August 2, 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
A Parish of the Diocese of Greensburg

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

The prophet Isaiah extends a simple but profound invitation: "Come to the water." God freely offers the nourishment our hearts truly desire. Yet so often we spend ourselves chasing what cannot satisfy—comfort, possessions, entertainment, or the approval of others. In the Gospel, Jesus feeds the five thousand with five loaves and two fish, revealing that He alone can satisfy the deepest hunger of the human heart.

The Church has always understood this miracle as pointing toward the Holy Eucharist. Christ not only provides bread for the crowd but gives Himself as the Bread of Life, nourishing us with His own Body and Blood. As St. Augustine reminds us, our hearts remain restless until they rest in God (The Confessions Bk1, Ch1).

St. Paul then offers one of Scripture's greatest consolations: no hardship, suffering, persecution, or even death can separate us from the love of Christ. God never chooses to abandon His people. Yet this promise should not make us complacent. While no outside force can steal us from Christ, we can, through our own free choice and unrepentant sin, turn away from Him. The Good Shepherd never stops seeking His sheep, but He does not force them to remain with Him.

As we gather each Sunday, let us come to Christ with hungry hearts, receiving Him in the Holy Eucharist with faith, gratitude, and a sincere desire for conversion. Only Christ satisfies the deepest hunger of the human heart, and only by remaining faithful to Him will we receive the food that endures to eternal life.

Rosary

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 7:00 p.m.**

Additionally, **every night at 7:00 p.m. 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**

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

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

Monday, August 3
8:00 AM † Marsha Rocerata by C D of A Court 776

Tuesday, August 4
8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

Wednesday, August 5
9:00 AM Mass at St. John the Baptist

Thursday, August 6
8:00 AM † Lee & Pete Salotti by Donna and Michael Apostolakis

Friday, August 7
8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

Saturday, August 8 — Vigil
9:30 PM † Sam Dalfonso by Ida and family

Sunday, August 9 — 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 AM Pro Populo
10:30 AM † Joe & Stella Reda Russell & Adeline Sherred by Children

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Facebook.com/Epiphany-of-Our-Lord

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 — August 8 & 9, 2026

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
9:30 p.m.	G. Pesi	R. Lucas M. Dzurik A. Pastella	M. Blatnik
8:30 a.m.	D. DeCarlo	S. Stein F. Petrosky L. DeFelices	Volunteer
10:30 a.m.	B. Sherred	K. Byron T. Gigliotti E. Yatchyshyn	S. Yatchyshyn G. Yatchyshyn

Money Counters
Monday, August 3 — Team #2 — W. Anders

One week to our Parish Festival! This year, we will be giving a nod to America's semiquincentennial. 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, weather permitting, 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.

Baked Goods

What would our gathering be without your delicious baked goods? The bake sale is always one of the festival's most popular stops, and that's thanks to generous bakers like you!

We're inviting you to help keep the table full by donating your favorite homemade treats. All baked goods are welcome; we simply ask that items do not require refrigeration.

Baked goods may be dropped off on **Thursday morning, August 6**, or **Friday morning, August 7**. Thank you for helping make our festival a sweet success!

Communion to the Homebound

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

Faith

Mass Time Reminder

We will have a slight change in the Mass schedule for the festival. As in the past few years, there will be **no 4:00 p.m. Mass** on Saturday. Mass will be celebrated at the end of the festival, **August 8, outdoors (weather permitting) at 9:30 p.m.** Plans are for that Mass to be streamed on our Facebook page. The 8:30 a.m. Sunday Mass will be streamed on YouTube and Facebook.

Prayer for the Month of August

Heavenly Father,

We come before You with humble hearts, lifting up all who are suffering in body, mind, and spirit.

We especially pray for those battling cancer, diabetes, and the dangers of heat and exhaustion. Surround them with Your healing presence, grant strength to their bodies, peace to their minds, and hope to their hearts. Guide the hands of caregivers and medical professionals, and bless families who walk this difficult journey alongside their loved ones.

