



**May 17, 2026**  
**7th 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



## 7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



### 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](http://www.eolparish.com)

#### Office Hours

Mon.–Thurs.: 8:30 am, - 3:00 p.m. Fri.: 8:30 a.m.– 12 Noon

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## Scripture Reflection

### 7th Sunday of Easter John 17:1-11a

Not long after my brother's first child was born, a beautiful little girl named Mary Elise, I asked him what it was like. Was he nervous? Overwhelmed? He said, "When I first held her, I was in such shock. I think I just said, 'I am your dad. I am your dad.'" That moment marked a deep transformation for him. He was not just holding a baby; he was stepping into a new identity. Over the years, I have seen him live his fatherhood with quiet sacrifice, joy, and faithfulness. It started with that moment of truth.

This, I propose, is a glimpse of what Jesus means when he prays, "**Consecrate them in the truth.**" (John 17:17) To be consecrated is to be set apart in love, not taken out of the world. Consecration sends us into it with a new identity, always one that binds us to him and to others in love. Our bond to Jesus and others is the deep truth that he continually renews.

Whenever we speak deep truths about ourselves, we experience this renewal: "I have sinned;" "I need help;" "I forgive you;" "I take you as my husband;" "I believe in one God..." Whether in confession, in the liturgy, or in a recovery group, truth heals and transforms.

And the deepest truth of all? That we belong to the Risen and Ascended Christ. Our lives are no longer just ours. We are his and he is ours. Name one truth you need to step into more deeply, about yourself, someone else, or God. Maybe put it on a note on your mirror. Let that truth consecrate you this week.

— *Father John Muir* ©LPi

### Questions of the Week

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Reading

We hear how the Apostles gathered in prayer with others (including Mary) in Jerusalem shortly after Jesus' ascension into heaven.

*When do you find yourself being called to prayer?*

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

Peter teaches that we may suffer insults and ridicule for our belief in Jesus.

*Have you ever been insulted by others for your faith?*

#### Gospel Reading

We hear Jesus praying for us to his heavenly Father.

*Have you ever prayed for Jesus in prayer?*

## LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

### 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

### Monday, May 18

8:00 AM † Rita & Masci Family & in-laws  
by Lawrence A. Masci

### Tuesday, May 19

8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

### Wednesday, May 20

9:00 AM Mass at St. John the Baptist

### Thursday, May 21

8:00 AM † Evelyn Kowell by Daughter, Paula

### Friday, May 22

8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

10:15 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

### Saturday, May 23 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Patricia A. Fantauzzi by Madeline Kuklar  
& Family

### Sunday, May 24 — Pentecost

8:30 AM † Mr & Mrs William Trilli by Trilli Family

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 23 & 24, 2026

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 p.m.	D. Harkins	R. Lucas M. Duzurik J. Brown	Volunteer
8:30 a.m.	D. DeCarlo	L. DeFelices J. Todd A. Pastella	M. Blatnik
10:30 a.m.	W. Vlasic	G. Pesl Volunteer Volunteer	M. Guilford

### Money Counters

Monday, May 18 — Team #1 — B. Geis

## 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.

### Blessing for Communications

Dear Jesus,  
On this World Communications Day, bless each of us as we communicate, whether by conversation, email, text, post, letter, or phone. May our words bring peace, comfort, healing, promise, joy, and love. May we bring your blessing wherever we go.  
Amen.



## A Note from the Pastor

Dear brothers and sisters,

On behalf of our three parishes, I warmly congratulate all our children who are receiving their First Holy Communion this year. This is a beautiful and sacred milestone in your journey of faith.



Today, for the first time, you receive Jesus truly present in the Holy Eucharist. What a great blessing and joy for you, your families, and our parish communities. May your hearts always remain close to Jesus, and may your love for the Holy Mass continue to grow throughout your lives.

I sincerely thank all our catechists, parents, guardians, clergy, volunteers, and everyone who has helped prepare our children for this special day. Your dedication, prayers, and sacrifices are deeply appreciated.

To our dear children, always remember that Jesus loves you and desires to remain your closest friend. Continue to pray, attend Mass faithfully, and live as shining examples of kindness, faith, and love.

May God bless you abundantly and may Our Lady continue to watch over you always.

Congratulations once again to all our First Holy Communion children and their families.

