

April 26, 2026
4th 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.

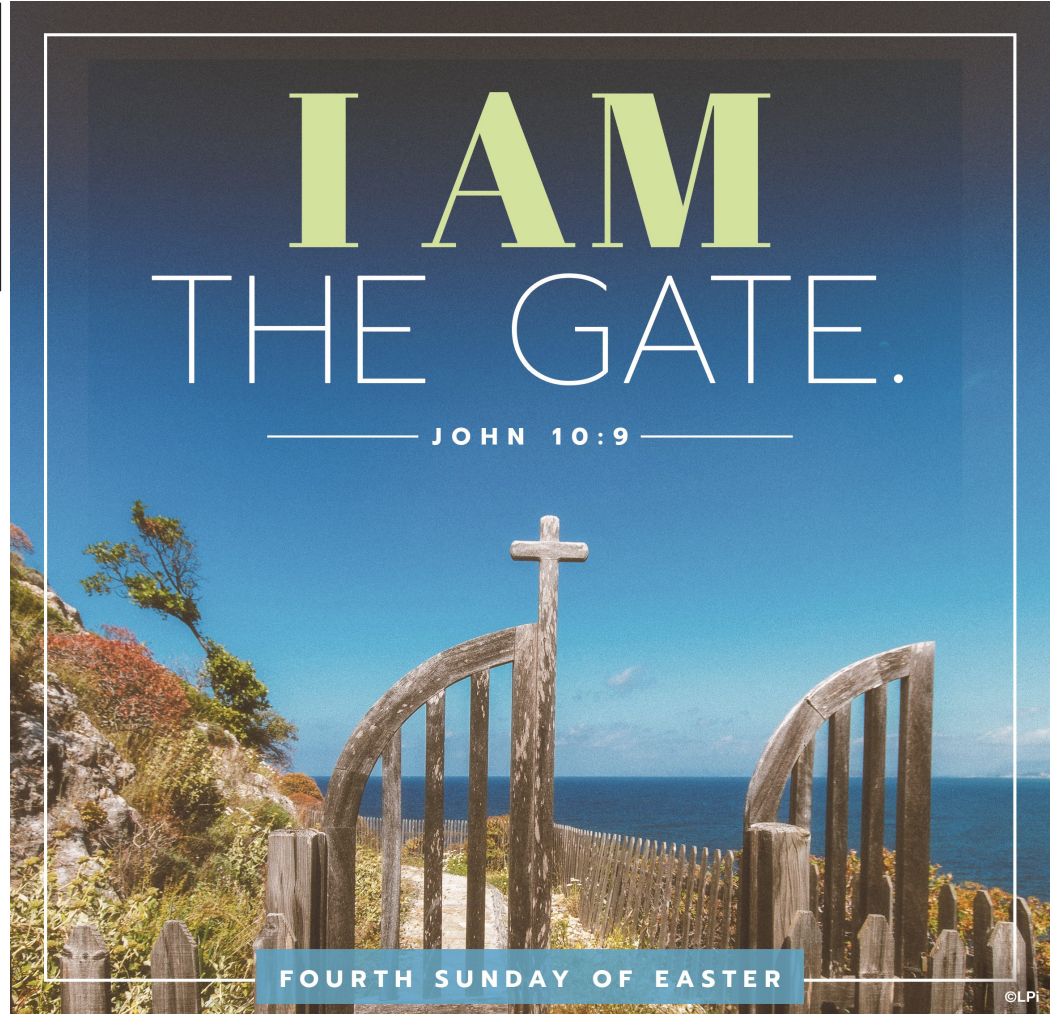
Sunday:
8:30 a.m.
10:30 a.m.

