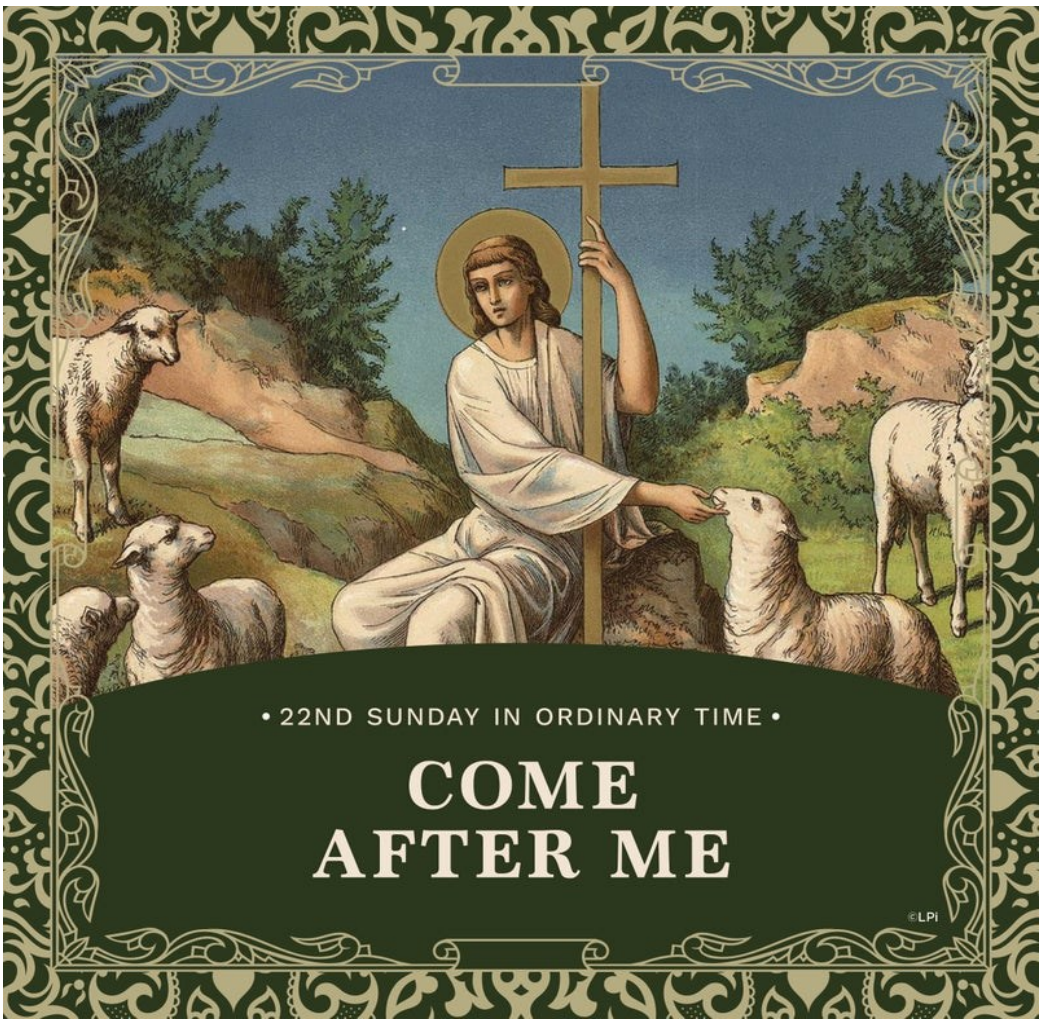
THE Epiphany OF OUR Lord

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

August 30, 2026

22nd 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

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OUR LOCATION

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www.eolparish.com

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Reflections

In today's readings, faith is not presented as something comfortable or convenient. Jeremiah feels the cost of speaking God's word. He is mocked, rejected, and worn down. Yet when he tries to hold the word inside, it becomes like fire burning in his heart. He cannot abandon the Lord who has claimed him.

St. Paul tells us to offer our bodies as a living sacrifice and not to be conformed to this age. That means our faith cannot remain only in church on Sunday. It must shape how we think, speak, forgive, suffer, spend our time, and love our families.

