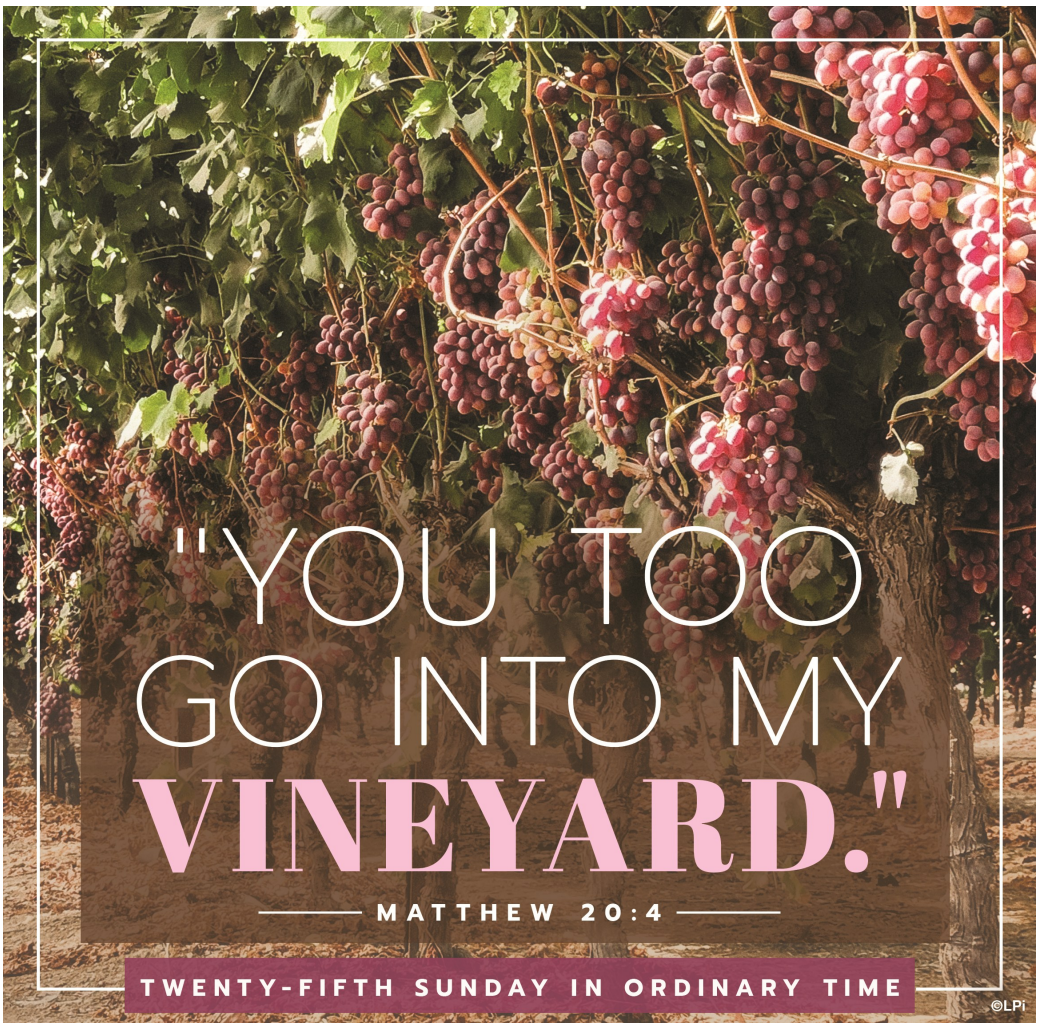
THE Epiphany OF OUR Lord

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sept. 20, 2026

25th 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

Epiphany of Our Lord Catholic Church
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www.eolparish.com

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Reflections

From Fr. Anthony Onoko:

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

ISA 55:6-9; PHIL 1:20C-24,27A; MATT 20:1-16

In the Gospel, Jesus tells of workers hired at different hours of the day, yet all receiving the same wage. Those who worked from the morning complain because they feel that the master has been unfair. But the master has not cheated them; he has given them exactly what he promised. Their difficulty is not injustice, but envy.

This parable teaches us that God's grace is not a salary earned by human effort. It is a gift flowing from his goodness. God is generous to the person who has served him faithfully for many years, and equally generous to the person who turns to him sincerely at the last moment.

