

March 1, 2026

2nd Sunday of Lent

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

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Scripture Reflection



The Transfiguration of Our Lord is the moment when Christ allowed Peter, James, and John to behold the glory that was always His by nature as the eternal Son of the Father. As recorded in

the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke, His face shone, and His garments became radiant, revealing not a new dignity received, but the divine glory veiled in His humanity.

Moses and Elijah, men recorded to have seen God during their earthly lives, appear beside Him. Moses signifies the Law, given by God to Israel; Elijah signifies the Prophets, who called the people to fidelity and foretold the Messiah. Together they represent the Law and the Prophets — the entirety of the Old Covenant. Their presence proclaims that Jesus does not abolish the Law, but fulfills it perfectly, bringing the promises to completion.

Luke tells us they spoke of His “exodus,” the departure He was to accomplish in Jerusalem. As Moses led Israel from slavery in Egypt, so Christ, through His Passion, Death, and Resurrection, leads humanity from slavery to sin and death into the freedom of divine life. Elijah, who encountered God on Horeb and was taken up by divine power, stands as witness that the prophets pointed toward this saving mystery. When the Father commands, “This is my beloved Son... listen to Him,” He establishes Christ as the definitive revelation. The Transfiguration reveals the unity of Scripture, the fulfillment of salvation history, and calls us — anointed at Baptism as priest, prophet, and king — to live in fidelity to God’s Law and to bear witness to Christ before the world.

Inspiration for the Week — “Go forth,” God told Abram. We hear that message again in the Transformation: go forth. We cannot always remain where we are comfortable. We cannot always remain where things are simple. We must go forth.

Lenten Retreat

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With Deepest Sympathy — Condolences are extended to the family of DOLORES R. HARHAI. May God grant her eternal rest, and comfort to her family. We commend her soul to rest in the peace of Christ.

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, February 28 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Jim Sepesky by Carol Sepesky & Family

Sunday, March 1 — 2nd Sunday of Lent

8:30 AM † Doris Kukler by Alex W. Kukler

10:30 AM Pro Populo

Monday, March 2

8:00 AM † Domenic Galilei by Clemmie Malec

Tuesday, March 3

8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

Wednesday, March 4

9:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

Thursday, March 5

8:00 AM † Marsha Rocerata by Mr & Mrs Larry Mandarin

Friday, March 6

8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

10:15 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

6:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 7 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Deceased Family Members by Myron & Beatrice Ciepley

Sunday, March 8 — 3rd Sunday of Lent

8:30 AM † Nancy Rizzuto by Ted & Judith Pettko

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 — March 7 & 8, 2026

| | Lector | Eucharistic Minister | Altar Server |
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| 4:00 p.m. | D. Harkins | J. Brown M. Dzurik R. Lucas | Volunteer |
| 8:30 a.m. | S. Stein | L. DeFelices G. Pesi A. Pastella | V. Watkins |
| 10:30 a.m. | M. Melvin | T. Mazzei P. Francowic P. Fantauzzi | M. Guiliford |

Money Counters

Monday, March 2 – Team #5 – M. Smith

Bake Sale reminder

For Friday, March 6, we ask those whose last name begins with **I — P** to bring in baked goods.

Stewardship

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| Weekly Collection Feb. 22 | Ash Wednesday: | 698 |
| Votive Candles: | 247 | Children & Adult: 3,815 |
| Utility & Energy: | 10 | Online : 1,040 |
| Accent: | 6 | Total Collection: \$5,879 |
| Easter Flowers: | 15 | Home Mission: 402 |
| Lenten Folder: | 48 | Total Collection: \$6,281 |

Thank You We received a thank you letter for the Angel Tree. In part, the letter states: "... Your kindness and generosity brought joy, excitement, and a sense of hop to many children during the holiday season. For our youngest students, these gifts meant far more than presents — they were a reminder that their community cares deeply about them and their well-being...Your support helped make the Christmas season brighter... for children who might otherwise have gone without. Acts of generosity like yours make a lasting impact..."

Land of Peace

Bethlehem Christian Families will be here next weekend, **March 7 & 8**, to share insight into the struggles faced by Christians in the Holy Land. Religious articles handcrafted from olive wood will be available for purchase. For more info, visit www.landofpeace.org

Heifer

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| Flock of Chicks \$20 | Goat \$120 | Heifer \$500 |
| Pig \$120 | Sheep \$120 | Water Buffalo \$250 |
| Flock of Ducks \$20 | Honeybees \$30 | Donkey \$400 |
| Trio Rabbits \$60 | Trio Guinea Pigs \$60 | Flock of Geese \$40 |
| Llama \$150 | Camel \$450 | Ox \$250 |



Bees play an important role in our food source. They function as some of the world's pollinators, pollinating 80 percent of the crops we eat. Heifer provides training in methods for keeping bees, as well as harvesting honey, beeswax, pollen and other marketable products that make beekeeping so viable. Beekeeping families have the opportunity to remain productive and self-sufficient.

