

May 10, 2026
6th 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.

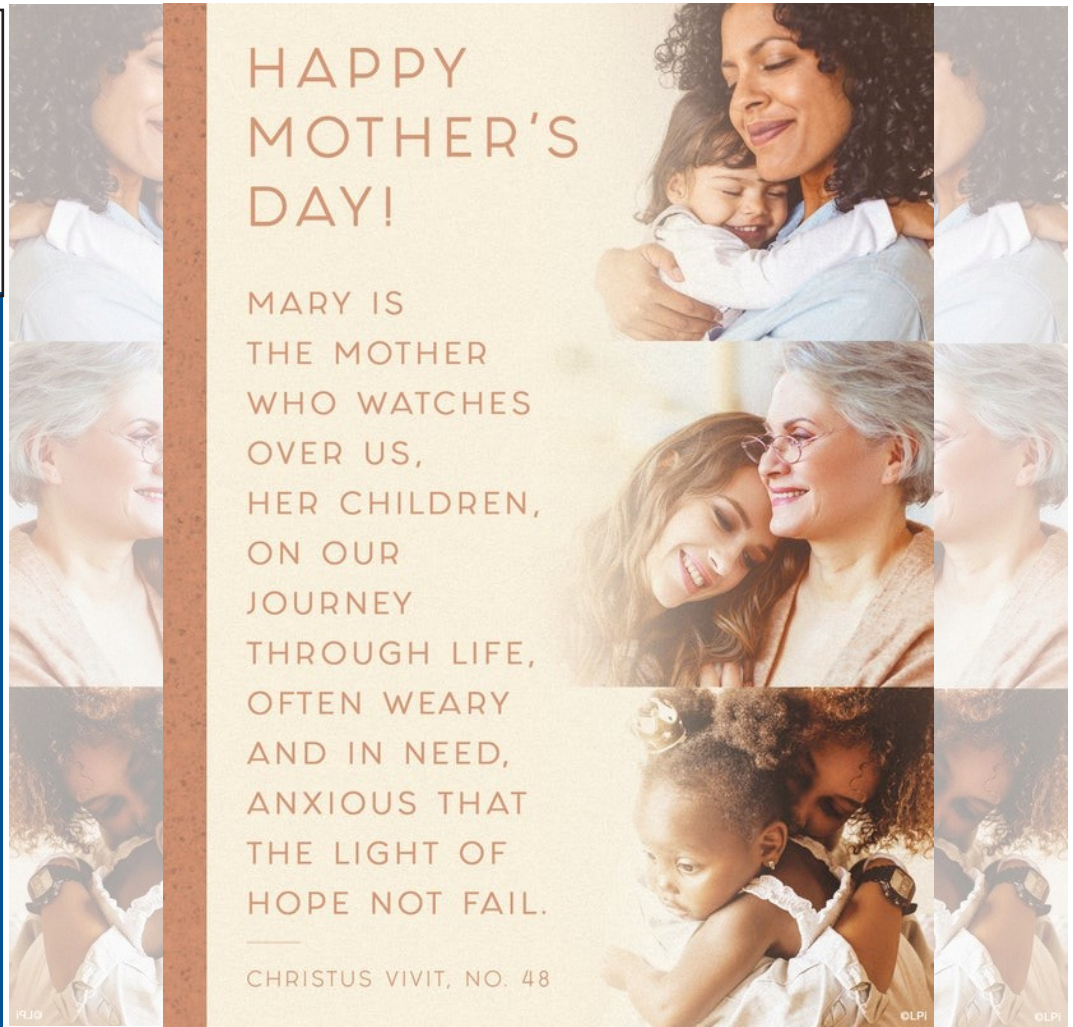
Sunday:
8:30 a.m.
10:30 a.m.

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

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🌐 www.eolparish.com

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Scripture Reflection

On this Sixth Sunday of Easter, St. Peter gives us a direct and challenging command:

“Always be ready to give an explanation... for a reason for your hope.”

