

May 3, 2026
5th 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.

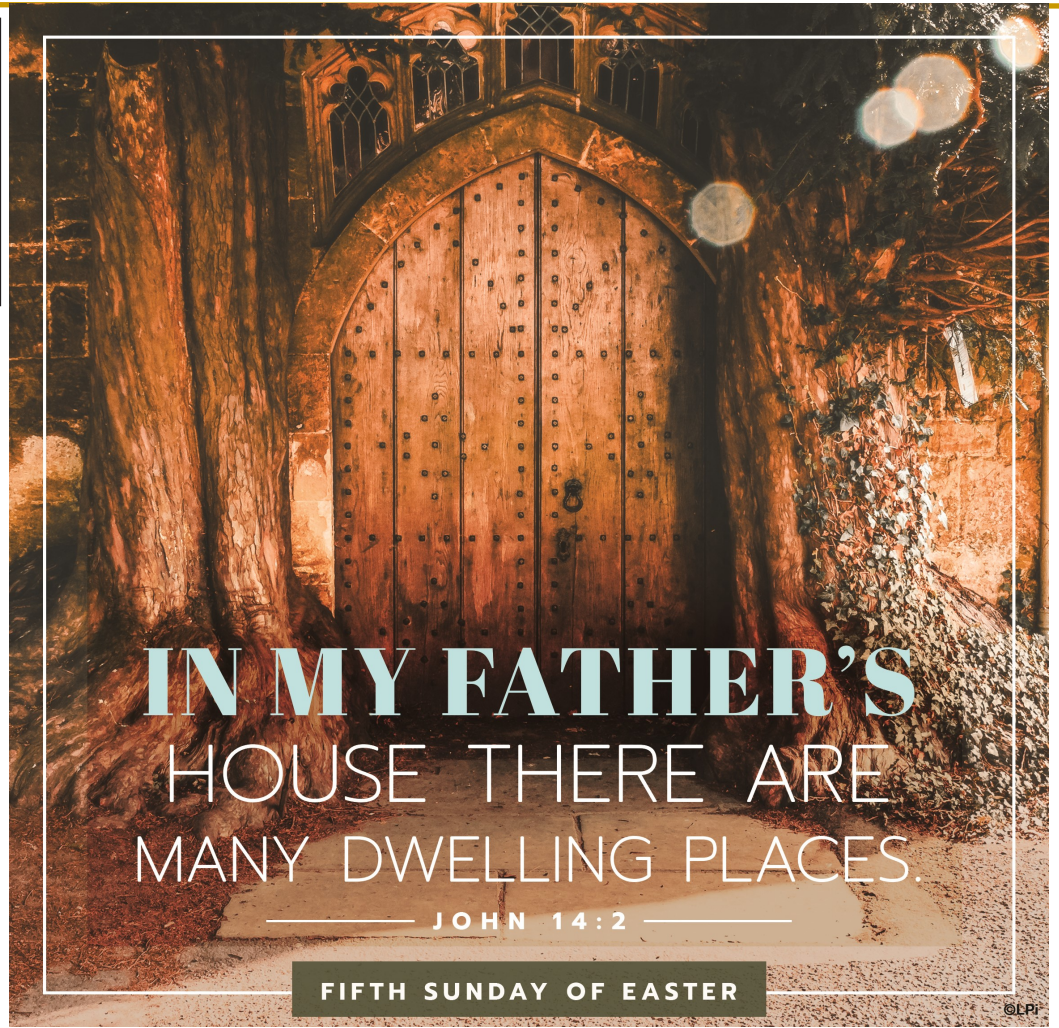
Sunday:
8:30 a.m.
10:30 a.m.

Confession:

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

All Sacraments:

Please call the office



FIFTH 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

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Scripture Reflection

From Fr. Anthony Onoko:

REFLECTION 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER, MAY 3, 2026
YEAR A

ACTS 6:1-7; PS 33 1-2,4-5,18-19; 1PT 2:4-9, JN 14:1-12

Dear brothers and sisters,

In this Fifth Sunday of Easter, Year A, Jesus says: “I am the way, the truth, and the life.” He does not show us a way, He is the Way. He does not just teach truth, He is the Truth. He does not only give life, He is the Life.



This means that our faith is not simply about following rules, it is about a relationship with a Person. To believe in Jesus is to walk with Him, to trust Him, and to allow Him to lead us, even when we do not fully understand the path.

In the First Reading, we also see the early Church responding to challenges with wisdom and unity. They organised themselves so that the mission of the Church could continue effectively. It reminds us that faith must be lived, structured, and expressed in service.

So the question for us is this: is Jesus truly the way that guides my decisions, the truth that shapes my thinking, and the life that sustains me?

Prayer

May the Lord Jesus, who is the Way, guide our steps.