Water Buffalo may not be the most attractive animals but they are much treasured by families fortunate to have one. Often referred to as 'living tractors' they provide muscle, milk, and manure.



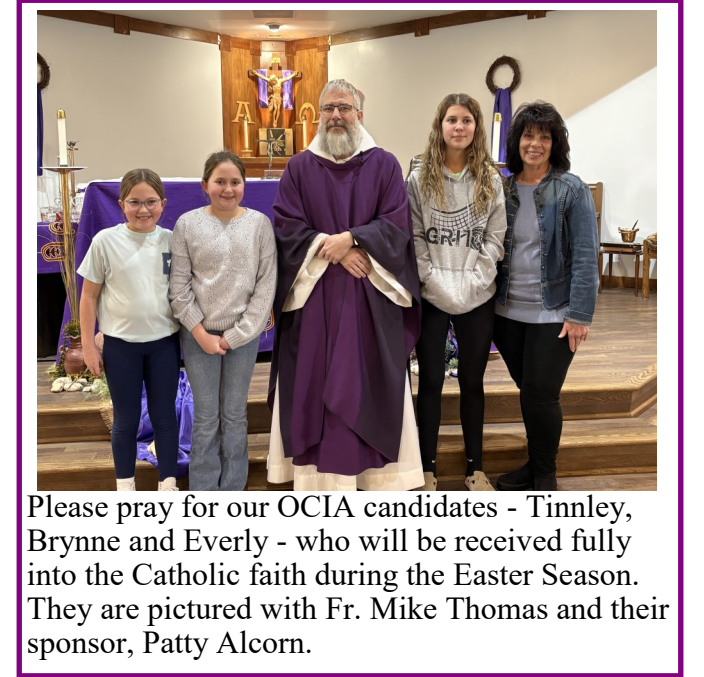
Geese are a source of prosperity for those who own a gaggle. Goose eggs are staple in much of the world. About 4 times the size of chicken eggs they can be cooked the same way.



Faith

Stations of the Cross are held on Friday at 6 p.m. We will need **volunteers to lead the stations on March 13**. Please let us know if you are willing.

Ministry Callout — Changes due to Tara by Tuesday March 10. The Schedule covers March 21 to May 10.



Please pray for our OCIA candidates - Tinnley, Brynne and Everly - who will be received fully into the Catholic faith during the Easter Season. They are pictured with Fr. Mike Thomas and their sponsor, Patty Alcorn.

Groups

The **Epiphany Ladies** will meet in the Church Hall Sunday, March 8, after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. All members and women of the parish are invited to attend.

The **Holy Name Society** will meet on Sunday, March 8 in the Church Hall following the 8:30 a.m. Mass.

Homemade Sausage Sale

The Knights of Columbus will hold a sausage sale on March 31—April 1. All orders must be in by Sunday, March 15. Put in your order now to make sure you get it! The sausage will be sold at \$6.00 /lb. Minimum order is 2 lb. per item. All orders **MUST** be made on the order form.

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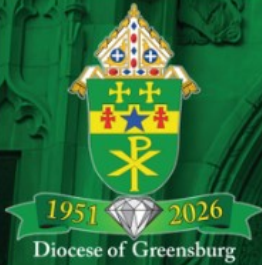
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Orders may be placed by filling out the order form above, placing it in an envelope marked "Sausage Order" and depositing it in the collection basket. To call in your order, or for more info, contact **Jason 724-454-8688**. Please make checks out to **Knights of Columbus 954**.


Celebrate 75 Years of Faith

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MARCH 19
2 and 6 PM
Christ Our Shepherd Center
2900 Seminary Drive - Greensburg

To learn more scan the QR code or follow the address

DioceseofGreensburg.org/KNOWHIM

Join us in remembering our past, celebrating our present, and preparing our hearts to step forward in hope. Come encounter Christ in the Diocese of Greensburg in prayer, worship, and fellowship.

As we celebrate our 75th Anniversary, come be renewed in faith, strengthened in community, and recommit to the mission entrusted to us. From many, we are One in Christ.