This is not optional. It is part of what it means to be a disciple of Christ. Too often, we treat faith as something private or assumed—but the Church teaches that faith must be **known, lived, and professed**. The Catechism reminds us that we are called not only to believe, but to “profess the faith... celebrate it... and hand it on.” This means we must take the time to study Scripture and understand what the Church teaches.

Why? Because love requires knowledge. In the Gospel, Jesus says, *“If you love me, you will keep my commandments.”* But we cannot follow what we do not know. To defend the faith with clarity and charity, we must first be formed by it.

The tradition of the Church, preserved in teachings such as those found in various writings of the Church, shows that the faith is not invented by individuals but is handed down faithfully from the Apostles. We are part of something real, historical, and true—and that truth is worth knowing and defending.

Finally, St. Peter reminds us how to do this: with **gentleness and reverence**. Our defense of the faith is not about winning arguments, but about witnessing to Christ.

This week, ask yourself: *Do I know my faith well enough to explain it?* If not, now is the time to begin.

Questions of the Week

1st Reading

We hear how even the Samaritans came to believe in Jesus and received the gift of the Holy Spirit.

When have you been surprised by God?

2nd Reading

Peter taught his community to learn how to explain their faith to others, even if they are hostile.

Do you feel confident defending the faith?

Gospel Reading

Jesus assures his disciples that God gives us the Holy Spirit to serve as our Advocate.

What might you pray for this week from the Holy Spirit?



LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, May 9 — Vigil

4:00 PM All Mothers Living & Deceased

Sunday, May 10 — 6th Sunday of Easter

8:30 AM All Mothers Living & Deceased

10:30 AM All Mothers Living & Deceased

Monday, May 11

8:00 AM † Mascitelli and Minno Families by Children & Grandchildren

Tuesday, May 12

8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

6:00 PM May Crowning

Wednesday, May 13

9:00 AM Mass at St. John the Baptist

Thursday, May 14 — Ascension Thursday

8:00 AM † Josephine, Quirno & Rosetta Ciccarelli by Marge Talarico

1:00 PM Mass at St. Sebastian

6:00 PM Mass at St. Sebastian

Friday, May 15

8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

Saturday, May 16 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Carmen Beneccio by Shirley & Family

Sunday, May 17 — 7th Sunday of Easter

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

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 — May 16 & 17, 2026

| | Lector | Eucharistic Minister | Altar Server |
|------------|-------------|---|--------------------------------|
| 4:00 p.m. | G. Pesi | W. White L. Henry Volunteer | D. Harkins |
| 8:30 a.m. | S. Stein | T. Todd F. Petrosky Volunteer | M. Blatnik |
| 10:30 a.m. | D. Yagodich | E. Yatchyshyn T. Gigliotti K. Byron | S. Yatchyshyn G. Yatchyshyn |

Money Counters

Monday, May 11 — Team #5 — M. Smith



Grace and peace, dear brothers and sisters in the Lord.

As we celebrate Mother's Day weekend, I offer heartfelt gratitude to all mothers in our parish community.

We thank God for your love, sacrifice, patience, strength, and the many hidden ways you care for your families and support the life of the Church. Through your prayers, guidance, and generosity, you help shape homes filled with faith and compassion.

We also honour grandmothers, godmothers, foster mothers, and all women who show a mother's love through service and care for others. Your witness is a blessing to us all.

We remember with prayer those mothers who have gone before us into eternal life, and we ask God to comfort all who find this day difficult through grief or longing.

May Our Blessed Mother Mary watch over every mother and intercede for you. May the Lord bless you with peace, joy, good health, and strength.

Happy Mother's Day to all our mothers.



Fr. Anthony

Pentecost

In a few weeks, May 24, it will be Pentecost and we will celebrate the birth day of the church. We could use your help in decorating! We will be setting up on **Thursday, May 21 at 5:30 p.m.** and tearing down on Sunday, May 24 following the 10:30 Mass. If you have any questions, fee free to call the office.