How often do we compare ourselves with others: their opportunities, gifts, jobs, marriages, children, success or recognition? Comparison can quietly steal our joy and make us resent the blessings of others. Instead of saying, "Why has God been good to them?" we should thank God for his goodness and ask how we may use what he has given us.

The parable also challenges those who have come late to the vineyard. It is never too late to return to God, to begin again, to forgive, to pray, to seek Confession, or to serve the Church. But we should not delay our conversion. The master continues to call workers throughout the day, and he calls each of us now.

God's ways are higher than our ways. Let us rejoice in his generosity, work faithfully in his vineyard, and be grateful for the grace we have received.

Wisdom Nugget

The beautiful thing about life is that you can always grow, change and get better. You aren't defined by your past Some of the greatest reward you will ever achieve comes from what no one else is doing. Keep doing the good work that sets you apart. Balance brings clarity as it helps you to see what matters

All the hard good work you are putting in now will be worth it. The road maybe tough but the destination will worth it. Have faith in God with your good works. The Lord lifts

~Fr. Anthony Onoko

Prayer for the Month of September

Heavenly Father, as we enter the month of September, we come before you with faith and confidence, placing all our needs and the needs of our brothers and sisters into your loving hands. Your Word assures us, "Do not be afraid, for I am with you; do not be alarmed, for I am your God" (Isaiah 41:10).

Lord, remember all who are sick and suffering. We pray especially for those battling cancer, diabetes, heart problems and other serious or long-term illnesses. As your Word says, "Heal me, Lord, and I shall be healed" (Jeremiah 17:14). Strengthen them in moments of weakness, comfort them in their pain, bless their treatments and guide the doctors, nurses and families who care for them.

We pray also for all who are looking for employment. Open doors of opportunity for them, especially those who have experienced repeated disappointment. Provide for families struggling financially and bless the work of their hands, for "my God will fulfil all your needs" (Philippians 4:19).

May this month of September bring healing to the sick, employment to jobseekers, hope to the discouraged, peace to troubled hearts and abundant blessings upon our families. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

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

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, September 19 — Vigil
4:00 PM † Anthony Mascetta, Angela, Fiore & John Sacco by Julia Cain

Sunday, September 20 — 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 AM Pro Populeo
10:30 AM † Kenny Zimmaro by John & Noreen Tiech

Monday, September 21
8:00 AM † Evelyn Wojtkowski by Theodore Wojtkowski

Tuesday, September 22
8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

Wednesday, September 23
9:00 AM Mass at St. John the Baptist

Thursday, September 24
8:00 AM † Dolores R. Harhai by Susan & Brian Lane

Friday, September 25
8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian
10:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

Saturday, September 26 — Vigil
4:00 PM † Patti A. Bigi by Herman Bigi

Sunday, September 27 — 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 AM † Pro Populo by Pro Populo
10:30 AM † Patricia A. Fantauzzi by Madeline Kuklar & Family

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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. 26 & 27

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 p.m.	A. Punturiero	G. Pesi D. Harkins C. Pawelec	Volunteer
8:30 a.m.	D. DeCarlo	L. DeFelices S. Stein T. Todd	J. Todd
10:30 a.m.	P. Fantatuzzi	E. Yatchyshyn M. Melvin K. Imbrescia	T. Gigliotti

Money Counters
Monday, September 21 – Team #4 – A. Daniele

TL,DR

TL,DR (Too Long, Didn't Read) is for those of you who like things short, and want the pertinent information quick. Here is the short guide to parish activities and items of interest.

- FallFest is next weekend, Sept. 26; pg. 5
- Furthering our Faith begins Oct. 1; below
- Marinara Sauce Sale, pg. 4
- You must sign up for FlockNotes for Youth Faith Formation information; below
- Columbus Day Dinner, Oct. 10; pg. 5
- Rosary Prayer Breakfast, Oct. 3, St. Sebastian; Pg. 4
- St. Sebastian Calendar Ticket; pg. 4
- Appalachian Shoe Box; pg. 5

Furthering Our Faith

This fall, we will be looking at **Metanoia** for our Furthering Our Faith. The word metanoia means conversion, but much more than that. It means to change, to repent, to turn, to think differently. Conversion is for everyone at all times, inviting us to grow deeper in our faith. We will begin **October 1 and meet each Thursday for five weeks at 6:30 p.m. in the church hall.**

There is no study guide for the series, so there is no cost. We will watch the video by Wild Goose and have a brief discussion.