In the Gospel, Peter wants Christ without the Cross. He wants glory without suffering. We understand that temptation. We want God to bless our plans, ease our burdens, and protect us from pain. But Jesus says plainly: "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."

The Cross is not a sign that God has abandoned us. It is the path by which Christ saves us. Our sufferings, sacrifices, and daily acts of fidelity can become holy when united to Him.
This week, ask the Lord for the grace not simply to admire the Cross, but to carry it with Him.

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 full schedule and registration can be seen at DioceseofGreensburg.org/Pilgrimage

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, August 29 — Vigil
4:00 PM † John Dudas by Daughter & Family

Sunday, August 30 — 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 AM Pro Populo
10:30 AM † Gene Yatchyshyn by Wife & Children

Monday, August 31
8:00 AM † Carmen Beneccio by Shirley & Family

Tuesday, September 1
8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

Wednesday, September 2
9:00 AM Mass at St. John the Baptist

Thursday, September 3
8:00 AM † Ronald W. Danko by Mom & Dad

Friday, September 4
8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian
10:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

Saturday, September 5 — Vigil
4:00 PM Pro Populo

Sunday, September 6 — 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 AM † Kathleen C. Kelemen by Bob Kelemen
10:30 AM † Robert Betza by Elaine, John Vilbig & Children

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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 — Sept. 5 & 6

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
9:30 p.m.	G. Pesi	R. Lucas M. Dzurik W. White	D. Harkins
8:30 a.m.	F. Petrosky	D. DeCarlo T. Todd A. Pastella	M. Blatnik
10:30 a.m.	W. Vlasic	T. Gigliotti T. Mazzei M. Melvin	M. Guiliford

Money Counters
Monday, August 31 — Team #1 — B. Geis

Presented by the Office of Faith, Family and Discipleship, on **Thursday, Oct. 22** offers this unique experiential event invites participants to encounter Christ through the eyes of His Blessed Mother and discover how Mary leads us more deeply into a relationship with her Son. Two sessions will be offered, at 2 and 6 p.m. at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg. Admission is free. **Registration opens Tuesday, Sept. 1.** We invite you to save the date and join us for this inspiring opportunity.

OCIA Training

All clergy, regional directors, parish catechetical leaders, Christian Initiation leaders and catechists involved in the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) are invited and required to attend the Diocese of Greensburg's **Re-Envisioning Christian Initiation 2026 training.** The program will be held at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg, on **Saturdays, Oct. 3 and 17, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.** Participants must attend both sessions to receive course credit. To register, visit DioceseofGreensburg.org/OCIAtraining. For information, contact the Office of Faith, Family and Discipleship at FFD@DioceseofGreensburg.org.

With Deepest Sympathy — Condolences are extended to the families of Ronald E. Danko and Patsy G. Maione. May God grant them eternal rest, and comfort to their families. We commend their souls to rest in the peace of Christ.

Catholic Life Explained

Why priests wear vestments

Vestments are clothes worn for a specific purpose. Priests will joke that they cover a thousand flaws. But our own manner of dress often corresponds to what we do. We dress up for special occasions and for special guests. We wear certain clothes for golf, for outdoor activities, and years ago, we even had our "Sunday best" clothes we wore just for Church. Vestments are much the same, and each one has a meaning. The alb is a reminder of the baptismal garment. The stole is a symbol of ordained ministry and authority within the Church. The chasuble reminds us that we are on a pilgrimage of faith, passing through this life towards heaven.

Priests wear vestments for two basic reasons. First, they draw attention to the importance and solemnity of the act of worship. The color of the vestments indicates the season of the year or the feast being celebrated. Secondly, vestments draw attention to what the priest does, rather than who he is. In the celebration of the Mass, the focus is on what we do together, on our common unity, and on the mystery and person of Christ.

Stewardship

Weekly Collection August 23

Votive Candles:	239	Online :	976
Utility & Energy:	133	**Total Collection:**	**$4,103**
Accent:	49	Catholic University:	10
Assumption:	55	**Total Collection:**	**$4,113**
Children & Adult:	2,651		

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 of $44,564, everything now contributed to DLA **will come back to the parish!** We are $3,329 toward our parish goal of $20,000.

