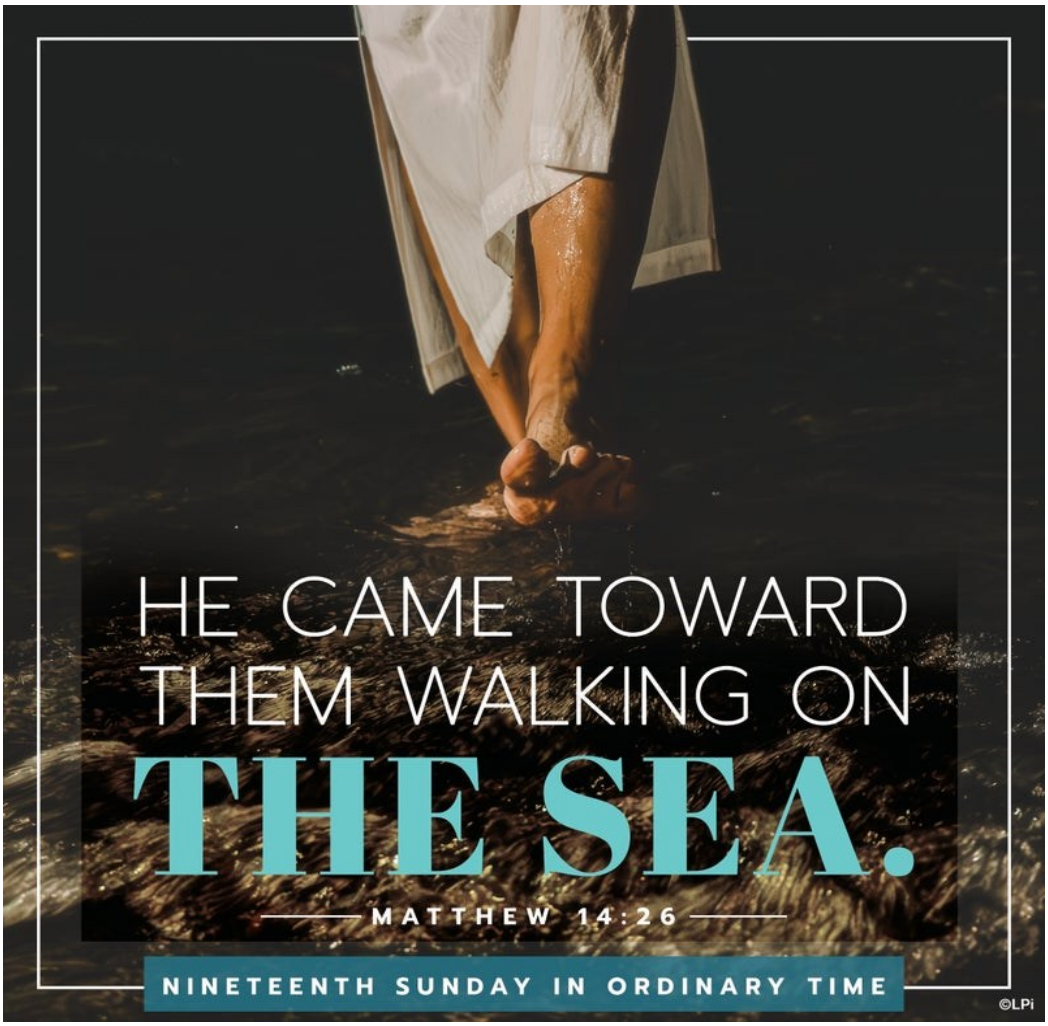
THE Epiphany OF OUR Lord

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

August 9, 2026

19th 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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Reflection

From Fr. Anthony Onoko:
GOD IS CLOSER THAN YOU THINK

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
1 Kgs 19:9, 11-13l Ps 85; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33

Our readings today remind us that God often comes to us in ways we least expect. We frequently look for Him in dramatic signs, extraordinary miracles or overwhelming experiences. Yet, more often than not, God reveals Himself quietly, gently and faithfully.