## Confirmation



Congratulations to our young parishioners who recently received the sacrament of Confirmation:

*Enzo Joseph Ronald Altomari*  
*Matthew Edward Speicher*

May you continue to grow in faith, courage, and wisdom. May the Spirit guide your hearts, strengthen and inspire you to share Christ's love through your words and actions. Our parish community rejoices with you and keeps you in prayer as you continue to live as witnesses of Christ in the world.



**With Deepest Sympathy** — Condolences are extended to the families of JOAN TUNNEY, DELFO A. DIGREGORIO ROBERT BETZA AND JOHN PEROZZI. May God grant them eternal rest, and comfort to their families. We commend their souls to rest in the peace of Christ.

## Stewardship

### Weekly Collection May 10

Votive Candles:	153	Children & Adult:	4,877
Utility & Energy:	147	Online :	807
Accent:	0	<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$6,289</b>
Ascension:	305	Communications :	25
		<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$6,314</b>

## DLA

If you haven't already contributed to the Diocesan Lenten Appeal, there is still time. Remember, now that we have reached our Diocesan goal everything that is contributed will now come back to the parish. No matter the amount of your gift, it shows that you are part of a viable parish. So far, we have raised **\$45,312** which is slightly over our Diocesan goal of \$44,564, but a long way from our Parish goal of \$64,564.

Make your gift now at [DioceseofGreensburg.org/DLA2026](http://DioceseofGreensburg.org/DLA2026).

## Catholic Communications

There will be a second collection this 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.**

Using support received through CCC, the USCCB's Office of Public Affairs creates personal, informal videos. These short videos, produced specifically for social media, introduce the bishops and invite them to reflect on different topics. To see many of the videos, check out the USCCB YouTube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/@UsccbOrg>).

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.

## Spaghetti Dinner



The Knights of Columbus and the Epiphany Ladies will hold a **spaghetti dinner this 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 Relief Services



In 2025, drastic cuts made by the current administration to lifesaving humanitarian aid threatened millions of lives in dozens of countries. Due to funding challenges, people need us

more than ever. We are experiencing immediate and critical gaps in our ability to bring lifesaving programs across all areas of our work in the face of ongoing humanitarian assistance crisis.

Every gift you give helps a child thrive, brings hope to a family and rebuilds a community. When you give, you help provide food to young children so they can study hard in school. You help prevent trafficking and provide welcome kits for survivors. You help mothers and babies around the world receive nutritional care and health exams. Your care is a blessing — whether you are providing nutritious food and clean water for school children, bringing safe shelter to people who have lost everything in disasters such as the earthquake in Myanmar and Thailand, or relief for people feeling the anguish of war. Please consider making a gift today at [www.crs.org](http://www.crs.org)

## Readings for the Week

### Readings for the week of May 17, 2026

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

**Monday:** Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/Jn 16:29-33

**Tuesday:** Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21/Jn 17:1-11a

**Wednesday:** Acts 20:28-38/ Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab/Jn 17:11b-19

**Thursday:** Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Jn 17:20-26

**Friday:** Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/Jn 21:15-19

**Saturday:** Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7/Jn 21:20-25

**Next Sunday / Pentecost: Vigil:** Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16 20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5 Ps 04:1-2, 24 and 35, 27-28, 29b-30/Rom 8:22 27 Jn 7:37-39 or, for the **Extended Vigil:** Gn 11:1 9 Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Ez 37:1-14/Jl 3:1-5 Rom8 :22-27/Jn 7:37-39

**Day:** Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1 and 24, 29-30, 31 and 34/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 1-13/Jn 20:19-23



## Support Groups

Special Interest Groups that meet regularly around the Diocese:

### Cancer Support Group

The Saint Peregrine cancer support group meets monthly (usually the third Wednesday at 7 p.m.) at St. Barbara Parish, Harrison City. All cancer survivors and caregivers are welcome.

### Grandparents Raising Grandchildren

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren, an ecumenical social outreach mission of Saint Cecilia Parish, Whitney, Sacred Heart Parish, Youngstown, and Trinity Lutheran Church, Latrobe, offers monthly meetings to provide grandparents useful information and time to interact with one another. A hot dinner and child care are provided. For information, call 724-423-3777 or 724-537-7358.

### 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)

## Pentecost

Next week, May 24, is 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, feel free to call the office.

## Thank You

If you noticed the new upholstery on chairs in the church, know that it was a combined effort. The do-over has certainly brightened the church. Thank you to **Epiphany Ladies** for purchasing the fabric, and arranging for the repair work and upholstery to be professionally done.

