July 26, 2026

Epiphany of Our Lord Parish Festival

44 Pennsylvania Blvd., Monessen, PA
www.eolparish.com

Friday, August 7 and Saturday, August 8
4 p.m.– 9 p.m.

Happy Birthday, America!

Live Music Fireworks Homemade Food Games

Celebrate America's 250th with us!

Friday, August 7
6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Kosmix Polka Band
9:30 p.m. Fireworks! (weather permitting)

Saturday, August 8
5 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Balloon Artist Mike
5 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Dr. Zoot Band
9:30 p.m. Outdoor Mass (weather permitting)

Festival 2026

A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust
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Stay up-to-date! Check out the website for the complete line up and menu.

All are welcome to come to the Outdoor Mass to celebrate our freedom to worship

Reflection

From Fr. Anthony Onoko:
17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

Grace and peace dear brothers and sisters in Christ.

The readings this Sunday invite us to reflect on what is truly valuable and to place God at the centre of our lives.

In the First Reading (1 Kings 3:5, 7-12), the young King Solomon is offered anything he desires. Instead of asking for wealth, power or a long life, he asks for wisdom — a listening heart that can discern right from wrong. God is pleased because Solomon seeks God's will before his own interests. It reminds us that wisdom is one of God's greatest gifts and should be the foundation of every decision we make.

In the Second Reading (Romans 8:28-30), St Paul offers us great hope. He assures us that "all things work together for good for those who love God." This does not mean that every event in life is good. We still experience pain, loss, disappointment and suffering. Rather, Paul teaches that God is so loving and powerful that He can bring good even from life's darkest moments. Nothing is wasted in God's hands.

The Gospel (Matthew 13:44-52) brings these themes together. Jesus compares the Kingdom of Heaven to a hidden treasure and a pearl of great price. The people who discover them joyfully sell everything to possess them because they recognise their incomparable value. Following Christ may require sacrifice, but whatever we surrender is insignificant compared to the eternal joy He offers.

As we begin a new week, let us ask ourselves: What is the greatest treasure in my life? May we seek God's wisdom like Solomon, trust His providence like St Paul, and value His Kingdom above every earthly possession.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, grant us a listening heart like Solomon, unwavering trust in Your providence, and the wisdom to recognise the priceless treasure of Your Kingdom. Help us to seek You above all else and to remain faithful in every circumstance, knowing that You are always working for our good. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

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 Vaccaro & Family
10:30 AM Pro Populo

Monday, July 27
8:00 AM † Beverly Mascetta by Barron and Bucci Families

Tuesday, July 28
8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

Wednesday, July 29
9:00 AM Mass at St. John the Baptist

Thursday, July 30
8:00 AM † Joseph Falbo by Campus Family

Friday, July 31
8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

Saturday, August 1—Vigil
4:00 PM † Jose Iacovangelo by The Iacvangelo Family

Sunday, August 2 — 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 AM Pro Populo
10:30 AM † Warner J. Wisyanski by Rosina Volpe

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OFFICE HOURS :
Monday –Thursday: 8:30 a.m. –12; 1 p.m.– 3 p.m.

Ministry Schedule — August 1 & 2, 2026

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 p.m.	D. Harkins	L. Henry J. Brown W. White	M. Guiliford
8:30 a.m.	F. Petrosky	D. DeCarlo J. Todd T. Todd	M. Blatnik
10:30 a.m.	M. Melvin	K. Imbrescia E. Yatchyshyn T. Gigliotti	S. Yatchyshyn G. Yatchyshn

Money Counters
Monday, July 27 — Team #1 — B. Geis

It's hard to believe, but in a few short weeks we will be celebrating our Parish Festival! This year, we will be giving a nod to America's sem-iquincentennial. The festival is always an exciting time for our parish. Many people have already put in a lot of time getting things ready, but we still a good bit of help to ensure a successful event.

There are **sign up sheets** in the back of the church. If you are able to give a few hours of your time, simply sign up and let us know when and where you would like to help.

Mark your calendar for Friday, **August 7 & Saturday, August 8.**

This year, we will have **fireworks** on Friday and close with an outdoor **Mass** on Saturday at 9:30 p.m. Info on the website: **eolparish.com**

Festival Food

We will be making food for the festival on **Monday, August 3 and Tuesday, August 4** beginning at **9:00 a.m**. Any amount of time that you can spend with us would be greatly appreciated.