In the first reading, Elijah is exhausted, discouraged and afraid. He flees to Mount Horeb, expecting to encounter God in a powerful manifestation. There is a mighty wind, an earthquake and a fire, yet the Lord is in none of these. Finally, Elijah hears the sound of a gentle whisper, and there he encounters God. Sometimes, we become so distracted by the noise around us that we fail to hear God's gentle voice speaking in prayer, in Scripture, in the Eucharist and in the quiet moments of our hearts.

In the Gospel, the disciples are caught in a violent storm. They are terrified until they see Jesus walking on the water. Peter courageously steps out of the boat, but the moment he takes his eyes off Jesus and focuses on the wind and waves, he begins to sink. Is this not our own experience? Whenever we focus more on our problems than on Christ, fear begins to overwhelm us. But when we keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, we discover that He is stronger than every storm we face.

St Paul, in the second reading, expresses his deep sorrow for his fellow Israelites who had not accepted Christ. His example reminds us never to stop praying for those who have drifted away from the faith or who have not yet encountered the Lord. Love never gives up on people.

Today's readings offer us three practical lessons.

First, make time each day for silence. God still speaks, but we must learn to listen.

Secondly, keep your eyes fixed on Jesus, especially during life's storms. Do not allow fear, anxiety or disappointment to become louder than your faith.

Finally, never stop praying for your family, friends and loved ones who are far from God. No one is beyond the reach of God's mercy.

Let us pray

Lord Jesus, when the storms of life shake our faith, help us to keep our eyes fixed on You. Teach us to recognise Your gentle voice amidst the noise of the world. Strengthen our trust when we are afraid, lift us up when we begin to sink, and make us instruments of hope for those who have wandered from You. Through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, may we walk confidently towards You every day of our lives. Amen.

Fr. Anthony Onoko

Prayer for the Week

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

As we begin this new week, I place before the Lord all my parishioners who are battling different health challenges, those who are sick in body, mind, or spirit; those awaiting surgery or medical results; those undergoing treatment; those living with long-term illness; and those caring for loved ones who are suffering.

Heavenly Father,

We come before You with humble and trusting hearts. You are the source of life, the Divine Physician, and our refuge in times of trouble.

Your Word assures us: “I am the Lord who heals you.” (Exodus 15:26)

Lord, look with compassion upon all those in our parish who are sick and suffering. Touch them with Your healing hand. Bring relief to those who are in pain, strength to those who are weak, courage to those who are afraid, and hope to those who feel discouraged.

As Your Word says, “He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.” (Psalm 147:3)

Lord Jesus, You went about doing good and healing those who were suffering. We ask You to draw near to every sick person this week. May they feel Your presence beside them, especially during the lonely moments of the night, in hospital rooms, at doctors’ appointments, and during difficult treatments.

Give wisdom and compassion to doctors, nurses, caregivers, and all who care for the sick. Guide their hands and their decisions, and grant them patience and understanding.

For those whose healing seems slow, give them perseverance. For those who are anxious about the future, give them peace. For those who have lost hope, restore their confidence in Your love.

We remember the words of the Psalmist:
“The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.” (Psalm 23:1)

Prayer for the week, cont.

May every person who is suffering know that they are not walking this journey alone. May their families be strengthened, their hearts be comforted, and their faith renewed.

Lord, we also entrust to You those whose illness may not be cured in the way they desire. Give them the grace to trust You one day at a time. May they discover Your presence even in the midst of suffering and know that Your love never abandons them.

Jesus, we trust in You.

Bless our parish family this week. Protect our elderly, our children, our families, and all who are vulnerable. Keep us close to You and teach us to be instruments of compassion, encouragement, and healing to one another.

We place every sickness, every fear, every doctor's report, every treatment, and every unanswered question into Your loving hands.

"Cast all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you." (1 Peter 5:7)

May the Blessed Virgin Mary, Health of the Sick, intercede for all who are suffering. May she accompany them with her motherly love and lead them ever closer to her Son, Jesus.

And may Almighty God bless you, strengthen you, heal you according to His holy will, and fill your hearts with His peace.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Have a blessed, peaceful, and hope filled week.

May the Lord be with you and remain close to you always. Amen

Wisdom Nuggets for the Week

Life is too short to live with hatred.
Work is too important to do dishonestly.
Relationships are too precious to neglect.
Love is too beautiful to take for granted.
And faith is too powerful to abandon when life becomes difficult.