Sometimes the Spirit descends upon you gently, as a dove. Other times, the Spirit gets right up in your face like a goose with a score to settle. There are signup sheets in the back of the church.

Faith Formation

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.

Communion to the Homebound

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

Stewardship

Weekly Collection September 6

Votive Candles:	163	Online :	3,076
Utility & Energy:	125	**Total Collection:**	**$9,233**
Accent:	9	Seminary & Clergy:	20
Children & Adult:	5,860	**Total Collection:**	**$9,253**

Weekly Collection September 13

Votive Candles:	203	Children & Adult:	3,752
Utility & Energy:	95	Online :	962
Accent:	6	**Total Collection:**	**$5,018**

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 currently $5,383 toward our parish goal of $20,000.

Seminarian & Clergy Formation

There will be a second collection next weekend, September 26 & 27, for the Seminarian & Clergy Formation. Please prayerfully consider supporting our Seminarians, men preparing for the Permanent Diaconate, the ongoing formation of our Clergy, and our International Priests. You may respond with the tear-off portion of the letter that you received last week, the envelope in your parish packet, or online at **Dioceseofgreensburg.org/SCFC.**

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: _____

Bulletin by Email

If you would like to have the bulletin delivered to your email inbox, sign up at **www.parishesonline.com** As always, you can read and download the bulletin on the website and on the **parish app.**

Calendar Ticket

A 2027 Cash Calendar is available for sale at St. Sebastian Parish, Belle Vernon. You may stop by their Parish Office 801 Broad Ave., Belle Vernon (9 AM - 3 PM) and pick your winning number for 365 chances to win! Any questions or for more information call Linda at 724-929-9300.

Rosary Prayer Breakfast

Please join the St. Sebastian Ladies of Faith in a Rosary Prayer Breakfast on **Saturday, Oct.3.** Mass will begin at 9 a.m. followed by the rosary, breakfast and Deacon William Newhouse presenting, ***Holy Mary, Mother of God.*** Registration is due by Wednesday, Sept.23.

Rosary Prayer Breakfast
October 3, 2026

Name_____

Phone_____

Reservation cost of $10, must be included with this form.

Check_____ Cash_____

Please make checks payable to St. Sebastian Ladies of Faith. RSVP by Wednesday, Sept. 23
Mail to: St. Sebastian Church 801 Broad Ave
Belle Vernon, PA 15012
Att: Darleen Koury

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

Ascension App

The Ascension App for your phone or tablet, has the full Catechism of the Catholic Church, and complete text of the Great Adventure Bible, **daily Mass readings** and reflections and full rosary with audio from various speakers. **https://ascensionpress.com/pages/ascension-app**

Fall Fest

FallFest will be next weekend **Saturday, Sept. 26**! We'll meet under the pavilion to share news, fun and food! All ages welcome. **Weather permitting, the 4:00 p.m. Mass will be outdoors.** We will begin immediately following Mass and party until 8 p.m. There will be a variety of lawn games and a bonfire in the evening hours. We ill provide hot dogs. We are asking each family to bring a covered dish. For those whose last name begins with **A — G please bring a side dish and H —Z to bring a desert.** To get an idea of the number of people planning to attend, there will be a sign up sheet in the back of the church. This is an outdoor activity (weather permitting) so please dress appropriately.

Shoe Box Project

The Diocesan Central Council of Greensburg, **Society of St. Vincent DePaul,** will be participating in the Appalachian Christmas Shoe Box Project. The shoeboxes will be packed on Sunday, October 25 following the 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Sebastian in their parish hall. Help will also be needed in sorting the items for the shoe boxes. **Items requested are listed below.** They can be brought to either the Epiphany or St. Sebastian church office.

Priority Items:
Disposable Razors
Calendars
Shaving Cream
Bar Soap (full size)
Toothbrush /
Toothpaste (single items)
Deodorant
Washcloth
Purse Size Tissues
Comb/Brush
Pencils / Pens
Gloves
Shampoo
Body Wash

Optional Items:
Chapstick
Socks / Knee Highs
Hand Lotion
Small Puzzle Book
Denture Cleaner

Catholic Accent TV

The Sept. 27 episode of *The Catholic Accent* TV show, the Diocese of Greensburg's television program. Features inspiring stories: Sacristan Eleanor Hamrock, Holy Cross Parish, Youngwood, nearing her 100th birthday; Katie Zuzik, Cantor at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Greensburg, and Diocesan seminarians preparing for the priesthood and permanent deacons. Watch *The Catholic Accent* on **WPXI-TV at 11:30 a.m. Sept. 27**, or anytime at TheAccentOnline.org.

