

**April 12, 2026**  
**2nd Sunday**  
**of Easter**

### 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

#### Epiphany of Our Lord Catholic Church

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📞 724-684-7661

📞 724-397-7035 —Emergency Pastoral Care

🌐 [www.eolparish.com](http://www.eolparish.com)

#### Office Hours

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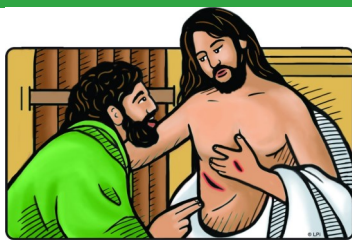
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## Scripture Reflection

On this Second Sunday of Easter, the Gospel shows the risen Christ entering a locked room and speaking peace, then breathing the Holy Spirit and giving the Apostles authority to forgive sins. This is not symbolic, but real: Christ established the sacrament through which His mercy is applied to souls, a truth consistently affirmed by the Church’s teaching on the power to remit sins entrusted to the Apostles and their successors.



Saint Faustina’s Diary helps us see the heart of this moment. She records Christ’s desire that souls “turn with trust” to His mercy, for it is the “last hope of salvation” for the world. Thomas’ doubt mirrors our own hesitation, yet the Lord does not reject him; instead, He invites him to touch His wounds. Those wounds—still visible in the risen body—are the source of the mercy poured out in the sacraments, especially Confession and the Eucharist.

The Acts of the Apostles shows the fruit of this mercy: a community united in teaching, fellowship, and the breaking of the bread. Mercy received becomes mercy lived. As the Church teaches, grace is not merely external but truly transforms the believer, drawing him into communion with God and neighbor.

“Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.” On this Divine Mercy Sunday, we are called not only to believe, but to trust—approaching Christ in the sacraments and extending His mercy in our daily lives.

### Inspiration for the week

How does Christ prove himself to Thomas? Not by his face or his words, but by his wounds. So, when we look for God to show Himself in relief or in triumph, we must remember the wounds of Christ. This is where we find our salvation.

### Easter Blessing

Dear Lord,  
Your redemption has been known in every age.  
You have never stopped inviting us closer into your presence.  
Fill us anew this Easter season, bringing new hope, new life, and new light into our journey.  
Amen.

## LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

### Saturday, April 11 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Patti A. Bigi by Herman J. Bigi

### Sunday, April 12 — 2nd Sunday of Easter

8:30 AM † Loretta Dibiaso by Ruth Jane & Family

10:30 AM Pro Populo

### Monday, April 13

8:00 AM † Joseph Salvino by Mr & Mrs Fred Naccarato

### Tuesday, April 14

8:00 AM † Mass at St. Sebastian

### Wednesday, April 15

9:00 AM Mass at St. John the Baptist

### Thursday, April 16

8:00 AM † Rita Stedeford by Dan Harkins

### Friday, April 17

8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

10:15 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

### Saturday, April 18 — Vigil

4:00 PM † James Barron by Dave, Anita & Jim Planey

### Sunday, April 19 — 3rd Sunday of Easter

8:30 AM † Dolores Harhai by Rosemary Spaw

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 — April 18 & 19, 2026

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

### Money Counters

Monday, April 13—Team #1— B. Geis

### Communion to the Homebound

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



## First Holy Communion

Over the next few weeks of Easter our second graders will be making their First Holy Communion. This is always a life giving time for our parish family. I ask that you keep these children in your thoughts and prayers as they share in the gift of the Eucharist.



## Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments.

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

**Mini reflection:** There is a reason Christ showed his wounds as he said the words, “Peace be with you.” It was not just a means of identifying himself — it was a catechism lesson. *Here*, he was saying. *Here is the peace you will not find anywhere else.*

### Within Thy Wounds

The prayer I love best in the world is the Anima Christi. This private, devotional litany of supplication, begins with the phrase “*anima Christi, sanctifica me*” (“soul of Christ, sanctify me”) and continues on to appeal individually to each aspect of Our Lord’s crucified flesh: “*Body of Christ, save me; blood of Christ, inebriate me; water from Christ’s side, wash me; passion of Christ, strengthen me; Oh good Jesus, hear me.*”

Then comes my favorite part: “*within thy wounds hide me.*”

**The Anima Christi is a prayer traditionally said after receiving Holy Communion.** The ancient Celts spoke of *liminal places*, where the veil separating this world from the next is particularly thin, and I believe the moments immediately following the reception of Holy Communion, when the Host is dissolving on my tongue, create a liminal place. When I am in that place, I am as intimately connected to God as I can be while my heart is still beating.

