THE Epiphany OF OUR Lord

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

July 19, 2026
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

A Pennsylvania Charitable

OUR LOCATION

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www.eolparish.com

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Reflection

In today's Gospel, Jesus gives us the parable of the wheat and the weeds. Anyone who has lived long enough knows this is true: life is rarely all wheat or all weeds. In our families, in our communities, in our parishes, and even in our own hearts, good and evil often grow side by side.

This can be discouraging, especially when we look around and see illness, decline, division, empty pews, or the struggles of our towns. Yet the Lord does not tell us to despair. He tells us to be patient, faithful, and watchful. God is not blind to evil, but He is merciful. As the first reading says, He teaches His people that those who are just must be kind and gives sinners hope for repentance.

The Collect (Opening Prayer) asks God to increase in us faith, hope, and charity. These are not abstract ideas. Faith keeps us close to Christ. Hope reminds us that God is still at work. Charity teaches us to be patient with others while still striving for holiness ourselves.

At every Mass, Christ feeds us with the Eucharist, the memorial of His wonders. Strengthened by Him, we ask to pass from former ways to newness of life, always striving to increase our own virtue, especially when it comes to how we show Christ's Faith, Hope, and Charity to everyone we meet and interact with.

If you would like to have the bulletin delivered to your **email inbox**, sign up at www.parishesonline.com (The address is on the back of the bulletin.) As always, you can read and download the bulletin on the website and on the **parish app**. Search for Parish App in the Apple Store or Google Play.

Have you found your way here and think you would like to join us? **You are most welcome here.** Simply complete the census form found in the back of the church, found in the orange folder in the display rack, complete it and mail it in or drop it in the collection basket. You may also complete the form online at **www.eolparish.com.** It can be found under the links tab. As always, you are welcome to call the office at 724-684-7661

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, July 18 — Vigil
4:00 PM † Franklin Silko by Clemmie Malec

Sunday, July 19 — 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 AM Pro Populo
10:30 AM † Janice Lefevre by Ed LeFevre

Monday, July 20
8:00 AM † Richard Mandarino by Judy Morini

Tuesday, July 21
8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

Wednesday, July 22
9:00 AM Mass at St. John the Baptist

Thursday, July 23
8:00 AM † Robert Betza by Rosemary & Family

Friday, July 24
8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

Saturday, July 25 — Vigil
4:00 PM † James Barron by Wayne & Kathy Vlasic

Sunday, July 26 — 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 AM † Concetta Minnitti by Dom & Shirley Vaccro & 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 — July 25 & 26, 2026

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 p.m.	G. Pesi	M. Dzuirk R. Lucas J. Brown	D. Harkins
8:30 a.m.	D. DeCarlo	J. Todd S. Stein T. Todd	M. Blatmik
10:30 a.m.	D. Yagodich	T. Mazzei J. Imbrescia T. Gigliotti	M. Guiliford

Money Counters
Monday, July 20 — Team #5 — M. Smith

Catholic Life Explained

The Most Holy Trinity

Question:

I accept on faith that God is a Trinity of Persons, and I know it's something we can't fully understand. Should I just accept that, or should I try to learn more?

Answer:

There's a legend from the life of St. Augustine. As the early Church grappled with the identity of Christ and his relation to the other Persons in the Trinity, the holy theologian wrote a book about the Trinity. The story goes that, while he worked on the piece, he took a break to walk along the seashore. He came upon a small boy who had dug a hole in the sand. He was carrying a bucket, which he'd fill up with seawater and pour into the hole. Back and forth he walked. St. Augustine gently chided the young boy, *"You can't pour the whole ocean into that hole."* The boy responded, *"And you cannot fit the whole Trinity into your mind."*

The Trinity is a mystery! Our finite mind can't comprehend the infinite God. Of course, the lesson isn't about giving up trying to understand God. St. Augustine did write that treatise, after all. The hunger to know more about God is good. We can read books about the Trinity or about the fatherly love of God, the life of Christ, and the movement of the Holy Spirit in our lives. More than that, we can deepen our life of prayer. The heart of our Trinitarian teaching is "God is love." The Three Persons are an infinite relation of love between one another. Real understanding of that comes less through our heads but through our hearts. ©LPi

Questions of the Week

1st Reading

Wisdom speaks of God's power in terms of kindness, leniency, and mercy. ***What words would you use to describe God?***

2nd Reading

Paul explains that the Spirit intercedes on our behalf, especially when we struggle in our prayer life. ***How can the Spirit help you in your prayer life?***

Gospel Reading

In the parable of the weeds and the wheat, Jesus warns the disciples of the presence of the devil active in the world. ***How do we stay on guard against the evil one?***

Faith

Getting Married?