Around the Diocese

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

RAS Golf Outing, hosted by St. Bruno Parish, will be on **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, call 412-613-2348 or email kedmunds216@yahoo.com

Thank You

The cross in the Holy Name Cemetery was looking rather weathered. **Thank you to Bill and Karen Pepke** for repainting the crucifix. Your work is sincerely appreciated.

Join us for Coffee and Doughnuts after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. This hospitality is extended by a different organization each week.

DCCW Anniversary

Everyone is invited to attend the 65th anniversary celebration of the Diocesan Council of the National Council of Catholic Women (DCCW) on **Thursday, Sept. 24,** at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg. We will begin with rosary for priests at 5:30 p.m., acknowledgments by Bishop Larry J. Kulick; Father Eric J. Dinga, spiritual advisor, will celebrate **Mass at 6 p.m. Mass. There will be hors d'oeuvres and memory sharing afterwards.** There is no charge, but reservations must be made by **Thursday, Sept. 17** by calling Millie Krinock, 724-539-2064, or Betty Nemchik, 724-668-7436, or emailing Kathy Byron at KByron@DioceseofGreensburg.org.

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.

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Women are invited to attend Spirited 2026: "Chosen and Precious in the Sight of God" (1 Peter 2:4) **Saturday, Nov. 7, at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg.** The conference, a day of prayer, inspiration and fellowship sponsored by the Diocese of Greensburg's Office of Faith, Family and Discipleship, will feature nationally recognized Catholic speakers Mari Pablo and Ali Hoffman, along with keynote presentations, breakout sessions, witness talks, opportunities for Eucharistic Adoration and the Sacrament of Reconciliation, praise and worship, and Mass celebrated by Bishop Larry J. Kulick. Breakfast and lunch are included. Whether you are seeking spiritual renewal, deeper discipleship or fellowship with other Catholic women, Spirited 2026 offers a meaningful opportunity to grow in faith and encounter Christ. **Register now at DioceseofGreensburg.org/Spirited**.

Golden Anniversary

Bishop Larry J. Kulick invites all married couples celebrating their 50th wedding anniversaries in 2026 to join him for the Diocese of Greensburg's annual Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass Sunday, **Oct. 4,** at 3 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Greensburg. Couples must register **at DioceseofGreensburg.org/GWA or by calling 724-837-0901.** couples not attending the Mass can submit their names, addresses, and wedding date to Liz Hornicak **chornicak@dioceseofgreensburg.org** so that they can receive a letter and certificate from Bishop Kulick acknowledging this significant milestone.

God in Ordinary Moments

The Why

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Sometimes, the Gospel takes everything you think you know about Jesus, throws it in a box, shakes it violently, dumps it on the floor, looks you in the eye and says: "Clean it up."

And there you are, picking up the pieces, wondering how, after 2,000 years, someone can still keep you guessing.

Today is one of those Gospels. We know Jesus as a champion of the poor. We envision him as a social justice warrior. And now he's advocating for time theft in the workplace? Make it make sense.

Well, at its heart, today's Gospel is a story about who gets what. A story about comparison, which we are told is the thief of joy — but without comparison, nothing would ever get done. In this world, wages are set, court cases are settled, international borders are drawn, all by comparing one entity to another and evaluating that comparison to make a judgment.

What this Gospel doesn't tell us is the "why." The workers who labored longest in the vineyard feel cheated because those who showed up later earn the same wage. This would be egregious — unless we consider that the only criteria used in the comparison is the length of the work day's duration. Quality and efficiency of work is never even mentioned. For all we know, those all-day workers could have been standing around fanning themselves, and should feel lucky to get what they did.

"Why" is a question we ask a lot in this life. Why did my dad die? Why did I get cancer? Why did my husband lose his job? As we pick up the pieces of today's Gospel, we should ask ourselves this: when we know what we know about Who decides who gets what, do we have to know the "why?" ©LPi

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: _____