And when I am there, holding God within me, what are the words that I speak? It’s overwhelming to think about. What could possibly be right to say?

There is no right or wrong answer, I suppose. But the best words I can think of are these: “Within thy wounds, Lord, hide me.”

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**Congratulations** to Jewel Gardner as she received her First Communion and confirmation at Easter Vigil. We welcome Jewel to the Epiphany of Our Lord Parish Family.

**Please pray** for our young church, especially our Confirmation candidates as they begin their final preparations to receive these sacraments in the near future.

## Questions of the Week

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** In the immediate aftermath of Jesus’ resurrection and ascension, the community of believers in Jerusalem experienced much joy and harmony. **In what ways do you help build up your faith community?**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** With Jesus’ resurrection from the dead, Peter can now speak of an inheritance that awaits all believers and will one day be revealed to us. **How should knowledge of this upcoming gift impact our living in the present moment?**

### Gospel Reading

Thomas needed concrete evidence before he would believe that Jesus had risen from the dead. **What convinces you that Jesus is risen and alive?**

## Stewardship

### Weekly Collection March 30

Votive Candles:	227	Children & Adult:	7,842
Utility & Energy:	80	Online :	881
Accent:	17	<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$9,214</b>
Easter Flowers:	62	Heifer:	100
Lenten Folder:	105	<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$9,314</b>

### Weekly Collection April 5

Votive Candles:	296	Holy Thursday:	250
Utility & Energy:	150	Good Friday:	125
Accent:	6	Easter:	3,510
Easter Flowers:	85	Children & Adult:	5,355
Lenten Folder:	65	Online :	3,283
		<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$13,125</b>

## DLA

The **Diocesan Lenten Appeal** is rolling along. So far, we have collected **\$30,552** in pledges! We are well on our way to meeting the **Diocesan goal of \$44,564**. Remember, that we receive a portion of anything over the Diocesan goal. Our Parish goal is \$64,564 so we have a ways to go. Once we reach our Diocesan goal, we will use the additional funds toward security cameras for the church property.

When you make your gift to the 2026 Diocesan Lenten Appeal, **75 Years: Our Foundation, Our Future**, you are continuing the proud legacy of forming future leaders in our Church and in our communities now and for generations to come. Make your gift now at [DioceseofGreensburg.org/DLA2026](http://DioceseofGreensburg.org/DLA2026).

## Calling All Bakers

Just when you thought you were finished baking .... Your delicious homemade baked goods are needed for the upcoming purse bash on Sunday, April 26. A big part of the purse bash is the **Unique Bake Sale**. Baked goods are displayed and wrapped by the committee in unique serving items.

Please bring your baked goods to the church hall Friday, April 24 between 1 p.m. and 4 pm.. or Saturday morning after 9 a.m.

## Why we give more during Lent

As Catholics, we are called to give more during Lent: more of our time, money and self. This increase in almsgiving is one of the three pillars of Lent, along with prayer and fasting. Almsgiving is not just donating money, it is time and talents to those in need. Lent is the time we most closely reflect on Christ's desert fast and work of justice. Almsgiving is a direct response to Jesus' call to love our neighbors, and prioritize the poor by sharing blessings.

## Thank You

With the end of Lent is the end of our Fish Fry. We will have a final report in the next few weeks. Thank you to everyone who helped to make the Fish Fries a success, especially the key organizers: Betty Geis, Evie Yatchyshyn, Patrick Frederick, and Susan Polomoscank. The events would not have been a success without all of you who prepared and cooked the food, served the line, sold tickets, bussed the tables and contributed to the bake sale. And where would we be without our pierogi makers? There are too many people who volunteered their time to mention by name, a fact which speaks very well for our parish coming together. Our fish fries are not just for our parish, but the wider community.

Again, thank you all however you supported us — working or coming to the fish fries.

**Thank you** to the Epiphany Ladies for spear-heading the spring cleaning of the church in time for Easter. Over the past several weeks numerous people have donated their time to making sure the church was cleaned, brass and pews polished and carpet cleaned. It was a wonderful way to begin the Easter Season.

## Easter Gratefulness

In Looking over our Lenten season and the celebration of Easter, there are many people who shared much of their time and talent and need to be thanked.

Sometimes we do not realize how many people are involved in a single liturgy let alone an entire season. Our Liturgies have certainly benefitted by everyone's willingness to give so generously of their time and talent. In a special way, we would like to recognize:

- ♦ All All of our Liturgical ministers; the Lectors, Extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, Altar Servers, Greeters and Ushers;
- ♦ **Dan Godla, Jeffrey Olup** and all of our choir members who came out to sing.;
- ♦ Flo Petrosky for keeping everyone in order;
- ♦ The Decorating Committee for their efforts to make the church so inviting .