**22nd Annual
Blessing of the Bikes**
Holy Family Church, Latrobe
Sunday, May 17th 11:45 AM
Christ the Divine Teacher School
Parking Lot (323 Chestnut Street)
Roman Catholic Mass at 10:30 AM

For info, call Herb 724-532-4135 or
email Charlene prettyskycn@gmail.com

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Ascension Thursday Masses

On **Thursday, May 14**, we will celebrate Ascension Thursday at the **8:00 a.m. Mass** here at Epiphany. There will also be a 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Mass at St. Sebastian, and 9:00 a.m. at St. John the Baptist.

Ascension Thursday, a Holy Day of Obligation, comes 40 days after Easter and 10 days before Pentecost and commemorates Christ's ascension into Heaven.

May Crowning



The Epiphany Ladies invite all to attend the May Crowning on Tuesday, May 12 at 6:00 p.m. There will be a musical prelude beginning at 5:45 p.m.

May has been the Month of Mary since the 13th Century. The Blessed Virgin is honored through special devotions, prayers and acts of love.

Youth Formation 2026 –2027

Information for the upcoming Faith Formation year will be announced by May 24. This will include the options available for next year. Days, times and locations are being adjusted to fit the needs of the entire region which includes the churches of Epiphany of Our Lord, Holy Family, St. Anne, St. Cecelia, St. John the Baptist and St. Sebastian.

Grow Your Faith

Courage, Explained!

In the Roman Rite, bishops extend their hands over confirmandi, praying that they will be given "a spirit of right judgment and courage."

This invocation echoes countless passages of sacred Scripture extolling the virtue of courage. "Be strong and courageous in your hearts, all you who place your hope in the Lord," says Psalm 31:25. "I have given you a command. Be strong and brave, do not be afraid nor dismayed. I, the Lord, your God, will be with you wherever you go," the Lord says in Joshua 1:9. Courage is also a frequent watchword of Christ: "Take courage! I have overcome the world." (John 16:33)

The virtue of courage is intimately linked with that of fortitude — roughly understood as courage in action — and is shown by the person who makes a choice to place his trust in God, not in circumstance. ©LPi

Stewardship

Weekly Collection May 3

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| Votive Candles: | 243 | Children & Adult: | 5,275 |
| Utility & Energy: | 398 | Online : | 3,210 |
| Accent: | 0 | Total Collection: | \$9,196 |
| Ascension: | 70 | Communications : | 30 |
| | | Total Collection: | \$9,226 |

DLA

Our last Diocesan Lenten Appeal report from the Diocese shows that we have reached our Diocesan goal with one quarter of the parish participating. **Anything we collect from this point on will come back to the parish!** No matter the amount of your gift, it shows that you are part of a viable parish.

Make your gift now at DioceseofGreensburg.org/DLA2026.

Catholic Communications

There will be a second collection next weekend, **May 16–17** for the Catholic Communications. Supporting this fund helps the Church to be more accessible and connected to Catholics in our Diocese and the world. **Half of the funds collected will remain in the Diocese** to support evangelical efforts including our news outlets like The Catholic Accent newspaper and online digital site, and the quarterly The Accent On-Air television show, as well as the Diocesan website and social media platforms.

Using support received through CCC, the USCCB's Office of Public Affairs creates personal, informal videos in which bishops describe both their pastoral work and their daily lives as pastoral leaders. These short videos, produced specifically for social media, introduce the bishops and invite them to reflect on their favorite saints, the significance of liturgical seasons, and personal moments in their lives, such as their vocation stories and experiences of receiving the news that they were named a bishop.

To see many of the videos, check out the USCCB YouTube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/@UsccbOrg>). The page is divided into sections where you will find reflections and more from bishops and from Catholic lay people.

The CCC also supports the Daily Readings page on the USCCB website, which helps users follow along with the biblical texts proclaimed at Mass and aids their prayer and meditation on Sacred Scripture.

Message from Fr. Anthony

Grace and peace, dear brothers and sisters in the Lord.

Welcome to the beautiful month of May, a month traditionally dedicated in a special way to Our Blessed Mother Mary. As we begin this new month, I pray that the Lord may fill your homes with peace, protect your families, and grant each of you fresh grace and strength.