As we enter the new month of August, we ask for Your continued mercy and protection. Let Your light shine upon all who are weary, renewing their strength day by day. May Your grace bring comfort in times of pain and restoration where there is illness. Fill us all with compassion, that we may support one another in love and faith.

We trust in Your goodness and place all our needs into Your hands, knowing that You are our refuge and our healer. Through every trial, help us to remain steadfast in hope, confident in Your promises.

We ask this in Your holy name. Amen.

New month blessings to all of you. The month of August shall favor you and your family. Amen.

~ Fr. Anthony Onoko

Inspiration for the week

When Jesus multiplied the loaves and fishes, he didn't create only what was needed — there were leftovers that could be saved and shared again. God is lavish in bestowing His grace upon us. He always gives enough to share.

Stewardship

Weekly Collection July 26

Votive Candles:	175	Children & Adult:	3,700
Utility & Energy:	170	Online :	910
Accent::	8	**Total Collection:**	**$4,988,**
St. Anthony:	25	Peter's Pence:	15
		Total Collection:	**$5,003**

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

Since we have reached our Diocesan goal, everything now contributed to DLA **will come back to the parish!** We are $3,178 toward our parish goal.

Catholic Relief Services

In the arid mountains of San Antonio Lajas, San Juan Ermita, Guatemala, where corn struggles to survive and the earth cracks, crying out for rain, life has always been about learning to endure. But in 2025, something different began to take root. The community began to document itself. Not through drones or consultants, but with the voices and footsteps of its own young people, women, and men. This was the start of the Monthly Interval Resilience Analysis (MIRA), a community-led survey process implemented by Catholic Relief Services' Raíces II project. What began as a methodology for monitoring soon became something more: a bridge of trust and a foundation for strengthening community resilience.

Jennifer López was about to migrate to Zacapa to "try her luck," like many in her community. But before she left, life took a different turn. Raíces II arrived with a new initiative and with it the opportunity to become a MIRA survey taker. She says with a shy smile: "I liked it... and I said yes. I don't regret it. I'm happy here." That "yes" was the start of something big. Not just for her, but for all of San Antonio Lajas. Visit www.crs.org for more information and to see how you can help!

Trivia Question: In addition to Jesus' mother Mary, which saint is depicted in artwork more than any other?

Answer: St. Nicholas

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.

Thank You!

We received a thank you letter from Heifer Intl:

HEIFER INTERNATIONAL

The giving spirit of groups like yours can change the world

....Which is why I want to extend my sincere appreciation for your group's contribution of **$3,060.** Your compassion makes a permanent difference in so many lives. I'm reminded of a quote by Mr. Fred Rogers: ***"All of us, at some time or other, need help. Whether we're giving or receiving help, each one of us has something valuable to bring to this world. That's one of the things that connects as neighbor — in our own way, each one of us is a giver and a receiver."*** And to magnify the joy of your gift, and additional group of generous donors has matched your donation, doubling the impact of your gift...

Thanks to you, moms are building businesses and earning steady income to feed their children...dads are running their own family farms instead of having to find work far away...you are providing nutritious food, education and hope for the next generation.

Please know how much we, and the families who are touched by your generosity, appreciate you all. Our work would not be possible without you by our side.

Christy Moore, Sr. Vice President

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

Name: _____

New Address: _____

Phone: _____

Readings for the Week

Readings for the week of August 2

Sunday: Is 55:1-3/Ps 145:8-9, 15 -16, 17-18/Rom 8:35, 37-39/Mt 14:13-21
Monday: Jer 28:1-17/Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102/Mt 14:22-36
Tuesday: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29, 22-23/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Mt 15:21-28
Thursday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9
Friday: Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41/Mt 16:24-28
Saturday: Hb 1:12-2:4/Ps 9:8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Mt 17:14-20
Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33

Anima Christi

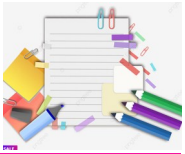
Soul of Christ, sanctify me.
Body of Christ, save me.
Blood of Christ, embolden me.
Water from the side of Christ, wash me.
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.
O good Jesus, hear me.
Within your wounds hide me.
Never permit me to be parted from you.
From the evil Enemy defend me.
At the hour of my death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

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.**

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.