As we celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Diocese of Greensburg, join us in remembering our past, celebrating our present and preparing our hearts to step forward in hope at KNOW HIM: Diocese of Greensburg Thursday, March 19, at 2 and 6 p.m. at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg. Come encounter Christ in the Diocese of Greensburg in prayer, worship and fellowship; be renewed in faith and strengthened in community; and recommit to the mission entrusted to us. From many, we are One in Christ. Registration is free but limited. Register now at DioceseofGreensburg.org/KNOWHIM.

The Upper Room

Young Adult Ministry for those aged 18 to 40

Speaker will be Mary Allison


Mary is the Regional Director of Faith Formation & Discipleship in the Connellsville - Mt. Pleasant Region

Topic: How Lenten Disciplines can shape one's life — fasting, prayer and almsgiving

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

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

No Cost Sign Up Here



If you need child care, reach out to Adelle at aslebodnik@dioceseofgreensburg.org / 724-244-9434

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.

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: _____


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.


Join Bishop Kulick, the clergy, religious, and faithful of the Diocese of Greensburg for a

Mass of Thanksgiving

Celebrating the 75th Anniversary of the Founding of the Diocese of Greensburg



Tuesday, March 10, 2026 • 6:30PM
Blessed Sacrament Cathedral • Greensburg



A holy hour is the practice of spending one hour's time in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, praying and meditating on the agony of Jesus Christ.

Worship

Worship Opportunities throughout the Diocese.

Lenten Day of Recollection at St. Rita Parish, Connellsville: The Christian Mothers will sponsor a Lenten Day of Recollection, open to all women, Sunday, March 22, beginning at 1:30 p.m. Retreat master will be Father Anthony W. Ditto. The day will include a time for reflection, Stations of the Cross, rosary and benediction (no Mass), and a catered dinner. Cost is \$25, payable in advance to the Christian Mothers. For reservations call 724-628-6832 by Monday, March 16.

Lenten Day of Prayer for Women of the Diocese: “The Merciful Gaze: Finding Renewal in the Heart of Lent,” a Lenten Day of Prayer sponsored by the Greensburg Diocesan Council of the National Council of Catholic Women (DCCW), will be held **Saturday, March 14, at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral.** The day will be led by Father Jon Torres and will include confessions at 11 a.m., rosary at 11:45 a.m., discussions at 12:30 and 2:15 p.m., and a catered lunch and fellowship at 1:15 p.m., plus Holy Hour, adoration, benediction and a vigil Mass at 4:30 p.m. Cost is \$25. For reservations, call Kathy Byron at 724-787-2415 by March 4.

Holy Spirit School of prayer, Latrobe: Come experience God’s personal love for you with the Holy Spirit School of Prayer **Mondays, March 2, 9, 16 and 23 at 7 p.m. in the Saint Vincent Basilica Crypt.** Speakers include Benedictine Fathers Killian Loch, Shawn Matthew and John-Mary Tompkins and others to be announced. All are welcome.

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Purse Bash



Epiphany of Our Lord and St. Sebastian parishes will hold 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.

Sacramental Prep

First Communion preparation will be on Saturday, March 7 beginning at 9 a.m. Contact Adelle with questions.

Confirmation preparation will be on March 7 at 9 a.m. or March 18 at 6 pm. Contact Maureen with questions.

Questions of the Week

1st Reading Question: Trusting in the Lord, Abram is obedient to the directive to leave his land and home. *When have others had to place their trust in you?*

2nd Reading Question : Paul instructs Timothy to draw on the strength God gives us when facing hardships. *Can you think of a difficult time when you relied on God’s strength to help you?*

Gospel Question: In the transfiguration of Jesus, Peter, James, and John are fearful when they hear God’s voice speak from the cloud.

As the season of Lent continues, what are some fears you are facing?

Kerygma Discipleship Retreat

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.

Pro-Life News & Information

In order to stay informed of the latest local Pro-life News & Information as well as events, go to DioceseofGreensburg.org/pro-life-ministries/ and click on the “Sign-Up Email” button. After submitting your name, email address, and parish or school name, you will receive the latest in area pro-life news. For more information about the Pro-life News & Information emails, contact Deacon William Newhouse at wnewhouse@DioceseofGreensburg.org.

Lenten Reflection

St. Sebastian Ladies of Faith will hold a Lenten Reflection on Saturday, March 21 at 11:00 a.m. There will be *Stations of the Cross in the Voice of Christ*, followed by a light soup luncheon in the parish hall.