A Catholic Engaged Encounter weekend will be held **October 3-4** at the Spiritan Center in Pittsburgh. The weekend begins Saturday morning and ends Sunday afternoon. A team of two trained married couples, along with a priest, facilitate and guide the program. For more information or to register, visit **pittsburgh.engagedencounter.com/**. An Engaged Encounter weekend is one of the **accepted wedding preparation programs in the Diocese of Greensburg.**

Faith Formation for our families with youth from infant through 12th Grade has been finalized. There will be mulitple 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

Enlighten! For the Permanent Diaconate

If you are interested in serving the Church of Greensburg as a permanent deacon and are ready to take that initial step in formation, this fall, the next cohort of men will begin the *Enlighten!* course of studies. This is the program's official first step, which all candidates for the permanent diaconate must complete. For more information, contact **Ryan Coyne** at rcoyne@DioceseofGreensburg.org or **Deacon Bill Newhouse** at wnewhouse@DioceseofGreensburg.org.

Speakers Available

Speakers from Sisters of Charity, Seton Hill, are available to parishes and organizations. **Topics include prayer, human trafficking and Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton.** For topics or to schedule a speaker, contact Sister of Charity Colette Hanlon at 203-809-1574 or chanlon@scsh.org.

Stewardship

Weekly Collection July 12

Votive Candles:	253	Children & Adult:	3,971
Utility & Energy:	158	Online :	787
Accent:	12	**Total Collection:**	**$5,181**

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

CRS Spotlight

Two powerful earthquakes struck about 100 miles west of Caracas on Wednesday 6/24/26, causing widespread destruction across parts of Venezuela. Buildings collapsed, homes and essential infrastructure were damaged, and thousands of people have been left without safe shelter. CRS is working through Caritas Venezuela and the local Church to quickly deliver emergency shelter, food, safe water, medical care and other critical relief to those affected. Please visit **www.crs.org** for more information and to see how you can help!

Readings for the Week

Readings for the week of July 19

Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30
Monday: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8/Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8/Mt 12:46-50
Wednesday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Ps 36:6-7ab, 8-9, 10-11/Mt 13:10-17
Friday: Jer 3:14-17/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Mt 13:18-23
Saturday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Mt 20:20-28
Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 7-77, 127-128, 129-130/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

Pierogi Making

We will be prepping for pierogis for the festival on **Sunday July 19** following the 8:30 a.m. Mass. On **Monday, July 20** we will be making pierogis following the 8:00 a.m. Mass. Come and lend a hand and enjoy the camaraderie.

Money Counters

We are in need of a few more money counters. If you are interested, please call the office. It doesn't take much time, and teams are on a five week rotation. If you have a couple of hours every five weeks, know that your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

Junque Sale!

This Week!

St. Sebastian Junque Sale

in their Parish Hall, 801 Broad Ave. (rear)

Thursday
July 23: ***Pre Sale***
6:00—8:00 pm,
$5.00 Per Person

Friday
July 24: 9:00 am until 3:00 pm

Saturday
July 25: 9:00 am until 3:00 pm
Fill a Bag for $2 from 5:30—7:30 pm

Mom Ministry

Mom Ministry and Play Date on Friday, **August 14**, all expectant and experienced moms are invited to come and join us at Legion Keener Park in Latrobe PA. Philomena Self and Fr. Justin Matro, O.S.B. , will sing the Divine Mercy with us at 10:00 AM. Then the little ones can play at the park while the moms socialize with each other. Feel free to pack a picnic lunch to follow as an optional lunch afterwards. "It takes a village to raise a child" come make your village with us as we pray and play!