Prayer Shawl

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on **Wednesday, August 12 from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.** in the church hall. Come and join us to participate. If you would like to participate but need to learn how to crochet, we can help you with that! For more info please contact Barb Mandarino at 724-684-5547.

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.

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. The little ones can play at the park while the moms socialize. Feel free to pack a picnic lunch to follow as an optional lunch afterwards. Come make your village with us as we pray and play!

Eating Out?

Don't want to Cook?... Need a day free from cooking? Come to the Foster House II. One Cook Rd., Belle Vernon, on **Monday, August 17**, between 5 to 11 p.m. to support St. Sebastian Ladies of Faith. Percentage of food sales will be given to the organization. A basket raffle will also be held.

Evening Prayer

Bishop Larry J. Kulick invites you to join him for **solemn evening prayer and a candlelight rosary procession Friday, Aug. 14,** the Eve of the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Patroness of the Diocese of Greensburg, **at 7:30 p.m. at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg**. Evening prayer will begin in Saint Joseph Chapel and will be followed by the rosary procession. All are invited to join us as we celebrate our patronal feast day and continue the Diocese of Greensburg's 75th Diamond Jubilee celebration.

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.

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, 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

If you would rather we contact you first, please complete the form and drop it in the collection basket.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

God in Ordinary Moments

The Miracles We Don't See

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

"Why aren't there miracles anymore?"

I've heard people say this more than once. Usually, it is someone who is a believer in Christ but not a Catholic, because Catholics understand that miracles happen at every Mass, to say nothing of the other miracles the Church recognizes. But even some Catholics often find themselves wondering why it's been so long since God gave us a good show. A good sun-dance in the sky. A good, flashy reason to believe.

I don't know what it looked like when the loaves and the fishes were multiplied. I believe it happened, and I have envisioned it often, but I just can't picture it. Did everyone blink and there was a giant pile of food? Did they just keep finding more? Was it all the same kind of bread, or did Jesus mix it up?

I think the Gospel is deliberately vague on this to test the patience of pathologically nosy people like myself. It's not important what it looked like. If those details mattered, they would be spelled out in Scripture.

How often we find ourselves unsatisfied with the answers God has for us.

I wonder if that's what Christ was thinking when he savored those last few minutes of solitude on the boat, where he had gone to be alone after hearing the crushing news of his cousin's execution. Was he imagining the crowds gathering on shore? Was he contemplating their enormous expectations for God — for him! — and anticipating their disappointment when every wish could not be granted?

Maybe. But that's not what the Scripture says. "His heart was moved with pity," we are told. I think of him looking at them all, so weary and uncertain and hungry. Pity — this is what he felt. Not resentment, exhaustion or frustration. Pity. And his precious heart was moved.

What a miracle. No details, no explanation. No dancing sun. But what a miracle. ©LPi

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Festival Menu

Indoor Menu

*Prices not posted; determined by market price.

Featured Platters

Polish Platter	Italian Platter
1 halupki	**3** cheese Stuffed shells
haluski	1 meatball
3 pierogi	1 hot or sweet sausage
vegetable	Garlic Toast

Sandwiches

Hot Sausage
Sweet Sausage
Pulled Pork

À la carte and Sides

Halupki
Haluski
Stuffed Shell
Meatball
Pierogi
Vegetable
Coleslaw

Corn on the Cob
Fried Dough
Ice Cream
Baked Goods

Outdoor Menu

Pizza	$3.00
Pizzaburger	$9.00
Hot Dog w/wo Kraut	$3.00
Cheeseburger	$6.00
French Fries	$4.00
French Fries w/ Cheese	$5.00
Buffalo Chicken Pita w/ Fries	$15.00
Water	$1.00
Pop	$2.00