Confession:

Saturday: 3:00 p.m.
Or by appointment

All Sacraments:

Please call the office



OUR LOCATION

Epiphany of Our Lord Catholic Church

44 Pennsylvania Blvd., Monessen, PA 15062

☎ 724-684-7661

☎ 724-397-7035 —Emergency Pastoral Care

🌐 www.eolparish.com

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Scripture Reflection

Good Shepherd Sunday

On this Fourth Sunday of Easter, the Church invites us to contemplate Christ as the Good Shepherd—the one who knows His sheep, calls them by name, and leads them to life. One of the most recognizable signs of a shepherd is the crook, the staff with its curved end. This simple tool reveals something profound about how God cares for us.



A shepherd uses the crook to guide the sheep, gently pulling them back when they wander and nudging them forward when they hesitate. So too does Christ act in our lives. There are moments when we drift, distracted or lost in sin, and the Lord, in His mercy, reaches out to draw us back. At other times, we grow comfortable or fearful, unwilling to move where He is leading. Then, like a good shepherd, He urges us forward—toward growth, conversion, and deeper faith.

The crook is also a sign of protection and care. A shepherd uses it to rescue sheep from danger and to defend the flock. In the same way, Christ protects us from what would harm our souls and seeks us out when we are trapped or struggling. As the liturgy reminds us, He is the Shepherd who laid down His life for His sheep.

This image is carried forward in the Church through the bishop's crozier. It is not merely ceremonial—it is a visible reminder that the bishop, as a successor of the Apostles, is called to share in Christ's pastoral care: to guide, correct, protect, and lead the faithful. This reflects the Church's constant teaching that Christ continues to shepherd His flock through those He has appointed.

Today, we are invited to ask ourselves: do we allow the Good Shepherd to guide us? Do we trust His care, even when He pulls us back or pushes us forward?

Communion to the Homebound

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



With Deepest Sympathy — Condolences are extended to the families of LILLIAN R. TAYLOR. 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, April 25 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Megan Vaccaro by Maryann Josay

Sunday, April 26 — 4th Sunday of Easter

8:30 AM Pro Populo

10:30 AM † Frank A. Galilei by Cheryl Galilei & Family

Monday, April 27

8:00 AM † Ed Monaghan by Ginny & Family

Tuesday, April 28

8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

Wednesday, April 29

9:00 AM Mass at St. John the Baptist

Thursday, April 30

8:00 AM † Teresa Trozzi by Sons, Phillip & Arthur

Friday, May 1

8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

10:15 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

Saturday, May 2—Vigil

4:00 PM † Joe & Mary Ann Gallo by Irene Babinski

Sunday, May 3 — 5th Sunday of Easter

8:30 AM Pro Populo

10:30 AM † Gloria Salotti Dsawson, Ella and Joseph Salotti by Daughter, Sharie, & John

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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 — May 2 & 3, 2026

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

Money Counters

Monday, April 27 — Team #3 — K. Byron

Don't have the app yet? Search for **WeConnect Parish App** in the Apple Store or Google Play.



Furthering Our Faith

The weeks between Easter and Pentecost are a special time in the life of the church. It is a time to reflect on the joy of the Resurrection while preparing for the coming of the Holy Spirit. It is a time of learning and spiritual growth.

Catholic Online (www.catholiconline.school/) offers free, short ‘courses’ online that consist of a short video and study guide. Thousands of students from all over the world, each with their own unique story, learn at their own pace. Some of the new classes under The Bible—Living Words explore why the following Bible Verses are important:

- Ephesians 6:10-20
- John 1:1-14
- John 3:16
- Galatians 5:1
- 2 Corinthians 5:17
- 1 Corinthians 6
- Philippians 2:5-11

Take this time of waiting for the Holy Spirit to learn more about our faith and inflame our hearts.

Why Do We Do That? Catholic Life Explained

Exaltation of the Cross

Emperor Constantine’s mother, Helena, is credited with having **discovered the true cross around 330**. She traveled to the Holy Land and uncovered the places associated with Jesus’ life. Legend has it that Helena uncovered three crosses but was not able to detect the true cross until each of them was laid on a leper. Only one of them cured the leper, proving it to be the true cross. A great church was built at the site, and soon various portions of the cross were sent to other churches as relics to be venerated.

