

May 24, 2026



A PENNSYLVANIA CHARITABLE TRUST
A PARISH OF THE DIOCESE OF GREENSBURG

PENTECOST SUNDAY

RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT.

— JOHN 20:22 —

Scripture Reflection

At Pentecost, the frightened disciples were transformed into missionaries. As St. John Chrysostom preached, the Holy Spirit did not come merely to comfort the Apostles, but to send them out into the world to proclaim Christ boldly (Homily 4 on Acts). The same Spirit has been given to us through Baptism and strengthened in Confirmation. The Catechism begins by reminding us that all the faithful are called to hand on the faith “from generation to generation, by professing the faith, by living it in fraternal sharing, and by celebrating it in liturgy and prayer (CCC, 3).



Pentecost challenges us to ask difficult questions. Is my faith something private and comfortable, or is it missionary? Do I know Christ deeply enough to explain why I believe? When was the last time I invited someone back to Mass — perhaps even my own child or grandchild, for whom I constantly prayer for and to whom I have the sacred duty of handing on the faith? When was the last time I spoke openly about Christ, defended the teachings of the Church, or prayed for the persecuted Church throughout the world? It is easy to focus only on our own parish concerns, buildings, preferences, or fears about decline. Yet the Holy Spirit was poured out not for self-preservation, but for evangelization.

The Church extends beyond our parish boundaries. Around the world, there are people who do not know Christ, Catholics who have fallen away, families struggling without hope, and Christians suffering persecution. Pentecost reminds us that we are responsible for them, too. The Spirit calls each of us to serve through prayer, works of charity, teaching the faith, supporting missions, welcoming the stranger, and courageously witnessing to Christ in daily life. The same Spirit that descended upon the Apostles is alive in the Church today. The question is whether we are willing to let Him send us, rather than wait and hope someone else will do it for us.



With Deepest Sympathy — Condolences are extended to the family of RICHARD MANDARINO. May God grant him eternal rest, and comfort to his family. We commend his soul to rest in the peace of Christ.

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

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

Monday, May 25

8:00 AM † Metro Petrosky, Jr. by Flo Petrosky

Tuesday, May 26

8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

Wednesday, May 27

9:00 AM Mass at St. John the Baptist

Thursday, May 28

8:00 AM † Pietro Vaccaro by Loving Family

Friday, May 29

8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian
10:15 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

Saturday, May 30 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Tom & Verna Janosik by Family

Sunday, May 31 — Solemnity Most Holy Trinity

8:30 AM † Dolores Harhai by Scot Petrisin
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.

**The office will be closed Monday, May 25
In observance of Memorial Day.**

Ministry Schedule — May 30 & 31, 2026

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

Money Counters

Tuesday, May 26 — Team #2 — W. Anders

Refresher and Training



There will be a training / refresher for all **Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers, and Sacristans / Liturgical Coordinators** serving at Epiphany, St. John the Baptist and St. Sebastian on Monday, **June 1 at**

6:00 p.m. The training will be held at Epiphany of Our Lord, in the church. If you have any questions, feel free to call the office.

Inspiration for the week

Today, Jesus calls the Holy Spirit “the Advocate.” The Latin for lawyer is “advocatus.” Like a lawyer, the Holy Spirit defends us. The Holy Spirit guides us. So, when you’re in trouble, don’t forget: ask for your lawyer, and do what he tells you.

Questions of the Week

1st Reading

We see how the Holy Spirit filled the Apostles, and they were able to proclaim a message that unified the large crowds in Jerusalem.

Have you ever felt united in purpose with a large group of people?

2nd Reading

Paul teaches that each of us receives the manifestation of the Holy Spirit for some benefit.

What gift of the Holy Spirit would friends or family say you possess?

Gospel Reading

The resurrected Jesus sends the disciples forth equipped with the power of the Holy Spirit to forgive or retain sins.

Does forgiving others come easily to you?

First Communion



Congratulations to our young parishioner who recently made their First Communion and took this important step in their faith journey. We thank their parents, families, catechists, and teachers for guiding them in faith and preparing them for this sacred sacrament. Please continue to keep our First Communicants in

your prayers, that they may grow always in their love for Jesus and remain close to Him throughout their lives.

Fiona Beneccio

Aria Palmer

Flippio Lopresti

Laylah Stark

Jesse Manderino

Charlotte Jyburski



Grow Your Faith

Piety, Explained!

Piety is one of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit and is related to the virtue of justice.