May He, who is the Truth, enlighten our minds.

May He, who is the Life, strengthen and sustain us always.

And may Almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

New week blessings to each and every-one of you. Shalom.

Fr. Anthony Onoko

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LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

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 Dawson, Ella and Joseph Salotti by Daughter, Sharie, & John

Monday, May 4

8:00 AM † Susan and Nazareth Victoria by Carol Sepesky & Family

Tuesday, May 5

8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

Wednesday, May 6

9:00 AM Mass at St. John the Baptist

Thursday, May 7

8:00 AM † David & Rose Perotti, and Frank & Irene Vizza by Phyllis Foglia

Friday, May 8

8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

10:015 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

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

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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 9 & 10, 2026

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 p.m.	A. Punturiero	M. Dzurik R. Lucas J. Brown	D. Harkins
8:30 a.m.	F. Petrosky	L. DeFelices S. Stein A. Pasetella	Volunteer
10:30 a.m.	M. Melvin	T. Mazzei K. Byron W. White	M. Guiliford

Money Counters

Monday, May 4 – Team #4 – A. Daniele

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Questions of the Week

1st Reading

We hear how the Apostles selected men filled with the Holy Spirit and wisdom to help serve the widows in the growing Jerusalem Church. *Is there a family member or friend you could help this week?*

2nd Reading

Peter speaks of the resurrected Jesus as a “living stone.”

How do you sense that Jesus is alive in your life?

Gospel Reading

Jesus is patient with Thomas and Philip when they are slow to understand him.

Who or what challenges your patience?

Catholic Life Explained

Catechetical Sunday

The mission of the Church reflects the mission of Jesus to teach, preach, heal, and forgive. Through these acts, Jesus shares the good news of salvation and invites all people to share in the life and love of God. The Church continues this mission in all its ministries, but especially, and perhaps most importantly, through catechesis.

Catechetical Sunday is celebrated on the third Sunday of September. **The task of handing on the Gospel is entrusted to the whole community**, who, by word and example, form young and new members in the way of the Gospel. Parish programs assist parents in teaching the basics of faith through liturgical experience, instruction, and faith formation. This ministry is essential for the parish to grow, for individuals to develop as believers, and for the ongoing spiritual formation of the whole community. It reminds the church that preaching the Gospel and growing in faith are essential to our sacramental practice and our liturgical prayer. ©LPi

Catechesis Class

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/.

Ascension Thursday

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

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



We welcome **Giada Jo Beneccio** to the family of God and the Epiphany of Our Lord Parish. Giada is the daughter of Sereno and Danica (DeReienzo) Beneccio.



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. Crowning a statue of Mary with flowers is a popular tradition that symbolizes her role as Queen of Heaven and Earth.



With Deepest Sympathy — Condolences are extended to the families of ROSEMARIE T. PATERRA AND JAMES T. RUSSELL. 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 April 26

Votive Candles:	164	Children & Adult:	4,282
Utility & Energy:	30	Online :	868
Accent:	0	Total Collection:	\$5,344

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

There is still time contribute to the Diocesan Lenten Appeal! We're so close to our Diocesan goal of \$44,564. **Won't you help us close the gap? We're \$672 away** from meeting the Diocesan goal. Our parish goal is set at \$64,564. Remember, anything that is over the diocesan goal comes back to our parish.

Make your gift now at DioceseofGreensburg.org/DLA2026.

Catholic Communications

There will be a second collection for the Catholic Communications Campaign the **weekend of May 16–17**. 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.

These videos are an example of how CCC enables the bishops of the United States to bring their message of hope to the public in relatable ways that resonate and foster connection with the faithful. 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.

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.

Save the Date



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

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.

Volunteers Needed

St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store



The St. Vincent store certainly has become a mainstay here in Monessen, as well as throughout the Mon Valley. If we are to continue to be of service to our area, we do need some help. **The Gospel calls all of us to help the poor and the needy whenever we can. The store can certainly use your help!** If you are able to volunteer a few hours a week, please know that it would be greatly appreciated. They are also in need of some men to help moving things around in the store. If you have a few hours, please call the store at 724-684-5147 and speak with Kathy Steffy.

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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Groups

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.

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.



Purse Bash



Last week, Epiphany of Our Lord and St. Sebastian held our purse bash. It was definitely a success and an enjoyable time by all of those who attended. As with any fundraiser, there are numerous hours of behind-the-scenes work. Thank you to **Kathy Imbrescia and Terry Gardener** for spearheading the project, and to the numerous volunteers who made it seem effortless and made it fun.

Building a Brotherhood

In a world that often pulls men in every direction, the call to live as strong Catholic husbands, fathers, and leaders has never been more important. The Knights of Columbus offers a way to answer that call with faith, purpose, and brotherhood.



