THE Epiphany OF OUR Lord

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sep. 6, 2026

23rd 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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Reflections

From Fr. Anthony Onoko:

Love Enough to Correct

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Yr A , 9/07/2026

Ezk 33:7-9; Ps 95; Rm 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20

The readings of this Sunday remind us that Christianity is not an individual journey. We are responsible, in some measure, for one another.

In the First Reading, God appoints Ezekiel as a watchman. A watchman does not create the danger; he sees it coming and sounds the warning. God tells Ezekiel that if he sees danger and refuses to warn the people, he will be held accountable. This teaches us that love sometimes requires the courage to speak. Silence is not always kindness. There are moments when refusing to correct someone may simply allow them to continue along a destructive path.

However, correction must always come from love. St Paul gives us the principle in the Second Reading: "Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour." Christian correction is never about humiliating people, proving ourselves right or broadcasting their failures.

Jesus shows us how this should be done. "If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone." Notice: go to him, not to everyone else. How often do we discuss someone's faults with others before speaking to the person concerned? Jesus proposes discretion, dialogue and respect. Only when private conversation fails should others gradually become involved.

This Gospel therefore challenges two extremes: correcting everyone harshly and refusing ever to correct anyone. Truth without love becomes cruelty; love without truth can become sentimentality. Christian love needs both.

Jesus concludes with the beautiful promise: "Where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them." Even difficult conversations become different when Christ is truly present.

So, some practical questions for this week: Do I gossip about faults I should address privately? Can people correct me without receiving hostility in return? When I correct someone, is my motive genuinely their good? Have I remained silent when love required me to speak? Is there someone with whom I need to seek reconciliation?

Lord Jesus, give us the courage to speak the truth, the humility to receive correction, the wisdom to know when to remain silent, and above all, the grace to do everything in love. Amen.

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

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

Ministry Callout

We are working on the new ministry schedule. This will run from **October 4 through November 22**. Please check your calendars and let us know when you will or will not be available by Sept. 18. Please contact Flo or Tara. Email Tara at tmanderino@dioceseofgreensburg.org or call the office.

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.

Already assisting with OCIA? You are invited to a day of formation, encouragement and fellowship next weekend, Saturday, September 12 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Christ Our Shepherd Center . To register, scan the QR code or visit **DioceseofGreensburg.org/OCIAtraining**. For info, email FFD@DioceseofGreensburg.org **Renew & Refresh!**

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.

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

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

Monday, September 7
8:00 AM † Ann & John Ciepley & Jackie Zelinsky by Andrea Hopkins

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

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

Thursday, September 10
8:00 AM † Gloria Salotti Dawson & Ella & Joseph Salotti by Daughter,Sharie & John

Friday, September 11
8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian
8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

Saturday, September 12 — Vigil
4:00 PM † Deceased Members of the Anders Family by Family

Sunday, September 13 — 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 AM Pro Populo
10:30 AM † Mafalda & Gus August by The August 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. 12 & 13

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 p.m.	G. Pesi	C. Pawelec W. White L. Henry	D. Harkins
8:30 a.m.	F. Petrosky	J. Todd L. DeFelices D. DeCarlo	M. Blatnik
10:30 a.m.	D. Yayodich	E. Yathcyshyn T. Gigliotti T. Mazzei	G. Yatchyshyn

Money Counters
Tuesday, September 8 – Team #2 – W. Anders

Stewardship

Weekly Collection August 30

Votive Candles:	156	Online :	961
Utility & Energy:	0	**Total Collection:**	**$3,547**
Accent:	3	Catholic University:	418
Assumption:	5	Seminary & Clergy:	10
Children & Adult:	2,449	**Total Collection:**	**$4,002**

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 holding at $3,329 toward our parish goal of $20,000.