Questions of the Week

1st Reading

The Lord grants Solomon's request to give him a wise and discerning heart so he can rule justly over the people of Israel.

Have you ever had a wish come true?

2nd Reading

Paul speaks of God working with believers according to his purposes.

How would you describe your purpose or passion in life?

Gospel Reading

Jesus often speaks in parables about the kingdom of Heaven that invite you to imagine how God works in the world.

Where do you see God at work in your family?

Faith

Prayer for the week

Isaiah 46:10
"My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all My purpose."

Anyone trying to rewrite the story of your life and destiny shall fail. The people or powers that were not there when God formed you in your mother's womb shall not succeed in their attempt to script another destiny for you. The purpose of God for your life shall prevail, and only the counsel of the Almighty God shall stand concerning you. Every evil agenda against your destiny shall be cancelled, and every plan of the enemy shall come to nothing. You shall fulfill God's purpose for your life, walk in His divine plan and enjoy His goodness all the days of your life, In Jesus Name. Amen.

Fr. Anthony Onoko

Inspiration for the Week

Christ compares the kingdom of Heaven to buried treasure — the find of a lifetime, one you would risk everything to keep. Are we doing all we can to hold onto this treasure that we have been lucky enough to discover? What is Heaven worth to us?

Looking for answers?
Questions on how to grow in faith?
Not sure where to start?

The Order of Christian Initiation process involves a journey of faith and conversion. A person is introduced to the beliefs, life, liturgy, and apostolic work of the Catholic Church.
Christian Initiation is for those over the age of 7 and are unbaptized, are baptized and would like to receive Confirmation and Eucharist, those just have questions.

All are invited to join us for an informal light meal with team members, those newly initiated, and others considering this journey of faith .....

St. Anne Parish Hall

1870 Rostraver Road, Rostraver Twp 15012

Monday, August 3 from 6pm to 8pm

RSVP to Barbara at 412-417-1595 or Adelle at 724-244-9434. If a last minute decision - just come 🙂

Stewardship

Weekly Collection July 19

Votive Candles:	182	Children & Adult:	10.170
Utility & Energy:	0	Online :	1,701
Accent:	55	**Total Collection:**	**$12, 108**

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

Catholic Relief Services

An Ebola outbreak that began in eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo is continuing to spread, and has crossed into neighboring Uganda. Health officials warn the situation is evolving quickly - especially in areas already facing limited healthcare access, ongoing insecurity and displacement. Catholic Relief Services is responding in both countries through trusted local Church partners to support front-line efforts, slow the spread of the disease and ensure families have the information and resources they need to stay safe.

Hundreds of cases - and more than 200 deaths - have been confirmed across the DRC and Uganda since the outbreak was declared in May. The true number may be higher due to limited surveillance in affected areas. The World Health Organization has declared it a Public Health Emergency of International Concern - the highest level of global alert - underscoring the urgency of the situation. CRS is helping communities respond quickly and safely by providing protective equipment and infection prevention supplies, installing hand-washing stations and distributing hand sanitizer in community spaces, supporting front-line health workers and facilities to improve preparedness and infection control, delivering community education through local outreach, promoting early reporting of symptoms and safe health practices. Please visit **www.crs.org** to see how you can help!

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

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.

Catholic Life Explained

The Giving of Treasure

Question: Why are Catholics required to give money to the Church?

Answer: Offering money and other goods to God and the Church is, before all else, a statement of gratitude. We see this when we look at how our spiritual ancestors showed their gratitude to God for the gifts they had received (e.g. Genesis 14:18-20 and Genesis 28:16-22). One of the ways they offered thanks to God was through a practice called "tithing," in which 10 percent of a person's goods (crops, livestock, money, etc.) were given back to God.

Today, the practice of tithing — giving 10 percent — is still common in many Protestant communities, but it is not required for Catholics. Instead, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches us that, "The faithful also have the duty of providing for the material needs of the Church, each according to [their] own abilities" (no. 2043). This means that, although we are not bound to practice "tithing" in the traditional sense, we do share a responsibility to share our money or other resources with our parish communities. Like our spiritual ancestors, we give as a sign of our gratitude for the many gifts that God has given to us. Beyond this, we also share our resources with other Catholic organizations to help them finance their ministries, to continue and grow their outreach to the poor and the needy, and to provide just wages for their employees.