Catholic Education Collection

The second collection this weekend, **August 29 and 30**, supports Catholic Education. Half of the funds of this collection goes to support The Catholic University of America and half is used to aid the Catholic schools here in our own Diocese.

Our Catholic schools are an asset to our communities. Within the Diocese, we have ten grade schools and two high schools.

Parish App

Don't have the app yet? Search for **WeConnect Parish App** in the Apple Store or Google Play or use the appropriate QR code .

Apple

Android

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: _____

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.

Faith Formation Registration

is now available. There are multiple options available for families to choose from. For more information, please sign up for Flocknote. ***Registration is online only....you can scan the QR code.*** If you need assistance with registration, please reach out to Adelle and we can schedule a time to meet and complete the online registration together.

Certification Opportunity

Franciscan At Home Certification

The Diocese of Greensburg has partnered with the Catechetical Institute at Franciscan University to offer **Standard Catechist Certification** online. The courses that correspond with our Standard Certification courses can now be found on the Diocese of Greensburg landing page on Franciscan at Home's website at **https://franciscanathome.com/diocese-greensburg**. All courses and webinars are free for all members of the Diocese of Greensburg by choosing the second option: "My parish or school is already registered..."

Communion to the Homebound

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

If you are assisting with OCIA, you are invited to a day of formation, encouragement and fellowship . To register, scan the QR code below or visit DioceseofGreensburg.org/OCIAtraining. For info, email FFD@DioceeofGreensburg.org

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.

We would love to have you join our parish. You are most welcome here. Drop this form in the collection basket, or call the office at 724-684-7661.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Readings for the Week

Readings for the week of August 30

Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27
Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5/Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102/Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14/Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21/Lk 4:38-44
Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23/ Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 5:1-11
Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40/Lk 5:33-39
Saturday: 1 Cor 4:6b-15/Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21/Lk 6:1-5
Next Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7b, 7c-9/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20

Calling All Teens!

Get ready for an amazing experience that will awaken your heart! Dana Catherine, a Nashville-based, nationally known Catholic artist who will inspire you to grow closer to Christ and trust Him in your daily life, will be the speaker. She is currently recording music for Pope Leo XIV. The event is **Sunday, September 13, from 4—8 p.m.** at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg. The cost is $40, which includes a T-shirt. grab your spot today! Register at **DioceseofGreensburg.org/COR**

Around the Diocese

Italian Day Food & Bake Sale, St. Rita Parish, Connellsville, Friday, **September 4** from 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Featured will be two Italian dinners: spaghetti and meatballs and manicotti and meatballs, both including salad, roll and cake. Pizza and hot sausage sandwiches will also be sold. Dinners will be eat in or take out, and baked goods will be available for purchase.

Car Show & Spaghetti Dinner, St. James Parish, New Alexandria on Sunday, **September 13 f**rom Noon to 4 p.m. First 100 cars registered will receive a dash plaque. Trophies awarded. Dinner is $14 for adults and $5 for ages 10 and under. Other food available. For information, call 724-668-2829 (option 3) or 724-309-0282.

Holy Cross Parish, Youngwood, will hold their Parish Festival on Saturday, September 12 from 4:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. and on Sunday, September 13 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. There will be ethnic and American food, children's games, games of chance, and Sunday will feature live music.

St. George Maronite church, Uniontown, 6 Lebanon Terrace, Uniontown, will hold their 30th Annual **Lebanese Food & Cultural Festival** on Saturday, **September 19** from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Vibrant Lebanese Music from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., basket raffle and more. Baked Kibbee, Lamb Kebab, Chicken Kebab, Tabbouli, Labneh and more. Lebanese baked goods available. We will also have chicken tenders and fries. Divine Liturgy at 4 p.m. in the Church. 724-437-5589.