The Knights' purpose is to strengthen families, serve those in need and support the parish in a real hand-on way.

If volunteering sounds like work, consider that research strongly suggests that people who volunteer for their church and their community experience better mental and physical health. It provides a sense of purpose and reduces stress. But the Knights of Columbus is more than a volunteer organization. It is an organization built to deepen your spiritual life and be part of a brotherhood making a real difference.

If you are male, a practicing Catholic and over 18, talk to one of the Knights and see what we're about. Not sure who the Knights are? Look around the church. They are the ones fulfilling roles of faith and service at the altar and in the aisles. This is one way we help.

If you've been waiting for the right time to get involved, this is it! Whether you're looking to deepen your spiritual life, serve your community or connect with other Catholic men, there is a place for you here.

Take the next step. Join us.

Around the Diocese

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.

Craft/Vendor Show

The Christian Mothers of St. Anne Parish, Ros-traver Twp. will hold a craft/vendor show **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.

Lottery Ticket Fundraiser

Our Lady, Queen of Peace Parish, East Vandergrift, has "Spring Frenzy" lottery tickets are \$10 and include two 3-digit numbers, with winners based on the Pennsylvania Lottery Pick-3 drawings at 1:30 and 7 p.m. Saturday, June 13. Two winners will each receive \$1,000 cash, a \$50 gift certificate to Naser Foods and a \$50 gift certificate to the Gathering Room. Tickets are available at the church after Sunday Mass, at the parish office in Apollo or by **calling 724-568-3409**.

Diocesan Pilgrimage

Bishop Larry J. Kulick invites you to join him for the Diocese of Greensburg's 75th Anniversary Pilgrimage to the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C., on Saturday, Sept. 19. The day will feature Mass, reconciliation, recitation of the Rosary, a tour of the Basilica and time for private prayer. There will be transportation from various locations across the Diocese. The full schedule and registration will be coming 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.

Coffee & Doughnuts

Join us for coffee and doughnuts after the Sunday 8:30 a.m. Mass. **This is a wonderful expression of hospitality.**

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.

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MINISTRY TEAM

Michael Gormley, Katie Hartfiel, Bob Lesnfsky, Maggie Craig, John Paul Von Arx, Father Agustino Torres, CFR

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God in Ordinary Moments

The Way

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

A friend of mine who had family members belonging to several different religions once told me that there were as many different routes to Heaven as there were to the grocery store.

This was an analogy her family had used to remember that they all sought the same thing — God — even though they were going about the search in different ways.

I've thought a lot about her words in the years since she shared them with me. It's not an untrue analogy — there are a lot of different routes to the grocery store. An infinite number, in fact. There is actually no "right" way to get to the grocery store, because it all depends on where you're starting from and what other errands you have along the way.

And there are a lot of different routes to Heaven — likewise, an infinite number. It all depends on where you're starting from. It all depends on what you have to do along the way.

There it is: the part that matters. *The way.*

Whether we're talking about Heaven or the grocery store as our destination, all routes are not created equal. Some take too long. Some are impassable. Some are hard to navigate. Some are just plain made-up — the glitch of a GPS, the promise of a false prophet. And inevitably, if you take a less-than-ideal route, you will find yourself flagging down a pedestrian, asking, "I'm lost. Which way do I go?"

See, you can meander all you want. But in the end, you have to find The Way. And there's only one. Don't worry, though.

You'll know him when you see him. ©LPi



**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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Diligence, Explained!

Diligence is the opposite of negligence; the diligent man pursues his goal with the same faithfulness with which God has pursued us, wayward as we are, through the long course of salvation history. St. Thomas Aquinas writes that "diligence, no less than solicitude, is required for every virtue." (*Sum.*, II:II, 54, Art. 1)

Christians are called to diligence in prayer, in self-scrutiny, in exercising virtue, in seeking God's will, in detachment from the world and in reflecting on God's word in Scripture: "If we are diligent in observing all of these commandments before the Lord, our God, as he commanded of us, then this will be our righteousness." (Deuteronomy 6:25)

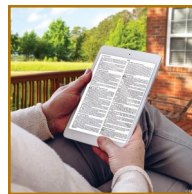
Diligence is made possible by the freedom of will that we have been granted by God, and it is the virtue by which man can secure for himself true happiness. (*Gaudium et spes*, 17) ©LPi

Inspiration for the Week

How often do we contemplate the mercy of God, but fear it will run out? How often do we consider following the path of Christ and worry that it is too steep? But God has not overpromised. Dare to believe Him. Dare to follow Him.

Readings for the Week

Readings for the week of May 3, 2026



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

Monday: Acts 14:5-18/ Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/ Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/ Ps

122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/ Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11

Friday: Acts 15:22-31/ Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/Jn 15:12-17

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/ Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21

Next 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

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