Festival Report

All of the festival bills are accounted for, and we have a final report:

Festival Results for Friday: $17,064.18
Festival Results for Saturday: $11,735.15

Total Festival Income: $53,777.33
Expenses: $27,023.53

Grand Total combined Income, minus Expenses:

$26,753.80

In spite of all of the competing activities acknowledging the country's 250th Anniversary, we did rather well. Thank you to everyone who as helped in any way. It was certainly a wonderful time for our parish and for the community. If you would like a more detailed copy of the report you can pick one up in the office.

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: _____

Groups

The **Holy Name Society** will meet on September 13, 2026, in Epiphany Hall following the 8:30 Mass. **All Catholic men are invited** to attend.

Epiphany Ladies will meet on Sunday September 13 in the church hall following the 10:30 Mass. All current and new members are welcome. The officers are hosting a "Family Sunday Dinner" and we will discuss this year's theme; **Walking with Mary: growing in virtue through her example**. We will also present our fundraisers as well as our philanthropic agendas. Our theme for September is 'FAITH'. We will be collecting school supplies to help out the Monessen City School District.

We hosted this Sunday's Donut Social following 8:00 a.m. Mass and we will do so every first Sunday of the month.

Prayer Shawl

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on **Wednesday, September 9 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.

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

Let's Bowl

The season is starting. Last call for bowlers. 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

Save the Date

Mark **Saturday, Sept. 26** for our FallFest! We'll meet up under the pavilion to share news, fun and food! We are asking each family to bring a side dish. 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. We will begin with the 4:00 Mass outdoors (weather permitting) and party until 8. This is an outdoor activity (weather permitting) so dress appropriately. If you have any questions, please call the office.

Rosary Prayer Breakfast

Please join the St. Sebastian Ladies of Faith in a Rosary Prayer Breakfast on **Saturday, October 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, September 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, September 23

Mail to: St. Sebastian Church 801 Broad Ave
Belle Vernon, PA 15012

Att: Darleen Koury

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: _____

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**

Pilgrimage

Two weeks until the Pilgrimage to the National Shrine in Washington, D.C. 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 on Saturday, Sept. 19. The full schedule and registration can be seen at DioceseofGreensburg.org/Pilgrimage

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

Around the Diocese

St. John the Baptist Parish Flea Market, 3332 Pittsburgh Rd, Perryopolis (Social Hall) will be held Friday, September 18 thru Sunday, September 20, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day. *"One Man's Trash Is Another Man's Treasure!"* Come and find your treasure!

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

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

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 **ehornicak@dioceseofgreensburg.org** so that they can receive a letter and certificate from Bishop Kulick acknowledging this significant milestone.

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. 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.**

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.**

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.

God in Ordinary Moments

Treat Him Like a Gentile

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

In today's Gospel, Jesus gives instructions for ministering to those persisting in error. Here's the CliffsNotes version: If all else fails, "treat him as you would a Gentile or a tax collector."

In other words? Don't give up. Tell him the truth. Wash, rinse and repeat.

Technically speaking, I'm a Gentile. I've done those mail-in DNA tests, and none of my ancestors were Jewish. So whoever told my family about the God of Abraham, it wasn't Moses, and it probably wasn't Jesus himself, unless he spent some time in northwestern Europe that the Gospels fail to mention.

Nope, my ancestors were big old Gentiles living in a big old Gentile world. Lucky for me, someone evangelized them. At first, my ancestors probably didn't listen. But the evangelist, whoever he or she was, didn't give up.

I say "lucky for me" because this all means that I was born and raised Catholic. It makes it easier, I think — but it doesn't make it easy. I'm not an automaton, and I still have to accept the truth of the faith I choose to live. So do you. So do we all.

Inevitably, we falter. What then?

Who are the tax collectors? Zaccheus was one. Matthew was another. Maybe you recognize his name — he's the guy who wrote this Gospel. And who are the Gentiles? Me. You, maybe. Everyone the disciples decided not to give up on. Everyone the Church is called not to forget about, not to dismiss, and not to take for granted.

So treat them all like Gentiles, and remember that God sees the future, not just the past. ©LPi

The office will be closed on Monday, September 7 in observance of Labor Day.