## 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 be 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.

## 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.

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://scholasticatravel/gcoll.co/v2/go/16067a>, or use the QR code. For more information call Matt at St. Paul’s office at 724-834-6880.



## Baseball Night

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.**

## 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. Breakfast and lunch are provided, and those attending can enjoy various vendors. Registration will open soon.

**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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## 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** or wherever you download your podcasts.

## Inspiration for the Week

Eternal life, Jesus tells us, is about knowing God. It's not about power or accomplishment. It's not earned or won. It's not a prize, and it's certainly not a finish line. It's a relationship — one that is ours to begin. How will we know God this week?

## God in Ordinary Moments

### When Words Fail

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

I love words (obviously; I'm a writer).

But sometimes, words are like teeny, tiny cages. They enclose and confine and restrict our understanding of supernatural realities that are, by their nature, bigger than language.

We do the best we have, with the words that we have, to express who God is. We use terms like "Father" and "Son" because they are the most accurate. But often, without really noticing, we give the words too much weight, and we find ourselves thinking of Jesus as a human son and the Creator as a human father, with all the implications those particular words carry for different people.

That's why I love hearing Christ speak to God the Father in the Gospels. These one-sided conversations (at least from our viewpoint) pull back the curtain just a little on the breathtaking intimacy that exists between the two. Our misunderstandings of their relationship — framed by our own human experience of fathers and sons, of time and place, of creation and death — are shattered.

"Now glorify me, Father, with you," Jesus says, "with the glory that I had with you before the world began."

*Before the world began.*

In our collective imagination, too often we imagine Jesus as being connected — tethered, really — to a certain time and place: the Incarnation, and all that came after. But let's not get confused: the Incarnation means that the Son became flesh, and dwelt among us. The Incarnation does not mean that the Son *became*.

The Son was. From the very beginning, He was. Begotten, not made. Consubstantial.

We say these words every week in the Creed. But saying them isn't enough. We have to take them into the silence of our hearts and hold them there. We have to invite the Spirit to move among them. Rearrange them. Liberate them. Unleash them.

Only then will we understand what words fail to explain. ©LPi

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

## Around the Diocese

### GCC Golf Outing

Greensburg Central Catholic Junior-Senior High School's Centurion Classic Golf Outing is set for **Friday, June 5**, at Cedarbrook Golf Course, Rostraver. Registration and breakfast start at 8 a.m., with a shotgun start at 9. Cost is \$150 per golfer of \$550 per foursome, and includes breakfast, lunch, dinner and a cart. Sponsorship opportunities are also available, including hole sponsorships for \$100. For registration or sponsorship, contact Deb Ritenour at 724-834-0310, ext. 4201, or visit [charitygolftoday.com/CenturionClassic](http://charitygolftoday.com/CenturionClassic).

### St. Emma Flea Market

The Benedictine Sisters of Saint Emma Monastery, Greensburg, will hold their annual indoor/outdoor flea market and food sale **Thursday, June 18, from 2-7 p.m.** (early-bird special, \$5 admission for adults), **Friday, June 19, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.**, and **Saturday, June 20, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.** (50% off most items; bag sale after 2 p.m.). Food will be available for eat-in or take-out. For more information, visit [www.stemma.org](http://www.stemma.org).

### Craft / Vendor Show

The Christian Mothers will hold a craft/vendor show at St. Anne Church, Rostraver Twp., on **Saturday, June 6**, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. The **Holy Name Society will be selling frozen homemade raviolis** and the Christian Mothers will have a bake sale. Lunch and snacks will be available. For information, email Mary Kovscek at [mkovscek@comcast.net](mailto:mkovscek@comcast.net).

### Trash & Treasure Sale

The Mt. St. Peter, New Kensington, annual Trash & Treasure rummage sale will be held **Thursday and Friday, June 25 and 26**, from 9 a.m.-6 p.m., with a \$5 box sale **Saturday, June 27, from 9 a.m.-noon**. Donations can be dropped off between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. **Monday, June 22, and Tuesday, June 23**. For information, call 724-335-9877.

### Oldies Dance

St. Thomas More University Parish, Indiana, will host an oldies dance **Friday, May 22**, at Cherry Runn Lodge. The dance will feature a DJ, complementary appetizer, 50/50 raffles and a cash bar. For tickets, call 724-349-1306 or 724-463-2277.