The day after the dedication of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, September 14, 335, the actual cross was displayed for veneration. Egeria, a women traveler to Jerusalem around the year 386, kept a diary that has survived. She tells of the unique veneration of the wood of the cross that took place on Good Friday, something maintained ritually to this very day.

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross focuses on the gift of love that Jesus manifested by his total gift of self, offered for all. The cross, the ultimate form of capital punishment in its day, has become for us the ultimate symbol of love and triumph over evil and death.

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Congratulations!

We welcome **Tinnley Cowden, Brynne Berdine** and **Everly Berdine** to the Epiphany of Our Lord Parish Family. The three girls made their Profession of Faith on April 18.



Questions of the Week

1st Reading

The crowds believed Peter’s proclamation that in raising the crucified Jesus from the dead, God made Jesus both Lord and Christ.

Why do you believe that Jesus is our Lord and Savior?

2nd Reading

Peter speaks of Jesus’ wounds healing us.

Can you think of a time when you have felt healed by God?

Gospel Reading

Jesus speaks of himself as the gate through which his followers pass and have abundant life.

How has believing in Jesus enriched your life?

Inspiration for the Week

“The sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice,” Jesus says. Do we know the voice of Jesus when he speaks to us? Have we spent time in conversation with him? This week, listen for the voice of Jesus in your life, and follow where it leads.

Stewardship

Weekly Collection April 19

Votive Candles:	191	Good Friday:	95
Utility & Energy:	199	Easter:	385
Accent:	3	Children & Adult:	6,590
Easter Flowers:	10	Online :	1,639
Holy Thursday:	65	Total Collection:	\$9,177

DLA

So far, 145 of our parishioners have contributed to this year's **Diocesan Lenten Appeal**. A total of **\$41,972** has been made in pledges. We're only \$2,592 away from meeting our Diocesan goal of \$44,564. Our Parish goal is \$64, 564. Any amount raised over the Diocesan goal comes back to the parish. Giving to the Diocesan Lenten Appeal, no matter the amount, illustrates that we are viable parish. Remember, **your DLA contribution can be spread out over several months**.

If you have not yet responded, won't you consider making a gift? Again, if you have any questions or issues about this year's campaign, please let me know. Make your gift now at **DioceseofGreensburg.org/DLA2026**.

Fish Fry Report

Long before we opened our doors to the public, there were an amazing group of volunteers who met to prepare the food for our Fish Fry. An unbelievable number of hours went into putting the Fish Fry together for this year. It's been said before, but bears repeating, as a parish, we are grateful for their efforts. This fundraiser is a way for **people from all over to come and enjoy time together**. It's a lot of work, but the benefits are countless!

Aside from offering the best food, the Fish Fry shows how our parish welcomes all. The final report of the profit we made this year is below.

Our total income was \$68,053.77. The total expenses came to \$29,486.86, leaving us with a profit of **\$38,566.91**. Kudos all around.

Fish Fry Report 2

While we may not be able to count all of the hours that went into making the Fish Fry a success, we do have a few fun numbers for you. From Ash Wednesday through Good Friday, we used **1,260 pounds of cod; 320 pounds of Haddock; and 300 pounds of cabbage**. Pierogis were in a class of their own. The Pierogi Platoon used 450 pounds of flour and made a total of **10,800 pierogis!** That's a lot of peeling.

People of Hope Museum

As part of the Diocese of Greensburg's 75th Anniversary celebration, Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg will host the People of Hope Museum at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg, **Friday and Saturday, June 5 and 6**. The museum features faith-filled stories of neighbors helping neighbors. June 6 is also the Diocese Anniversary Celebration Day at Christ Our Shepherd Center. Private tours are available to schools, faith formation students, human service agencies and county representatives.