So, live with gratitude, work with integrity, speak with kindness, forgive generously, love sincerely, and walk with God. At the end of the day, what matters most is not how much we possessed, but how much we loved and how many lives we touched.

Fr. Anthony Onoko

Communion to the Homebound

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

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

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

Monday, August 10
8:00 AM † Nick Vaccaro by Loving Family

Tuesday, August 11
8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

Wednesday, August 12
9:00 AM Mass at St. John the Baptist

Thursday, August 13
8:00 AM † Helen & ValGene Veschio by Their Children & grandchildren

Friday, August 14
8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

Saturday, August 15 — Vigil
8:00 AM Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
4:00 PM † Bill Hopkins by Wife, Andrea

Sunday, August 16 — 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 AM Pro Populo
10:30 AM † Nira Persico by Patricia Jackson

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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 — August 15 & 16, 2026

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
9:30 p.m.	P. Fantauzzi	J. Brown D. Harkins G. Pesi	M. Guiliford
8:30 a.m.	S. Stein	C. Pawlec F.Petrocky A. Pastella	T. Todd
10:30 a.m.	W. Vlasic	T. Gigliotti T. Mazzei K. Imbrescia	G. Yatchyshyn

Money Counters
Monday, August 10 — Team #3 — K. Byron

Stewardship

Weekly Collection August 2

Votive Candles:	177	Children & Adult:	3,081
Utility & Energy:	247	Online :	3,002
Accent::	9	**Total Collection:**	**$6,083**

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, 283 toward our parish goal.

Catholic Relief Services

In the hills of Ethiopia's West Hararghe zone, water in the Chiro district once came at a cost - measured not in money, but in time, health and opportunity. Hassen Ali Ibro remembers those days well. "As a community, we used to walk almost 2 miles just to collect water," he explains. "Even then, we had to filter it again before use." Despite their efforts, the water often made people sick. Visits to the health center were common. Clean water felt distant -something beyond reach, something that might never come.

Hassen Ali Ibro stands atop the water tank in his community.

Today, everything has changed. A new solar-powered water system, installed as part of a broader effort led by Catholic Relief Services and partner Hararghe Catholic Secretariat to help farming communities build lasting resilience after drought or flooding, has made a transformative difference. The benefits of clean, accessible water now ripple across Hassen's community. From a single water line, up to 7,000 people benefit from this life-changing resource in the form of better health and nutrition and increased harvests.

We are in need of a **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.

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

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.**

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: _____

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

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.

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!

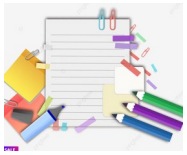
Readings for the Week

Readings for the week of August 9

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33
Monday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9/Jn 12:24-26
Tuesday: Ez 2:8-3:4/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wednesday: Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 18:15-20
Thursday: Ez 12:1-12/Ps 78:56-57, 58-59, 61-62/Mt 18:21-19:1
Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Mt 19:3-12
Saturday: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56
Next Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28

Inspiration for the Week — In the midst of life's greatest storms, Jesus comes to us, but we may not recognize him. We may test him. In doing so, he will test us — and likely, we will fail. But when we falter, his saving hand is there.

Brown Bag



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. This year, we are asking for 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.

Thank You!

"A note of thanks to all of you for your prayers, get well cards, Spiritual Bouquets of Masses, Rosaries and Communions offered, votive candles and your happy thoughts following my two recent brain surgeries. They have certainly helped my body and soul. As I continue to slowly move back in to covering Masses, please be assured of my prayers for you. May God bless you always and in all ways."

Fr. Ron Simboli

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

PATRONESS OF THE DIOCESE OF GREENSBURG

All are invited to join us as we celebrate our patronal feast day with two special events as we continue the Diocese of Greensburg's 75th Diamond Jubilee celebration.

THE EVE OF THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

AUGUST 14
7:30PM
CHRIST OUR SHEPHERD CENTER

Bishop Larry J. Kulick invites you to join him for Evening Prayer in Saint Joseph Chapel followed by a candlelight Rosary procession.

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

AUGUST 15
12:00PM
BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHEDRAL

Join Bishop Larry J. Kulick, the clergy, religious, and faithful for Mass with The Most Reverend Gabriele Giordano Caccia, Apostolic Nuncio as the principal celebrant and homilist.