Classic Car Show, St. John Byzantine Catholic Church, Uniontown. The 20th Annual Classic Car Show will be on **Sunday, September 27.** Registration will be from noon-2 p.m., with the show continuing until 4 p.m. Registration is $12; the first 150 cars will receive dash plaques and goody bags, and trophies will be awarded. The day will also include oldies DJ

Let's Bowl

If you're looking for a place to gather and have fun, think about joining the Epiphany Church Bowling League. We bowl on Monday nights. If you have any questions or would like more information, contact Evie Yatchyshyn at 412-496-7802

Knights' Notes

The Knights recently supported Epiphany of Our Lord's Festival by volunteering in many positions, operating the golf carts, running game booths, and other related jobs. The Council also provided 100 lb. of sausage used for the indoor food sales, items for the silent auction, as well as a $500 cash donation.

Council 954 is currently preparing for the donation of 260 winter coats for children attending Monessen and Belle Vernon schools. We will also donate coats to the Free Store and the Monessen Family Center.

Council recently approved a donation to support the reinstallation of St. Mary Byzantine Church's cemetery cross. The Cross, observable from I-70, will be reset in the ground. Funds generated from the next spaghetti dinner will be used for these repairs.

Council 954 will have the parking lot at the Council Hall/Senior Center repaired and resurfaced.

Finally, 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!

Golf Outing

All golfers take note — 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.

Columbus Day Dinner

Knights' Council #954 will hold their Annual Columbus Day Banquet at our Council Hall on Grand Blvd., on **Saturday, October 10. This event is open to all.** The event will begin at 5:00 p.m. with Appetizers/Cocktails ; the main course served at 6:00 p.m. Cost of the event is $35.00 per person. **Reservations are required.** As always, widows of deceased Knights are invited to attend free of charge.

For reservations please contact John Petritis, Banquet Chairperson at 724-994-6594 or 724-684-7323

Mass of Remembrance

25th Anniversary of Flight 93

The Notre Dame Clubs of Greensburg/ Uniontown and Central Pennsylvania will hold a Mass of Solemn Remembrance **Saturday, Sept. 12, at 5 p.m.** to honor the 40 passengers and crew members of Flight 93, who stopped the 9/11 hijackers from reaching their target. The Mass will be celebrated near the Visitor Center, adjacent to the flight path sidewalk.

Following Mass, guests can tour the memorial and stay for a luminaria ceremony at 7:30 p.m. Forty candle lanterns will be carried to the Wall of Names at the Memorial Plaza and placed below the names of the passengers and crew members. A multi-beam sky illumination, Tower of Lights, will follow. Registration is appreciated, but not required, at **my.nd.edu/networks/events/283472.**

Catholic Charities

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg provides volunteer services to older adults (age 60 and older), including supportive and regular visits, telephone calls, greeting cards and other mailings to prevent loneliness and isolation and brighten a person's day. Emergency food boxes can also be delivered to those who meet eligibility requirements. To become a client, contact Deborah Klinvex at 724-837-1840 or dklinvex@DioceseofGreensburg.org.

God in Ordinary Moments

To Carry the Cross

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Carry the cross? Absolutely. I'm happy to! Hand it over. Here's the thing: I just might…set it down for a second, from time to time. That's okay, right?

How else am I supposed to have both hands free to gesture in anger? I can't do that if I'm carrying the cross. Well, fine, then let me just shift its weight, so I can catch my breath and say what I think about this person who's got it all wrong — I'll just lean it against the wall here. No? Okay, fine, I won't put it down! I'll keep holding it. That's better, actually. Then I can use it as a weapon.

What? Am I doing this "Christian" thing wrong?

"Whoever wishes to save his life will lose it," Jesus tells us in today's Gospel. "But whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."

This is not an affirmation of the paradox that if you no longer care about something, you can finally have it once and for all. It's not a judgment about the worthlessness of life in this fallen world or the futility of trying to preserve that life.

It's merely a statement about priorities.

When Peter says, "God forbid!" at the thought of suffering, God is not his priority. His own safety is.

When I say, "God forbid!" at anything that comes from the mouth of God, it's a reminder to look at my hands — because they've probably put down the cross.

How merciful is our Lord — he never takes my cross from me, even when I walk far away from it. He always lets me pick it back up. In his dear and sweet goodness, he even helps me lift its weight. And he gestures, in case I've forgotten: "This way. Follow me." ©LPi

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