Live Stations



During Lent, students at St. Sebastian Regional School performed a Live Stations of the Cross.

DID YOU KNOW?

THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS IS OBSERVED ON GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY.

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Listening Sessions

As part of our celebration of the 75th Anniversary of the Diocese of Greensburg, Bishop Larry J. Kulick has scheduled listening sessions in all seven Deaneries this spring. **Epiphany of Our Lord is in Deanery 7.** Bishop Kulick invites and encourages the faithful to gather and reflect on **75 Years: Our Foundation, Our Future** as we work together with the help of the Holy Spirit to shape the future of our parishes, faith formation programs, Catholic schools and how we serve those in need. Bishop Kulick hopes these listening sessions will be a time of discussion and collaboration as we prayerfully discern the needs of our Diocese and future generations. All listening sessions begin at 6 p.m.

Tuesday, May 12 (Deanery 3)–

Christ the King Parish, Leechburg

Wednesday, May 27 (Deanery 2)–

Saint Bernard of Clairvaux Parish, Indiana

Monday, June 1 (Deanery 4) –

Our Lady of Grace Parish, Greensburg

Tuesday, June 2 (Deanery 7)–

Saint Joseph Parish, Uniontown

Thursday, June 18 (Deanery 1) –

Saint Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish,
Kittanning

YOU ARE INVITED
to a **LISTENING SESSION**
at Saint Joseph Parish Hall
180 Old Walnut Hill Road, Uniontown, PA 15401
ALL are welcome
DEANERY 7
TUESDAY JUNE 2 - 6:00 PM

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Blessing of the Good Shepherd

Dear Jesus,

Be the Good Shepherd in my life.

Help me to know your voice and to respond.

Help me to find your fold and the paths on which you lead.

Bless me with verdant pastures and restful waters.

Refresh my soul.

Amen.

Knights' Notes



Local Knights of Columbus Council #954 recently welcomed several new members: **John Fiorillo, Bart Ferrara and Bartolomeo Ferrara.**

In April, the Brothers **donated \$100** to the PCUC for the first 'local' Rally for Life that was held in Pittsburgh on Saturday, April 18.

Also in April, **ads were placed in the weekly church bulletins** for both Epiphany of Our Lord and St. Sebastian Churches. Because of the additional ad, Epiphany of Our Lord was able to expand the bulletin to 8 pages.

Council #954 will again partner with the Epiphany Ladies to hold a fund-raising **spaghetti dinner on Sunday, May 17.** The dinner will be held at the Council Hall, 1925 Grand Blvd., Monessen from 11:30 a.m.—5:00 p.m. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased from any Knight or member of the Epiphany Ladies. Tickets will also be available at the door.

On the third Wednesday of each month, the Knights gather at the council hall for a **recitation of the Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary.** All are welcome to join us. We meet at 7:00 p.m. and are happy to have you join us. This is not a commitment to our group, but simply a way for us to pray together.

Each Sunday, one of the organizations hosts coffee and doughnuts between the Masses. Join us for **this wonderful expression of hospitality.**



Save the Date



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Youth Conference

Calling all high schoolers! **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.** Adults interested in attending as chaperones should contact youth ministers and email ffd@DioceseofGreensburg.org. Registration for chaperones will be opened once the number of chaperones needed is determined. 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.

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 CONFERENCES

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Led by Joel Musser, CGSUSA National Formation Leader

Level I Formation for Adults working with children age 3-6
Earn Basic Catechist! (with completed Admin/Legal course)

Part 1: June 22 to June 27, 2026

Part 2: TBD

M-F: 9:00AM-5:00PM
Saturday: 9:00AM-2:00PM

Christ Our Shepherd Center
2900 Seminary Dr, Greensburg, PA

Accommodations are available

Questions?

