with us.

III. Simeon, a devout and righteous man.

IV. Anna, a widow who consecrated her life to God and spent it in prayer and fasting

Today, I will reflect on Simeon's experience and draw just two lessons.

I. Simeon waited on the Lord:

We are told that it had been revealed to Simeon that he would not see death until he had set his eyes on the Christ of the Lord. From the moment of that promise, Simeon waited, anticipated, and prepared

for its fulfilment. He waited for years, even decades. Even when he became very advanced in age, possibly over a hundred years old, he still hoped for the promised Saviour.

Today's feast is a celebration of God's faithfulness to His promises. God fulfilled, in His own time, the promise He made to Simeon.

God has a message today for someone who is waiting on Him and perhaps beginning to grow tired. Continue to trust the promise - do not despair; do not walk away from what God has spoken.

The prophet Habakkuk reminds us: "Still the vision awaits its appointed time. It hastens to the end and will not lie. If it seems slow, wait for it; it will surely come" (Habakkuk 2:3).

II. Simeon's eyes were opened:

Simeon was a man advanced in age. His physical eyesight may have been failing, but today he saw more than the physical eyes could perceive. Human eyes saw a forty day old baby; Simeon saw salvation. People saw a crying infant; Simeon saw a light to enlighten the Gentiles and the glory of Israel. It was another epiphany for Simeon.

How was he able to see this?

The Gospel is very clear about the action of the Holy Spirit in his life. We are told that the Holy Spirit rested on him, that it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit, and that he was prompted by the Holy Spirit.

In Ephesians 1:18, St. Paul prays that the eyes of our minds may be opened. We too need to ask the Holy Spirit to open our eyes, so that we can see the mysteries that the physical eyes are incapable of capturing. When we see only with physical eyes, we miss so much.

I conclude by praying that, like Simeon, the Holy Spirit will open our spiritual eyes to recognise the saving works of God around us, especially when we gather to offer the supreme sacrifice of the Mass.

NB:

Today is also the World Day of Consecrated Life, established by Pope John Paul II. We keep in our prayers all men and women who have consecrated their lives to God in poverty, chastity, obedience, and prayer

If you are interested in serving in any of the liturgical ministry roles, know that you are most welcome. We are always in need of readers, cantors, Eucharistic Ministers and servers. Please let one of the priests know by February 15 so we can schedule training.

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

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 & Paige Maiolini

10:30 AM Pro Populo

Monday, February 9

8:00 AM † Eleanor Pallini by Pokomo Family

Tuesday, February 10

8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

Wednesday, February 11

9:00 AM Mass at St. John the Baptist

Thursday, February 12

8:00 AM † Flora C. DiBartolomeo by Richard & Alice Pastella

Friday, February 13

8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

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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

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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. 14 & 15, 2026

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 p.m.	G. Pesì	S. Surdybn W. White L. Henry	Volunteer
8:30 a.m.	F. Petrosky	S. Stein J. Todd T. Todd	Volunteer
10:30 a.m.	D. Yagdich	K. Imbrescia P. Francowic K. Byron	S.Yatchyshyn G. Yatchyshyn

Money Counters

Moday, February 9 – Team #2 – W. Anders

It's hard to believe, but next week we begin the Lenten season. On **Ash Wednesday**, February 18, we will have Mass with distribution of ashes at **8:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.**



We welcome **David and Liam Hickle** to the Epiphany of Our Lord Parish and the family of God. David and Liam are the sons of Nicole (Bagay) and William Hickle.

Evenings of Reflection

This Lent, step away from the noise and into reflection. Join us for a series of Lenten talks by Fr. Barnabas O'Reilly, OSB. He 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. The talks will begin at 6:00 p.m. at St. Sebastian on Monday, March 9, Epiphany of Our Lord, Tuesday, March 10, and at St. John the Baptist, Wednesday, March 11. The topics will be listed on the website.

Stewardship

Weekly Collection Jan. 25	Christmas:	80
Votive Candles:	43	Children & Adult: 1,247
Utility & Energy:	50	Online : 934
Accent:	6	Total Collection: \$2,360

Weekly Collection Feb. 2	Children & Adult:	4,736
Votive Candles:	0	Online : 3,089
Utility & Energy:	165	Total Collection: \$8,025
Accent:	0	Eastern Europe: 454
Ash Wednesday:	35	Total Collection: \$8,479

Pierogi Making

Our last pierogi making before the Fish Fry will be Sunday, February 8 after the 8:30 a.m. Mass and Monday, February 9, after the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

Christian Mothers of St Anne Catholic Church invite you to a...