How much we give depends on our individual circumstances, but since we share a responsibility for the programs, outreach, and health of our parish communities and Catholic organizations, this question gives us a wonderful opportunity to ask some important questions about the quality of our giving and what our priorities are. Remember, we are only stewards of our time, talents, and treasures and as the First Letter of Peter reminds us, "As each one of you has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied graces" (4:10). ©LPi

Readings for the Week

Readings for the week of July 26

Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46
Monday: Jer 13:1-11/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21/Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21/Ps 59:2-3, 4, 10-11, 17, 18/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Thursday: Jer 18:1-6/Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/Mt 13:47-53
Friday: Jer 26:1-9/Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14/Mt 13:54-58
Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24/Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34/Mt 14:1-12
Next Sunday: Is 55:1-3/Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18/Rom 8:35, 37-39/Mt 14:13-21

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.

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.

Communion to the Homebound

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

Brown Bag

We're in the middle of summer but it's not too soon to think about back to school! Once again, we are taking up a Brown Bag collection for school children (and the teachers!) in the community. This year, we are asking for consumables only — **notebooks, paper, pencils, folders, pens, crayons, glue sticks, etc**. These items go fast in the classroom and are much appreciated. In addition, this year, we are looking at individually packaged snacks such as fruit snacks, animal crackers, etc. Students are given a quick snack break in the afternoons when they first return to school. This has always been well received and much appreciated Brown Bag. We ask that you bring items to the church (or the office) by **Sunday, August 16.** If you have any questions, please feel free to call the office.

Knights' Notes

We're not the only ones who appreciate our Knights! Council 954 recently received the Star Council award as recognition of the program accomplishments this past year.

Our Grand Knight **Bob Kuzynski** was recently elected as Council President for the 12 councils who function as the Mon Valley Chapter of the Knights of Columbus. **Please congratulate Bob** when you run into him!

- The Council voted to repair and repave the parking lot at the Council Hall/Senior Center.
- The Knights recently purchased a microphone gooseneck stand for the Epiphany of Our Lord's organist's use.

Rosary Services

Knights of Columbus members will be participating in the **Rosary for The Unborn at Sacred Heart Cemetery in Monongahela**. The Rosary will be recited on Tuesday, **July 28th at 7pm.** The Rosary will be led by our Chaplain, Fr. Mike Thomas!

The Knights welcome all to gather at the council hall for the recitation of the Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary on the third Wednesday of every month at 7:00pm.. Additionally, Every night at 7pm, KHB Radio broadcasts the recitation of the Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary. KHB broadcasts on 620AM, 94.1FM, 92.3FM, 102.1FM and livestreams at **khbradio.com**

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**.

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.

Coffee & Doughnuts

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

Indoor Flea Market

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

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

Golf Outing

Saint Bruno Parish will hold its RAS Golf Outing **Saturday, Sept. 26,** at Glengarry Golf Links, Latrobe. The format will be Scramble Best Ball. Registration begins at 7 a.m. with an 8 a.m. shotgun start. The $120 entry fee includes 18 holes of golf with cart, a snack at the turn, a steak dinner, beverages and prizes. For information, email kedmunds216@yahoo.com or call 412-613-2348.

St. Padre Pio Relics

Saint Padre Pio relics will be **on display Wednesday, July 29, from 2-9 p.m. at Saint Mary's Catholic Church, 325 Church St., Saint Marys, Pa.** The rosary will be said every hour on the hour. Confession will be from 5:30-6:30 p.m., with Mass at 7 p.m. After Mass, there will be a talk on the life of Saint Padre Pio and the founding of the Padre Pio Centre in Barto, Pa. For information, call 814-594-3972.