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Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

The Office of Faith, Family and Discipleship is offering Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level I Formation for adults who are working with children ages 3-6. **Part 1 begins June 22-27** from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg. Dates will be determined for Part 2. Programs will be led by Joel Misser, CGUSA National Formation Leader. Accommodations are available. For information or to register, visit DioceseofGreensburg.org/CGS/.

Women's Conference

Chosen and precious in the sight of God - 1 Peter 2:4, is the theme for the Spirited Women's Conference to be held **Saturday, Nov. 7**, at Christ our Shepherd Center, Greensburg. This invigorating conference for women will feature **Mari Pablo and Ali Hoffman as keynote speakers along with Bishop Larry J. Kulick**, who will celebrate Mass for attendees. There will be praise and worship, breakout sessions, witness testimonials, recitation of the Rosary, Eucharistic adoration and reconciliation. Breakfast and lunch are provided, and those attending can enjoy various vendors. Registration will open soon.

Bulletin by Email

If you would like to have the bulletin delivered to your email inbox, sign up at www.parishesonline.com As always, you can read and download the bulletin on the website and on the **parish app**.

God in Ordinary Moments

The Devil's Long Con

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

The algorithm on my streaming service has been suggesting a lot of romantic scam documentaries lately. If you're not familiar, romantic scams are a particularly cruel form of "the long con."

Some man presents himself to some woman as Prince Charming. He wines her. He dines her. He charms her mom and makes her friends jealous. Little red flags pop up here and there, but she shrugs them all off. She accepts convenient explanations.

She just wants to be happy.

And then one day, Prince Charming vanishes, along with the contents of the woman's savings account. Every victim says the same thing: "I should have known better, but I wanted it to be real."

I think the reason I'm so drawn to these shows is that I identify with these women. No, I've never been the victim of a romantic scam (if my husband married me thinking he would gain access to some kind of fortune, he's the one who got scammed). But we have all told ourselves that something is right because it *feels* right. We have shrugged off doubts about a choice, a relationship, a habit.

We have accepted easy answers that don't pass the sniff test — because we really, really wanted an answer, and we really, really wanted it to be easy.

The devil is a romantic scammer. A third-party retailer hawking knock-off joy and fulfillment. A wolf in sheep's clothing. A false prophet. A thief, a robber who has climbed the fence, knowing the gate will not admit him.

These are all different ways of saying the same thing: we can recognize what is real by where it comes from. What it sounds like. This ability to discern truth is written into our souls. We can ignore it, if we want. Suppress it. We can follow the stranger.

But where will he lead?

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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 kelleyperney@gmail.com](mailto:kelleyperney@gmail.com) or call **724-834-6880**.

Calling All Catholic Men

Most men want to be stronger in their faith—but it's easy to put it off, stay busy, or go it alone.

The Holy Name Society is a simple, powerful way to change that. It's a brotherhood of Catholic men who are striving, together, to **grow in faith, live with integrity, and show reverence for the name of Jesus in everyday life.**

Join us for our final meeting of the season on May 10.

No pressure. No expectations. Just an open invitation.

Come see what we're about. Meet other men from the parish. Take one step toward a stronger, more intentional faith.

You don't have to have it all figured out. You just have to show up.

If something has been nudging you to get more involved, don't ignore it—this is a great place to start. Come and see.

For details, call or text Dan Harkins at 412-855-0022, or speak with a member after Mass.

While we do service in His name, we are not a service organization. Our Mission statement says what we are about. **To promote reverence for the Sacred name of God and Jesus Christ**, obedience to the Magisterium of the Catholic Church and the personal sanctification and holiness of its members. The Society is to assist in Parish ministries by performing the Corporal Works of Mercy and the Spiritual Works of Mercy.



Readings for the Week

Readings for the week of April 26, 2026

Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10

Monday: Acts 11:1-18/ Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:11-18 (second choice)

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/ Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday: Acts 12:24-13:5a/ Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Jn 12:44-50

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/ Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27/Jn 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33/ Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/ Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 14:7-14

Next Sunday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12

