



**August 6, 2023**



Today's readings

**18th 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: 11:30 a.m.  
Or by appointment

### All Sacraments:

Please call the office



## OUR LOCATION

### Epiphany of Our Lord Catholic Church

44 Pennsylvania Blvd., Monessen, PA 15062

 724-684-7661

 [www.eolparish.com](http://www.eolparish.com)

### Office Hours

Mon.–Thurs.: 8:30 am, - 3:00 p.m. Fri.: 8:30 a.m.– 12 Noon

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## LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

### Saturday, August 5 — Vigil

10:00 PM † Sam Dalfonso by Ida & Family

### Sunday, August 6 — Transfiguration of Jesus

8:30 AM † Barbara Felak by Dr Martin & Madeline Dudas

10:30 AM † Joe & Stella Reda Russell & Adeline Sherrad by Children

### Monday, August 7

8:00 AM † Nicholas Vacarro by Loving Family

### Tuesday, August 8

8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

### Wednesday, August 9

No Mass

### Thursday, August 10

8:00 AM † Phillips & Alcorn Families by Rick & Patty Alcorn

### Friday, August 11

8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

### Saturday, August 12 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Gus & Irene Kuzynski by Bob & Debbie

### Sunday, August 13 — 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM † Mickey Harris by Ted Harhai

10:30 AM † Stephen Major, Sr. by Jay & Marcia Rocereta

### Parish Office:

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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 12 & 13

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
10:00 p.m.	S. Surdyn	J. Elias	S. Punteriero
8:30 a.m.	F. Petrosky	L. DeFelices	Volunteer M. Smith
10:30 a.m.	M. Melvin	T. Mazzei	G. Smith

### Money Counters

Monday, August 7—Team #5 — R. Croushore

## The Transfiguration of Jesus

This week we step out of Ordinary Time as we celebrate the Transfiguration of Jesus. This feast represents a new awareness for the disciples of Jesus, but it also brings to all of us a new awareness as well. First of all, this miraculous event takes place on a mountain, which for the ancients meant that it was the site of divine revelation. Jesus is revealed to his disciples as being the true Son of God, even though those disciples had no idea what that could mean let alone what it was asking of them. Matthew, in his gospel, understands this event as a moment of new awareness. The disciples were led to see Jesus in the same way that God sees him.



As for the disciples, they left that mountain “transformed” because of what they experienced. Now, we look at what this miraculous event has to do with us in our lives. First of all, we have all had those experiences where we felt God present to us in a special way. It may have been a fleeting moment, but we have all had them. When we feel that closeness to God or that God is with us in a special way, we want to hold onto it and we don’t want that moment to leave. This is exactly what the disciples felt. When they saw Jesus turning “white as light” they did not want that moment to leave, they wanted to hold onto it. That is why Peter wanted to build three tents: “one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” The tents for the Jewish people represented home, because of the years they wandered through the desert. Those disciples wanted that moment to last.

When Jesus was transfigured in front of his friends, it was at that moment that things suddenly became clear to them. It was at that moment when they understood who Jesus was and why he came among them. As much as they wanted to stay on that mountain, Jesus quickly assures them that they have to descend the mountain and return to their lives. They were to take what they learned and use it in their own mission of life. Again, we can relate to that scenario. When we experience God’s presence and don’t want it to go, we want to stay and hold onto it in the same way. And, as Jesus told his disciples, he tells us also that we must take what we learn and use it in life.

St. Peter in the second reading reminds all of us that such insight can be ours as well. When we believe and pay attention to life we too can find the risen Christ transfigured. It is in the everyday simple things of life that we can truly find that presence of Christ. This will happen only if we are looking for it. When those friends of Jesus left that mountain they were changed people because of what they saw. You and I are to do the same. We are to share those moments of awareness by our actions and attitudes towards one another.

### Weekly Collection July 31

Votive Candles:	226
Utility & Energy:	54
Accent:	6
Children & Adult Collection:	3,772
Online Collection:	705
<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$4,763</b>

## Save These Dates

Fall seems a way off yet, but activities are being booked! At Epiphany, mark your calendar for these days. More information will be available closer to the dates.

- Knights of Columbus Spaghetti Dinner, September 17
- Epiphany Ladies Soup Sale, end of September
- Halloween Party, October 29
- Murder Mystery Dinner, November 4

## Inspiration For the Week

“Do not tell the vision to anyone until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead,” Jesus told his disciples. Why keep such an amazing thing as the Transfiguration a secret? Because the world wasn’t ready for the end of the story yet. Sometimes, the glory only makes sense after the trials.

## Stewardship

### Brown Bag Sunday



It is about time to start getting ready for our Brown Bag Sunday with school supplies. We will have our **Brown Bag Sunday next weekend, August 12 - 13**. So...if you see any back packs or school supplies on sale pick them up

now for the collection. Many students from our area have benefited from this collection in years past, know that you will be helping needy children with your generosity.