Purse Bash

Catholic Charities Designer Purse Bash

Tickets will go on sale Saturday, **Aug. 15**, for Catholic Charities' 10th Annual Designer Purse Bash & Crystal Bake Sale, set for **Sunday, Nov. 1**, at the Barn at Ligonier Valley. Doors open at noon. **Tickets are $35** and can be purchased at **www.ccharitiesgreensburg.org** or by stopping in the office during business hours, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays. The event sells out annually, so it is recommended that tickets are purchased early. For information, call 724-837-1840.

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 can be seen at DioceseofGreensburg.org/Pilgrimage

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.

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: _____

St. John the Baptist Inaugural Car Show

Sunday, August 9, 2026

Noon to 4 PM

St. John the Baptist Church, 3332 Pittsburgh Road, Perryopolis

Food - Trophies
Chinese Auction – 50/50
Door Prizes

Trophies Awarded at 3:45 PM
Dash Plaques for first 100 cars

$10.00 per car entered

D.J. Arnie Amber

Info: 724-880-4296 or 724-620-8652

Virtues, Explained! What is serenity?

It is an attitude of calm, one that can only be identified when contrasted with turmoil. It is stillness in a storm. It is Christ, walking steadily across the raging waves. It is the feeling we find when we are reconciled to God's mercy.

Knights' Notes

Do you know someone looking for a way to **put their faith into action?** The Knights of Columbus Monessen Council 954 is looking for **men who want to make a difference** in our parishes and our communities. We aren't just a social club; we are a brotherhood built on the pillars of **Charity, Unity, and Fraternity.**

Why join us?

Impact: support our parish, youth scholarships, and disaster relief; Faith: Grow spiritually alongside men who share your values; Family: Enjoy social events that involve the whole family

Join for free on-line (kofc.org) or contact Ed Zboyovsky, Membership Director, at e.zboyovsky@gmail.com or 724-454-6419.

Enlighten

The Diocese of Greensburg, in partnership with the Institute for Ministry Formation, invites you to Enlighten!, a two-year academic and pastoral program in evangelizing catechesis for lay staff, volunteers and those discerning the permanent diaconate. Participants will engage in flexible online coursework, monthly in-person formation and leadership development while earning certification in catechesis. Deadline to register is Saturday, Aug. 15. For more information, email FFD@DioceseofGreensburg.org. Information is also available at **IMF.SaintVincentSeminary.edu/Greensburg.**

COR

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.

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

God in Ordinary Moments

Looking for God

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

What do we think when we see Jesus coming to save us?

The first thing the Apostles scream is "Ghost!" when they catch sight of Jesus walking towards them on water. That always makes me laugh. After all they have witnessed thus far as the companions of the Messiah, they see someone walking on water and they still react like extras in a bad episode of Scooby-Doo.

We are always more quick to believe a bad thing than a good thing. We can easily believe gossip and hearsay about a friend, but we fear being taken for a fool when it comes to faith. We would rather look cynical than stupid.

"Save me, God, for the waters have reached my neck," reads Psalm 69. "My eyes fail, from looking for my God."

I think back on my life, on all the various ways that God has rescued me from slipping beneath the surface. Rarely did it ever occur to me, in the midst of it, that I was being rescued. In fact, I usually thought I was being held underwater. Did I hear His voice directing me, or did I only hear my own despairing? "Save me, God." Was I looking for Him, or were my eyes shut in fear? "My eyes fail, from looking for my God."

It's never until after the fact — sometimes years after, or decades — that we see things clearly. That we see Christ in the situation, making his way toward us, hand outstretched.

Devotions

House Blessing, *Explained!*

Catholics who move to a new place of residence often wish to have their dwelling blessed, to call the favor and help of God upon all those who live in the house and all those who will enter it.

The Roman Ritual (Book of Blessings) provides two formats for house blessings: one during the Easter or **Christmas season (specifically for the Epiphany)** and one for Ordinary Time. Those who live in the home must be present for a house to be blessed. A priest, deacon or lay person can administer the blessing, although if a lay person does so they must use the rites accorded to lay ministers in the Roman Ritual. A house blessing includes Scripture readings, intercessions and a prayer of blessing. ©LPi