Coffee & Doughnuts

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

Podcast

Stunned Disciples, Season 2

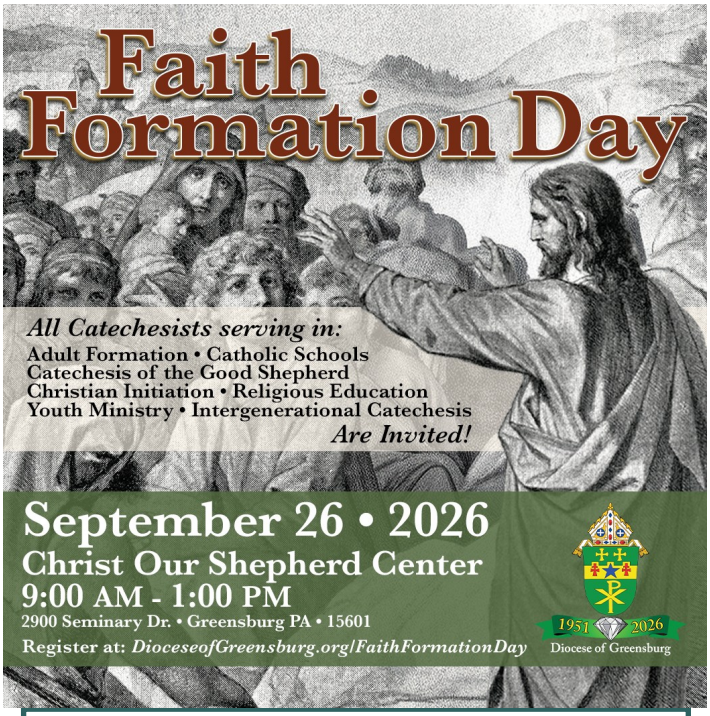
Stunned **Disciples blends faith, humor and heartfelt storytelling** to explore how the Gospel continues to surprise and inspire believers today. Hosted by Jordan Whiteko, Father Andrew Hamilton and Father Christopher Pujol, this **award-winning series** turns Scripture into lively, down-to-earth conversations 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.

Catholic Schoolhouse

The Greensburg Catholic Schoolhouse chapter is registering pre-grammar through high school students for the 2026-27 academic year. Catholic Schoolhouse is a structured, classical Catholic liberal arts program meeting weekly to support homeschool families and build Catholic culture, with many opportunities for community activities. For information, email **greensburgpa@catholicschoolhouse.com** or visit the chapter's Facebook page.

Faith Formation Day

Adult faith formation catechists, youth ministry members, Christian Initiation catechists, Catholic school teachers and priests are invite to a Faith Formation Day Saturday, Sept. 26, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg. The day begins with Mass celebrated by Bishop Larry J. Kulick, followed by a keynote presentation by Dr. Joseph White, a child psychologist and associate publisher for catechetical resources at OSV. He has authored 12 books on catechesis, ministry and spirituality. The day will include discussions and conclude with an appreciation lunch.
Registration is required at DioceseOfGreensburg.org/FaithFormationDay.



Anima Christi

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.
Body of Christ, save me.
Blood of Christ, embolden me.
Water from the side of Christ, wash me.
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.
O good Jesus, hear me.
Within your wounds hide me.
Never permit me to be parted from you.
From the evil Enemy defend me.
At the hour of my death call me
and bid me come to you,
that with your Saints I may praise you
for age upon age.
Amen.

Communion to the Homebound

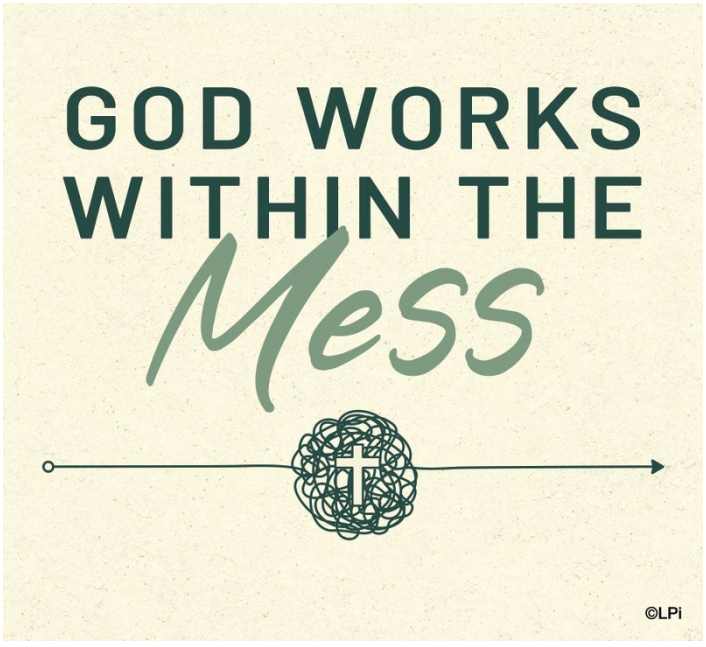
If you are homebound and would like to receive the Eucharist, please call the office and let us know.