### St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store

Last week I put an article in the bulletin requesting help for the St. Vincent de Paul store. I cannot emphasize enough what a need there is! Our St. Vincent Thrift Store certainly assists many people throughout the Valley, **but they do need your help**. If you can give a couple hours of your time to help at the store, please know how grateful they will be. If you think you can help, please give Kathy Steffy a call at the store: 724-684-5147.



## Groups

**Holy Name Sunday** is next Sunday, August 13. There will be Corporate Communion at the 8:30 a.m. Mass. There will be no meeting in August.

## Salt & Light Award

Salt and Light Award Nominations Do you know an individual or organization worthy of recognition for their time, treasure and talent? If so, we want to hear from you! Catholic Charities is seeking nominees in the categories of Humanitarianism, Philanthropy and Outstanding Human Service Organization. Nominations are being accepted through Oct. 31 for the 24th annual Communities of Salt & Light Awards Dinner. The dinner is scheduled for Thursday, April 18, 2024, at Stratigos Banquet Centre, North Huntingdon. Nomination forms and criteria can be found at [ccharitiesgreensburg.org](http://ccharitiesgreensburg.org) under "Fundraisers"

## Around the Diocese

### Tours of St. Vincent Basilica, Latrobe

**Steelers fans and community members** are invited to tour St. Vincent Basilica Wednesday, **Aug. 9, from 6-8 p.m.** Light refreshments will be served. For more information, contact Kristina Davies at 724-539-8629, ext. 19, or [kristina.davies@stvincent.edu](mailto:kristina.davies@stvincent.edu).

### Pasta dinner at St. Peter Parish, Brownsville

A pasta dinner will be held **Sunday, Aug. 13**, from noon-5 p.m. (or until sold out) in St. Mary's Social Hall at St. Peter Parish, Brownsville. Cost is \$12 for pasta, meatballs, salad, bread, dessert and beverage. Takeout will be available. For information, call 724-364-7070.

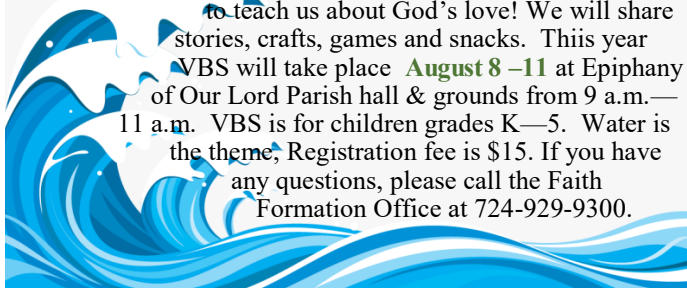
### Catholic school tuition assistance available

SPREAD THE NEWS! The 12 Diocese of Greensburg Catholic schools now have millions of dollars in tuition assistance available! Become a TOP Student today. Visit [www.CatholicSchoolsGuide.org](http://www.CatholicSchoolsGuide.org) or call 724-552-2565.

## Faith

### Vacation Bible School—Make A Splash!

We're making waves with this year's VBS! Water is the theme so prepare to get splashed while hearing how Jesus uses water to teach us about God's love! We will share stories, crafts, games and snacks. This year VBS will take place **August 8-11** at Epiphany of Our Lord Parish hall & grounds from 9 a.m.—11 a.m. VBS is for children grades K—5. Water is the theme. Registration fee is \$15. If you have any questions, please call the Faith Formation Office at 724-929-9300.



## Questions of the Week

### First Reading:

In a vision, the prophet Daniel sees the heavenly throne of God and the coming kingdom of God represented by a human figure, a "son of man." The vision speaks to God's everlasting love and ultimate control of the world. *Why do you think God reveals Himself in visions?*

### Second Reading:

Peter speaks of his eyewitness to the majesty of Jesus Christ. *How might you witness to family or friends this week your beliefs about Jesus?*

### Gospel:

The transfiguration reveals Jesus's divinity to Peter, James, and John, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." *What would you say is the most important lesson from Jesus that we should listen to?*

## Feast of the Assumption

Next week, August 15, we will celebrate the Feast of the Assumption. This holy day marks the Virgin Mary's bodily ascent into heaven at the end of her earthly life. Since the Assumption is a Holy Day, we will have an anticipated Mass here at **Epiphany on Monday, August 14 at 7:00 p.m.** There will be Mass at St. Sebastian on Tuesday, August 15 at 8:00 a.m.

## Blessing of Backpacks

It seems Summer has just started and we are looking at going back to school. To help our young people begin their school year on the right note, we are having a blessing of backpacks on Sunday, August 20 at the 10:30 a.m. Mass. School children, students of all ages, and teachers are encouraged to attend and receive this blessing.



## Daily Readings

### Readings for the week of August 6, 2023



**Sunday:** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9

**Monday:** Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mt 14:13-21

**Tuesday:** Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13/Mt 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14

**Wednesday:** Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-22, 23/Mt 15:21-28

**Thursday:** 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9/Jn 12:24-26

**Friday:** Dt 4:32-40/Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 and 21/Mt 16:24-28

**Saturday:** Dt 6:4-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 47 and 51/Mt 17:14-20

**Next Sunday:** 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33