I would also like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank you for all that you do for our parish community. Thank you for your prayers, your generosity, your service, your faithfulness at Mass, and the many hidden acts of kindness that help make our parish a place of welcome, worship, and love. So much of what happens in parish life is possible because of your dedication and support. May God reward you abundantly.

During this month of May, I warmly encourage us all to deepen our devotion to Our Lady. Let us pray the Rosary more faithfully, entrust our families to her maternal care, and ask her intercession for our needs and intentions. Mary always leads us closer to Jesus.

I also encourage you, when possible, to light votive candles in church as a sign of prayer, hope, and trust in God. Let each candle represent a prayer for your family, for the sick, for peace in the world, for our parish, and for those most in need of God's mercy.

May this month be one of spiritual renewal, greater prayer, and deeper love for Christ through Mary. Let us continue to support one another and walk together in faith.

Wishing you all a blessed and grace filled month of May.

Fr. Anthony Onoko



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](#).

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. 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

Sight & Sound



St. Paul Parish, Greensburg, is sponsoring a trip to Lancaster County's **Sight & Sound Theater on Friday, July 17 to experience the on-stage Bible story, Joshua.** Departure from St. Paul's will be at 10:00

a.m. and return approximately 11:30 pm. The cost is \$206.00 and includes transportation, theater ticket and dinner at Yoder's Buffet. There will be a lunch break on the way, at your expense. Final payment is due by Wednesday, June 17. To register and make payment, use the link <https://scholasticatraver/grcoll.co/v2/go/16067a>, or use the QR code. For more information call Matt at St. Paul's office at 724-834-6880.



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

Groups

Catholic Daughters of the Americas will hold their meeting on **Wednesday, May 20.** Please note the change of date for this month. We will meet for the **rosary at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will being at 6:30 p.m.** We will have a special Mother's Day program and election of officers. The officers are in charge of the social committee this month.

Epiphany Ladies will hold the Annual May Crowning of the Blessed Mother on **Tuesday, May 12.** Held in the Church, a musical prelude will begin at 5:45PM and the May Crowning service will begin at 6PM. After the ceremony, there will be a reception with light refreshments in the Church Hall. Epiphany Ladies members will then have a brief business meeting, including the election of officers for the 2026-2028 term. All are invited to join the Ladies in honoring the Blessed Mother with this beautiful May tradition!

The **Holy Name Society's** next meeting will be held on **May 10,** following the 8:30 AM Mass. This is the last meeting until September 13, 2026.

Prayer Shawl



The Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on **Wednesday, May 13 from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.** in the church hall. Come and join us to participate. If you would like to participate but need to learn how to crochet, we can help you with that! For more info please contact Barb Mandarino at 724-684-5547.

Save the Date

The Knights of Columbus and the Epiphany Ladies will hold a **spaghetti dinner next 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.

Catholic Trivia

What is required by Canon Law to be enclosed in every Catholic chapel and church?

SAVE THE DATE!

Spirited
2026 WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Mari Pablo
Ali Hoffman

"Chosen and precious in the sight of God."
—1 Peter 2:4

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Christ Our Shepherd Center
2900 Seminary Drive, Greensburg, PA 15601

More Details and Registration Coming Soon.

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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. Kullick**, 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.

Ministry Callout

We are working on the new ministry schedule. This will run from **May 16 through July 12**. This is the height of vacation season for many people, so please check your calendars and let us know when you will or will not be available. Please contact Flo or Tara. Call the office of email Tara at tmanderino@dioceseofgreensburg.org.

Inspiration for the Week

When we want to see Christ's face, we must look to the Sacraments. "The world will no longer see me," Christ tells his disciples, "but you will see me." This ability to see Jesus is a gift of the Holy Spirit, one made again and again — even today.



Bunco Party



The Saint Sebastian Ladies of Faith will be holding a Bunco (a game of Dice) Fundraiser on **Saturday, May 16** in their Parish Hall. Cost is \$25 per person and includes a Light Lunch and Prizes. Tickets can be purchased at the St. Sebastian Church Office.