WOMEN'S LENTEN PRAYER BREAKFAST

ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED TO ATTEND

Saturday, February 21, 2026

THEME: Isaiah 43:18-19

God is doing a new thing in this season!

SPEAKER:

We welcome Mary Blythe who comes to us from the Parish of St. Agnes in North Huntingdon, PA. Mary is a Regional Director of Faith Formation and Discipleship for the Diocese of Greensburg. She is passionate, genuine and devoted to our Blessed Mother. She is involved with many other ministries including mission work with the *Catholic Heart Youth Camp*. Please come and be inspired by Mary's teaching, testimony, and journey.



We'll begin with 8:30 am Mass, followed by breakfast, praise and worship, speaker, fellowship, and fun in the Social Hall. Invite others, too! Reservations are required by **February 16th**. Mail or drop off your reservations to the Parish Office: 1870 Rostraver Rd., Rostraver Twp, PA 15012. Contact Marsha Kanski at 724 689-7385, mkanski@dioceseofgreensburg.org. Cost is \$10.00. Checks made payable to St. Anne Christian Mothers. www.stannerostraver.org

Please RSVP online, mail, or drop-off by February 16th.

Name(s) attending: _____

Contact Info: _____ \$Amount: _____

Dietary Restrictions (please specify): _____

Church of St. Anne, 1870 Rostraver Rd, Rostraver Township, PA 15012
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Educational Tax Credit Program

Did you know that you can redirect your Pennsylvania state taxes into scholarships for students attending Catholic schools in the Diocese of Greensburg? It's possible through the Pennsylvania Educational Tax Credit Program (EITC). Select the Catholic school(s) you'd like to support with your contribution and receive 90% of that amount as a tax credit for a two-year commitment. The school(s) will receive up to 100% of your donation to provide tuition assistance for qualified families in the upcoming school year. Visit DioceseofGreensburg.org/EITC to fill out the interest form or contact Bill Barnes in the Office of Catholic Schools at 724-552-2589.

The Saints

Would you like to know more about the saints? Subscribe to a free podcasts by the Merry Beggars. A daily podcast bringing the Saints to life with award-winning actors, writers, and sound designers. They delve into the life of one saint per week. Past Episodes are listed on their page.

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/

Ascension App

To hear the bible and/or the Catechism of the Catholic Church, download **The Ascension Catholic App** to your cell phone or tablet. Fr. Mike Schmitz provides podcasts on the bible and the catechism. You can also read the information. The app is available at the Google Play Store for Android and the Apple

Join us for coffee and doughnuts between the Sunday Masses.

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.

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THE SUMMIT

OPEN TO MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS. BRING A FRIEND!

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Presented by the Office of Faith, Family, and Discipleship

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Diocese of Greensburg

DOORS OPEN 9:30AM

SAT, FEBRUARY 28 · 10AM-6PM

CHRIST OUR SHEPHERD CENTER

2900 SEMINARY DR. GREENSBURG, PA 15601

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

ASH FEB 18

Wednesday

Repent and believe in the Gospel

Mass with Distribution of Ashes

Epiphany of our Lord: 8am & 6:30pm

St. John the Baptist: 9:30am & 6pm

St. Sebastian: 8am, 1pm & 5pm

Around the Diocese

Mardi Gras Celebration at St. Pius X Parish

The Christian Mothers and the Holy Name Society will host a Mardi Gras celebration is set for **Sunday, Feb. 15, from 3-7 p.m.** The event will feature a New Orleans-style buffet, games for children and adults, a lottery tree raffle and a basket auction. Cost is \$5 (free for children under 12).

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.

Sisters of Charity 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.

Evenings of Reflection



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.

Inspiration for the week

Salt without flavor is no longer salt. Light that illuminates nothing is no longer light. As Christians, we must be what we have been made to be. So think about it, carefully: what stands between you and being who you were made to be?

Questions of the Week

1st Reading Question

We hear from Isaiah that the Lord expects us to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and avoid false accusations and hateful speech.

Which of these virtues could you practice this week?

2nd Reading Question

Paul encourages the Corinthians to ground their faith in the power of God and not in human wisdom.

How can you make this a regular habit?

Gospel Question

Jesus challenges his disciples to have a positive influence in the world.

Who do you know makes the world a better place?

Weekly Readings

Readings for the week of February 8, 2026

Sunday: Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16

Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7, 8-10/Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11/Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40/Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40/Mk 7:24-30

Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15/Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22/Mk 8:1-10

Next Sunday: Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37