Most of all, **thank you the people who make up our parish family**. It is because of your support and dedication that we are able to gather each week and celebrate the gift of the Eucharist. As we celebrate these weeks of Easter, know that we are all blessed in more ways than we are even aware of!



## 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.



## Cemetery News

We do not talk about our cemeteries as much as we should. One thing to be mindful of is that Catholic cemeteries are considered consecrated holy ground. They are sacred spaces for the faithful to await the resurrection of the body. These sites are extensions of the parish church and are hallowed places for respectful interment, prayer and rest. Caring for these spaces is an act of faith, embodying respect for the body as a temple of the Holy Spirit, the theological concept of *memento mori* (remembering death), and the corporal work of mercy to bury and honor the dead.

There are large trash cans in the cemetery for **disposal of florals, and grass clippings**. These cans are emptied seasonally. Because there is a long time between waste removal, please be considerate and aware and **do not dispose of animal waste in the cans, even in bags**.

The cans are strapped in place for a reason. Please do not remove the strappings or move the cans. Catholic Church property in Pennsylvania is considered **sacred space** under canon law, designated for divine worship or burial.

Thank you for your consideration and respect to those who have gone before us.

## Maker Session

Please join us at the **Saint Vincent de Paul store on Main Street in Greensburg on Saturday, May 2nd at 1:00 PM** for our next Maker Session. Due to its popularity, we are again going to be **creating miniature fairy gardens!** Shop the store for your container, then shop our pop-up for plants and accessories. Then we'll help you assemble your one-of-a-kind miniature garden!

There's no fee - just pay for the materials you select. The store will be open for shopping until 3:00 PM. Please stop in or call 724-836-1077 and leave a message to sign up; spaces are limited.



Keep connected! Stay up to date with parish events, follow the readings. Search for **We-Connect Parish App** in the Apple Store or Google Play.

## Groups

**Epiphany Ladies** will meet on Tuesday, April 14 at 6:00 p.m. in the Church Hall. All women of the parish are invited to attend.

**Catholic Daughters of the Americas** will meet on Tuesday, April 21, Rosary at 6 PM meeting to follow.

## Knights Notes

Council #954 voted to donate \$300 to the Epiphany and St. Sebastian **Purse Bash** fundraiser.

Our next Spaghetti Dinner will be held on May 17<sup>th</sup> from 11:30am-5pm.

Our Brothers voted to purchase ads to be placed in the weekly church bulletins for both Epiphany and St. Sebastian churches.

Brother, Bill Watson participated in a **Polar Plunge** — raising \$1300 dollars for Special Olympics!

We welcome all to gather at the council hall for the recitation of the Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary on **the third Wednesday of every month at 7:00pm** Interested in becoming a member? The easiest way to join is online. Our web page is **KofC.org Please (indicate Council #954)**.

## Festival Meeting

There will be a Festival Planning meeting on **Thursday, April 16 at 6:30 p.m.** in the church hall. If you have any suggestions for this year's festival, we would love to hear them, It will be difficult, but we want to be even better than last year!

## Catholic Charities

Catholic Charities provides volunteer services to older adults (60+) including supportive and regular visits, telephone calls and mailings to prevent loneliness and isolation. To become a client, contact Deborah Klinvex at [dklinvex@DioceseofGreensburg.org](mailto:dklinvex@DioceseofGreensburg.org) or call 724-837-1840.

## Bulletin by Email

If you would like to have the bulletin delivered to your email inbox, sign up at [www.parishesonline.com](http://www.parishesonline.com) (The address is on the back of the bulletin.) As always, you can read and download the bulletin on the website and on the **parish app**. Search for Parish App in the Apple Store or Google Play.



### Celebration for the Newly Initiated

Bishop Larry J. Kulick invites those who will be received into the Church this Easter, along with sponsors, godparents, family, friends and Christian initiation teams, for an evening of thanksgiving for the gift of new life in Christ **Wednesday, April 15, at 6 p.m.** at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg. The evening will include Mass, dinner and a presentation. **Register now at [DioceseofGreensburg.org/Bishops-Celebration-for-the-Newly-Initiated](http://DioceseofGreensburg.org/Bishops-Celebration-for-the-Newly-Initiated).**

## Pro-Life March

The inaugural Pittsburgh Pro-Life March & Rally, **scheduled for Saturday, April 18**, keeps getting bigger. Bishop Larry J. Kulick will be joining Bishop William Waltersheid for Mass at Saint Paul Cathedral at 9:30 a.m. **Following Mass, we will join the rally at 11 a.m. at Schenley Plaza and then take part in the one-mile march through Oakland at noon.** Come and join to give witness to life with folks from around the area. Let's help make this local event a success. For more information, go to [www.pittsburghprolifemarch.com](http://www.pittsburghprolifemarch.com).