THE DIOCESE OF GREENSBURG
OFFICE FOR PRIESTLY VOCATIONS
INVITES HIGH SCHOOL MEN
AND YOUNG ADULT MEN FOR

**FREE BASEBALL NIGHT
WITH THE
ALTOONA CURVE**

JUNE 9 | 6:30PM

FIREWORKS NIGHT! DINNER ON US!
DEPART FROM DELMONT AT 4 PM

**REGISTER TODAY
@ WEBSITE BELOW**

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Baseball Night with the Altoona Curve This popular event returns for a second summer on Tuesday, June 9. **High school men (with signed parental release) and young adult men** are invited to enjoy a free baseball game and fireworks night at Peoples Natural Gas Field in Altoona. The outing will include evening prayer and complimentary dinner on the bus. This event is perfect for someone who has never attended an Office of Priestly Vocations event, as it provides a casual opportunity to get to know seminarians and priests of our Diocese and other young men who are open to the priesthood. Priests are invited to encourage young men from their parish to register, and to accompany them for this fun outing. **The group will leave from Delmont at 4 p.m. RSVP is required at GreensburgPriest.org.**

God in Ordinary Moments

The Christ You See

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

“What if you are the only version of Christ someone sees today?” a friend once asked me.

My blood ran cold. *Jeez*, I thought. *That would be...really unfortunate.*

The world cannot accept the Holy Spirit, Christ tells us, because the world cannot see and know the Holy Spirit (John 14:17). But the world can see us. The world can know us. In this way, we accomplish the Great Commission: we go forth, and we make disciples of all nations. In all that we are and all that we do, we offer an explanation for our hope (1 Peter 3:15).

We face a unique situation, 2,000 years after the Resurrection, because our mission field is full of people who have already heard about Christ.

And they have *zero* interest, thanks-and-please-get-off-my-porch.

This Christ they’ve seen? He puts himself first. He’s suspicious of other people. He’s not interested in mixing with the wrong crowd. He’s been known to lie, to abuse trust, to protect himself.

Here’s the problem: they haven’t seen Christ at all. They’ve only seen Christians.

It’s easy to blame the obvious culprits: the priest consumed in public scandal, the parish trustee who stole from the coffers. But these are only larger versions of the same failure of which I am guilty each time I shiver at the thought of someone associating my behavior, my words, and my attitude with my Savior.

I am not Christ. I am nowhere close. But I am fortunate enough to be a member of his Body.

We all fail, of course. Every apostle, every saint, every bishop, every priest, every man and woman in the pews: we are all broken. We are all in need of redemption. When we accept that redemption, however, we also accept responsibility. Because now, we become what the world sees of Christ.

Am I ready to be the only version of Christ someone sees today? ©LPi

If you change your address or phone number, be sure to let us know. You can call the office, drop the info in the collection basket or email Tara at tmanderino@dioceseofgreensburg.org

Why Do We Do That

Body and Blood of Christ

Question:

One of my coworkers said that Catholics believe we kill Christ again when we celebrate the Mass, since it is his sacrifice. I know that is not right, but how do we explain it?

Answer:

We do indeed believe that the Mass is the unbloody sacrifice of Jesus on the cross, and we believe that the sacrifice is made present again on the altar—not to repeat it, but to join ourselves to it. We are joined to the saving work of Christ, not just simply remembering it.

The closest thing we might have in our culture is when a couple saves some wedding cake in the freezer, and on their first anniversary, they may watch their wedding video and eat the cake, all to recapture the moment. The Jews celebrate a Seder meal, not to remember the Passover, but to participate in it through the ritual foods, questions, and readings. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* describes the Mass as the “Holy Sacrifice, because it makes present the one sacrifice of Christ” (#1330). To think that we must sacrifice Christ over and over again would negate what he did on Calvary. To celebrate and renew it each day allows us to participate in it. That is the “source and summit” of Christian life (#1324). ©LPi

Readings for the Week

Readings for the week of May 10, 2026

Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16 and 20/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21

Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Jn 15:26-16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138: 1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22-18:1/Ps 148: 1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Jn 15:9-17

Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 16:20-23

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47: 2-3, 8-9, 10/Jn 16:23b-28

Next Sunday: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47: 2-3, 6-7, 8-9/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20