Indoor Flea Market

St. Nicholas Byzatine Catholic Church, Brownsville, will hold their annual **"Holy Steals and Deals"** indoor flea market

Thursday, July 23, and Friday, July 24, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.; Saturday, July 25, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.;

Thursday, Aug. 6, and Friday, Aug. 7, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.; and Saturday, Aug. 8, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. For information, call 724-892-2587.



AED Training

An informational session on the use of the AED (automated external defibrillator) will be held on **Wednesday, July 29 at 6 PM** in the Epiphany Church Hall. Mr. Bob Stark, Education and Outreach Coordinator for Rostraver-West Newton Emergency Services, will explain the purpose and function of an AED. Procedures for AED activation for both Epiphany and St Sebastian Churches will be reviewed. The goal is to suggest ways our faith communities can help as effectively as possible in an emergency until professional providers arrive. The program is open to all parishioners from both churches and no pre-registration is required. **Those involved in liturgical ministries, and as ushers and greeters are especially encouraged to attend**.

Apostolate for Family

Apostolate for Family Consecration

A two-hour family consecration workshop will be held **Sunday, July 26,** at 10:30 am. **Bring the Catholic faith to life within your home and protect your family in the battle against evil.** The workshop will explore what consecration is and how to consecrate your family to Jesus, through Mary, in union with Saint Joseph. **Singles, couples and families** are encouraged to attend. **RSVP by Sunday, July 20,** by calling call the St. James office at 724-668-2829.

Virtues Explained

Generosity

In the early Church, we read in the Acts of the Apostles, "all who believed were together and had all things in common; and they sold their possessions and goods and distributed them to all, as any had need." (Acts 2:44-45)

This doesn't mean we are obligated to sell our homes and cars, move in with our fellow parishioners and split the water bill. But it certainly does describe the spirit with which we must live as Christians — and it is a generous spirit, a spirit of self-denial, a spirit that prioritizes the welfare of our brothers and sisters as it does our own.

Generosity is a fruit of the Holy Spirit, cultivated in our hearts by a closeness to the sacraments and a persistence in prayer: "The one who provides seed for sowing and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed and increase the harvest of your righteousness." (2 Corinthians 9:10) ©LPi

High school students: Plan to join us for COR: Awaken the Heart **Sunday, Sept. 13, from 4-8 p.m.** at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg. This first COR event will feature musician Dana Catherine, a Nashville-based, nationally known singer who will inspire you to develop a stronger relationship with Christ and to trust Him. The date has changed due to a special recording **request from Pope Leo XIV for Catherine.** The cost is $40, which includes a T-shirt. Register today at DioceseofGreensburg.org/COR.

God in Ordinary Moments

The Weeds We Need

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Driving up my street in late spring, you can see which yard is mine from a whole block away: it's the one covered in dandelions. And I like it that way.

I fear neither my husband's shame nor the snarky comments of neighbors: I will never apologize for my dandelion-filled yard. "It's for the pollinators," I say, but it's a total lie. I just think it looks lovely. Who doesn't like a splash of yellow after a long, dreary winter?

People call dandelions "weeds," but it's just not true. Weeds are, by definition, any plant growing where it isn't wanted. A rosebush is a weed, if it's in the middle of a cornfield. I want my dandelions. Plants that are commonly considered weeds can even have beneficial properties. They attract pollinators, for instance, and they promote nutrient cycling, whereby soil health is improved.

We all have metaphorical "weeds" in the garden of our lives. I certainly do: facets of my personality I loathe, realities of my life I resent, limitations in my abilities I dread— these are my weeds, and their roots run deep, coiling closely around those of the plants I try to cultivate. But if I could rid my garden of any one of these weeds, would it really benefit me? And if I examined them all closely, could I tell them apart — the blessing from the curse, the struggle from the triumph?

One day, it will all become clear: what is the wheat, and what is the weed. We will be put to our ultimate purpose, and we will see ourselves for what we are meant to be.

Until then, we need the weeds. It's not harvest time yet. ©LPi

Inspiration for the week

The mustard seed was the smallest seed, but it grew to be the largest plant because it was well-tended. This is faith: looking past what is to see what can be, if only we make the necessary choice.

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