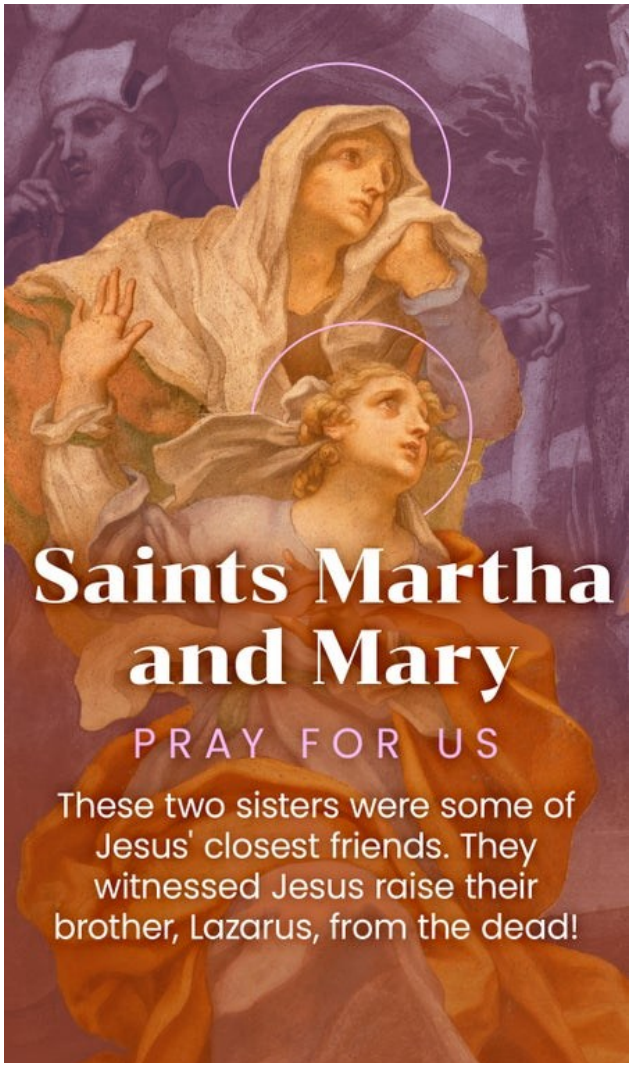
Virtues Explained

Hospitality

When three strangers came to Abraham's tent at Mamre on a sweltering day, he rushed to offer them respite from the heat (Genesis 18:2-3). When the prophet Elisha visited Shunem, a woman set aside a special room in her house for him, so that he would return and feel comfortable (2 Kings 4:10).

These Old Testament examples show people living out the law of welcoming the sojourner (Leviticus 19:33), a law that found fulfillment in the Christian mandate to "practice hospitality" (Romans 12:13) and show "brotherly love" (Hebrews 13: 1-2).

The virtue of hospitality is characterized by kindness and welcome, particularly to those who are strangers. Since the stranger, by nature, has no particular claim on our affections, the love we extend to him is true Christian love — love purely for the sake of the one "who loved us first" (1 John 4:19). ©LPi



God in Ordinary Moments

Choosing Heaven

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

My children often ask me questions about Heaven. What does Heaven look like? Is there nighttime in Heaven? Do you get hungry in Heaven? Are there oceans in Heaven? Will we feel bored in Heaven?

My answer is almost always the same: "I can't tell you for sure." I guess I didn't realize how little we actually know about Heaven until I had kids who were obsessed with hearing the details.

But accepting human ignorance is liberating in a way, because it allows me to see clearly — and cling wholeheartedly to — the three things I do know for sure: Heaven is where God is, and Hell is where He isn't, and it's completely my decision where I want to be.

The choice, you see, is everything.

We need to pay attention to how Jesus describes the kingdom of Heaven in his parables. It is, he tells us, a treasure — but a treasure buried in a field owned by someone else. It is a beautiful pearl — and a very expensive pearl. It is a bountiful yield — one which must be carefully, even painstakingly sifted through.

It's so easy to imagine the delight of the man who finds the treasure, who encounters the pearl, who hauls the bursting net aboard, just as it is easy to call ourselves followers of Christ, to hang a Rosary from our windshield and go to Mass.

It's less easy, and a great deal more uncomfortable, to contemplate what comes next: the sacrifice, the commitment, the perseverance through uncertainty.

Heaven is an incredible stroke of luck — one that requires a good deal of follow-through. We can never earn it, but we must choose it. Again and again and again, we must choose it. ©LPi

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