## Project Rachel

**Project Rachel Ministry:** The Diocese of Greensburg is prepared to assist those suffering as the result of being involved in an abortion. Bishop Michael Burbidge of Arlington, Va., sums up Project Rachel's mission and purpose by informing us, "Diocesan-based abortion healing ministry, most often called Project Rachel Ministry, seeks to accompany those who suffer from abortion as they receive Christ's mercy, comfort, and healing. **Project Rachel Ministry serves as a bridge to God's mercy**, helping him to make participants whole and restoring his relationship with them as his beloved daughters and sons." For confidential, compassionate help, call 724-552-1832 or email [projectrachel@DioceseofGreensburg.org](mailto:projectrachel@DioceseofGreensburg.org).

## Podcast

### Stunned Disciples, Season 2



**Stunned Disciples 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, this **award-winning series** turns Scripture into lively, down-to-earth conversations that invite listeners to rediscover wonder in their everyday faith journey. Be Inspired. Be Stunned. Listen at [TheAccentOnline.org/TheCatholicAccentPodcast](http://TheAccentOnline.org/TheCatholicAccentPodcast) or wherever you download your podcasts.

## Week's Readings

### Readings for the week of April 12, 2026

**Sunday:** Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31

**Monday:** Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9/Jn 3:1-8

**Tuesday:** Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15

**Wednesday:** Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 3:16-21

**Thursday:** Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/Jn 3:31-36

**Friday:** Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15

**Saturday:** Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21

**Next Sunday:** Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2 and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35



## Craft / Vendor Show

**Craft/Vendor Show** at St. John the Evangelist, Latrobe will be held Saturday, May 2, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. There will be indoor and outside vendors, 50/50, raffle baskets and food available to purchase.

## 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** at the Franciscan University of Steubenville 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 email [ffd@DioceseofGreensburg.org](mailto: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. Learn more at [www.DioceseofGreensburg.org/steubenville-youth-conference](http://www.DioceseofGreensburg.org/steubenville-youth-conference).



**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

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## Greensburg Tea

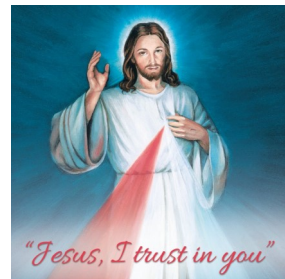
**“Steeped in Faith,”** a tea focused on saints, is set for Saturday, May 2, from 1-3 p.m. Cost is \$30 for adults, \$20 for ages 2-11. Basket and 50/50 raffles are planned. For information or tickets, **email [kelly-perney@gmail.com](mailto:kelly-perney@gmail.com) or call 724-834-6880.**

## Gospel Meditation

April 12, 2026  
2nd Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)  
John 20:19-31

*“Then he said to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe.’” (John 20:27)*

In my early 20s, I volunteered at a parish youth group. I witnessed teens encountering Jesus with a fresh, romantic wonder that reminded me of my own teenage conversion. But something had changed in me. I was quietly jaded and cynical.



When teens shared stories of encountering Christ, I’d want to sarcastically murmur, “Well, good for you.” I had grown suspicious of the zeal I once knew. Then we brought the group on a pilgrimage. I was standing in an old church in France, ignoring a long-winded tour guide. I found myself before a crucifix. In that moment, I heard something, not audibly, but unmistakably in my heart: “I came to be your friend... and you wish to be my enemy? Why do you stand far from me? I suffer gladly for you. I was pierced for you. Why do you run from me?” My heart opened. I saw how cold and cynical I had become. But Jesus had not given up on me. He had returned, and his mercy broke through.

So I can relate to the scoffing — and transformation — of Thomas when the Risen Jesus presents his wounds for inspection. Thomas is not simply doubting; he is guarded, suspicious, even cynical. But Jesus comes to him. No lecture. Just understanding and mercy. He invites Thomas to touch his wounds. This burns away his cynicism like the morning mist.

**Divine Mercy Challenge:** This week, rejoice with someone who is newly alive in faith. If your own heart has grown skeptical or tired, ask Jesus to help you. He will.

— *Father John Muir*  
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## Divine Mercy

St. Sebastian Ladies of Faith invite you to participate in the **Divine Mercy Chaplet with Exposition of the Holy Eucharist on Sunday April 12 at 12:15 PM.** All are welcome to join us in our church, for this beautiful Chaplet.