St. Thomas Aquinas writes, “Piety denotes the reverence which we give to our faith and to our country. And since God is the Father of all, the worship of God is also called piety...therefore the gift whereby a man, through reverence for God, works good to all, is fittingly called piety.” (*Sum.*, II:II, 68, Art. 4)

The virtue of piety, which can be understood most easily as giving due reverence to God, should not be confused with “popular piety,” which refers to external expressions of devotion that are unique to specific places and environments. The virtue of piety describes a person’s fulfillment of their duty to God and the precepts of the Church; popular piety describes other practices that enliven their desire to fulfill that duty.



Pentecost Prayer

Come Holy Spirit,
Descend upon us and
fill us with the fire of
Your love!
Remind us of Your
dreams for us,
ignite us with new zeal,
place new visions on
our hearts,
and the grace to work
alongside You.
Amen.

Stewardship

Weekly Collection May 17

Votive Candles:	355	Children & Adult:	3,290
Utility & Energy:	23	Online :	1,685
Accent:	0	Total Collection:	\$6,150
Ascension:	797	Communications :	302
		Total Collection:	\$6,452

Give online

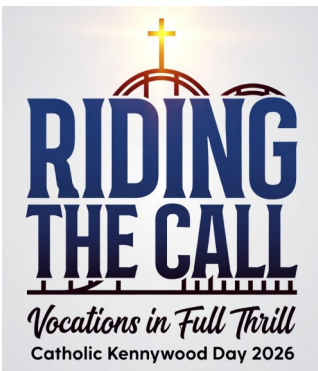
Consider online giving. It is quick and easy to set up. You can do it one time, or however often you wish. It can be stopped at any time. Sign up through the app or the website: www.eolparish.com

DLA

The Diocesan Lenten Appeal is a great opportunity for our parish to raise additional funds for much needed projects. With nearly 32% of our parish participating, we have raised a total of **\$45,862** in pledges. This puts us \$1,298 over the Diocesan goal of \$44,564, but a long way from our Parish goal of **\$64,564**. Remember, any contributions from this point on will come back to the parish.

Make your gift now at DioceseofGreensburg.org/DLA2026.

Kennywood Day



All are welcome to join the Dioceses of Pittsburgh and Greensburg for **Catholic Kennywood Day Tuesday, July 14**, a joyful celebration where faith, family and fun come together at Kennywood Park in West Mifflin. Spend the day enjoying your favorite

rides while “Riding the Call” — opening your heart to the vocation God has prepared for you. Whether you are discerning priesthood, consecrated life, marriage or single life, this is a wonderful opportunity for individuals and families to grow closer to Christ while making lasting memories. The day will include rides, family-friendly activities, praise and worship, the opportunity for confessions, Mass celebrated by Bishop Mark A. Eckman, and a community dinner. Registration and the full schedule are available at pghpriest.com.



Catholic Relief Services



In the distance, the volcano quietly releases smoke. For residents near the boundary, small tasks like clearing ash help reduce risks — keeping walkways

safe, preventing roof damage and ensuring people can move quickly if evacuation is needed. These everyday actions are part of broader community preparedness efforts supported through Preparedness and Resilience IV (PAR IV), locally known in Indonesia as the Community Resilience to Recurring Catastrophes (CORRECT) project, implemented by Catholic Relief Services (CRS) in partnership with local organizations and government agencies in East Flores.

Periodic cleanups lead into larger events: a disaster risk reduction simulation involving village disaster preparedness group members, residents, government responders and local partners. The exercise focuses on evacuation flow, communication, early warning signals and first aid. Such simulations are a core activity supported under the PAR IV CORRECT project. Please visit www.crs.org for more information and to see how you can help!

Readings for the Week

Readings for the week of May 24, 2026

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 Rom 8 :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

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1 -2, 3 and 5, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday: 1 Pt 1:10-16/ Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/ Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: 1 Pt 1:18-25/ Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/ Mk 10:32-45

Thursday: 1 Pt 2:2-5, 9-12/ Ps 100:2, 3, 4, 5/ Mk 10:46-52

Friday: 1 Pt 4:7-13/ Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Mk 11:11-26

Saturday: Jude 17, 20b-25/ Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6/ Mk 11:27-33

Next Sunday: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/2 Cor 13:11-13/Jn 3:16-18



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

Groups

The **Epiphany Ladies** will meet on Tuesday, **June 9**, in the Church Hall at **5:00 p.m.** This will be the traditional Covered Dish Dinner before the summer break. Members are asked to bring a favorite salad, side dish or dessert. The agenda will include naming the Girl of the Year and the installation of officers for the 2026-2028 term. The June meeting is a perfect opportunity for any Epiphany women who may have an interest in the Epiphany Ladies to learn about the group in a social gathering. All are welcome. **Please note the change in start time: 5:00 p.m.**

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. Kulick**, who will celebrate Mass for attendees. 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**.

Celebrating 75 years of Community and Faith
THE CATHOLIC ACCENT

WATCH ON WPXI

SUNDAY, MAY 31	11:30 AM
SUNDAY, JUNE 7	11:30 AM

JOHN ZYLKA SARAH HARTNER JORDAN WHITEKO CLIFF GORSKI

Don't miss *The Catholic Accent* TV show, the Diocese of Greensburg's television program sharing inspiring stories of faith, community, and service. The upcoming episode highlights the Diocese's 75th Anniversary celebrations, including the Diamond Jubilee event June 6 at Christ Our Shepherd Center, along with summer parish festivals and the "People of Hope" Museum, June 5-6. **Watch *The Catholic Accent* on WPXI-TV at 11:30 a.m. Sundays, May 31 and June 7, and on MeTV.** You can also watch it anytime at TheAccentOnline.org.

Apologist Answers

Catholic apologist Joe Heschmeyer of Catholic Answers will lead a question-and-answer presentation, **Searching for Truth**, on Monday, June 1, at 7 p.m. in Gillen Hall. St. Regis Parish is located at 517 Homewood Ave., Trafford. A reception is planned for 6 p.m. Heschmeyer, a former attorney and popular speaker (Shameless Popery is Shamelessjoe.com) explains the Catholic faith through Scripture, history and reason. The presentation is free and open to all ages and faiths. **Questions may be asked live or submitted in advance.** For information, visit www.stregistrafford.org.

Submit Questions Here



Faith Formation for our families with youth from infant through 12th Grade has been finalized. There will be multiple options to help meet the needs of our families.

Families are asked to sign-up for our new communication method: **Flocknote**.

Families that sign up will be sent our format for the coming year and registration information.

Mid Mon Valley Formation Communication

TEXT MMVFORM TO 84576

OR CONNECT WITH US ONLINE AT:

mmvformation.flocknote.com



Blind Association

The Westmoreland County Blind Association provides programs for people with intellectual disabilities, including a **pre-vocational program** that offers meaningful paid work opportunities in a supportive environment. Duties include paper sorting, shredding and product assembly. **The adult training facility** structured day program focuses on daily living skills, enrichment and community engagement, including exercise and wellness activities, arts, crafts and creative projects, life skills development, recreational outings and community-based experiences. For information, call **724-837-1250** or visit wcbainpa.org/.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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



God in Ordinary Moments

Signs of Life

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

If you're asthmatic, you know the phrase "as natural as breathing" doesn't always make a lot of sense.

Maybe that's because breathing isn't always natural. Sometimes, it's supernatural.

I come from a family of asthmatics. In my earliest childhood memories, my sister's nose and mouth are covered with a bulbous plastic mask connected by clear tubes to her transportable nebulizer. The machine whirs loudly as it vaporizes the medication that will open her lungs. In these memories, I watch my sister — her little eyes wide, her chest contracting and constricting with great difficulty — and wonder what it feels like.

Because I don't have asthma, and I don't think about breathing, unless I'm climbing a flight of stairs or chasing down one of my kids. It's such a utilitarian thing, breathing. It's unimpressive, unremarkable. Literally anyone can do it.

Until they can't.

Dead men don't breathe. That's what I think as I read the words of John's Gospel: "He breathed on them." (John 20:22) So much of what Jesus does in his resurrected Body is extraordinary and superhuman, making it unmistakable that here is a Body no longer playing by the rules of the physical world. He's passing through locked doors. He's in two places at once.

But today, he's just breathing.

So we have to ask ourselves: why? His Blood no longer requires oxygen. If he were asthmatic, neither bonfire nor damp night air could cause his lungs to constrict. His Flesh has been perfected.

But here we see a reality that is as spiritual as it is physical: where there is breath, there is life.

In Genesis, God breathes into dust and creates man. In today's Gospel, He breathes His Spirit onto man, and creates a Church. ©LPi

The Saints

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Sacred Heart of Jesus

As our country looks to our 250th Anniversary, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) will unite in a **special act of consecration of our nation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus on June 11, 2026.**



The devotion of the Sacred Heart reminds us that the

Heart of Christ remains open to the world. At a time when our nation is marked by division, uncertainty, violence and loneliness, the Church turns again to the Sacred Heart of Jesus as the source of healing, unity, truth and hope.

Our diocesan celebration of the consecration will be led by Msgr. Raymond Riffle, Vicar General on the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, **Friday, June 12 at the 11:45 a.m. Mass at the Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Greensburg.** All the faithful are invited to join him as the Diocese of Greensburg, our nation, and all our people, are entrusted to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

The Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is posted on the website. Each day reflects on the wisdom of saints and pontiffs on the Sacred Heart and offers opportunities for prayer and action, framed by Pope Francis' encyclical, ***Dilexit Nos*** (He loved us) and Pope Leo XIV's apostolic exhortation ***Dilexi Te*** (I Have Loved You).

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