



**August 28, 2022**



**22nd Week  
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

## PARISH STAFF

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## LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

### Saturday, August 27 — Vigil

4:00 PM Mass of Thanksgiving: 67th Wedding Anniversary by Robert & Rosemary Betza

### Sunday, August 28 - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM † Vicki (Malec) Moody by Loving Mom, Family & Friends

10:30 AM † James Barron by Mary Ann & Joe Gallo

### Monday, August 29

8:00 AM † Dolores Hazy by Jim, Hope, Kali and Tom

### Tuesday, August 30

No Mass

### Wednesday, August 31

No Mass

### Thursday, September 1

8:00 AM † Paul Stanisz by Mr & Mrs Pastella

### Friday, September 2

No Mass

### Saturday, September 3 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Ron Danko by Frances & Betty Hall

### Sunday, September 4 — 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM † Trimaero & Daniele Family by Janet Daniele

10:30 AM † Louise M. Stofka by Steve & Janice (Stofka) Frank

### Parish Office:

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**Parish Office: 724-684-7661**

**Church Hall: 724-684-5512**

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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. 3 & 4

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 p.m.	P. Fantauzzi	J. Dudas	B. Rizzuto
8:30 a.m.	F. Petrosky	A. Pastella	L. Assenat
10:30 a.m.	R. Kozar	E. Yatchyshyn	E. Yatchyshyn

### Money Counters

**Monday, August 29—Team #4 — J. Petritis**

### Ministry Call Out

If you have any changes to your schedule, please let Tara know by **Wednesday, September 7**. The new schedule will run from September 18 through November 13. Call the office or email Tara at [tmanderino@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:tmanderino@dioceseofgreensburg.org)

## "Humble yourself the more, the greater you are..."

It amazing how often in life the simple things matter the most. It is the small things in life that seem to make the biggest impression on us. It is no surprise then that once again we find Jesus eating a meal and presenting us with yet another parable or lesson on life. A simple thing like sharing food becomes a springboard for far more important matters. All of us at one time or another has had the good fortune of being invited to someone's home for dinner. When the host and hostess are good friends, the evening is one we look forward to and is an enjoyable and energizing time. When the host and hostess are, perhaps, little-known business acquaintances, we might be more apprehensive and be on our best behavior, and we might find the evening more energy-draining than enjoyable. This seems to be the case with the gospel this week. Jesus was invited to the home of a leading Pharisee and we can probably surmise that Jesus arrived there in a frame of mind different from one he might have had when invited to Martha and Mary's home.



Social dictates have certainly changed since the time of Jesus. Jesus was well aware of the fact that the Pharisees were an exclusive club who were known to dine only with each other so as to observe strict purity. Places of "honor" were common at any feast, and it was certainly a practice to allow people of status and position to get those seats of "honor." This was done so that the host would be remembered and the favor returned at a future date. Jesus takes this opportunity to admonish the Pharisees to reach out to others, those not in their circle of acquaintances. He challenges them to be as generous and kind to those people who could never repay them as they were with each other. He calls them to a life of humility.

Those sitting around that table with Jesus were given a lesson showing that acts of earthly humility and generosity are met with heavenly exaltation and God's generosity. Humility is, in part knowing one's strengths and weaknesses and one's place. Humility is the virtue by which we acknowledge our status before God: we are "the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind" who come to God's table because of God's invitation and generosity. As deeply humble people, we come to God empty and open ourselves to God's filling us with what is lasting. This reward, everlasting life at God's messianic banquet, is ours if we but treat others as God treats us. We ourselves must bestow dignity and generosity on others.

Jesus is calling the disciples as well as he is calling each of us back to the authentic Jewish tradition of caring for the "widow, orphan, and sojourner." These three groups of people in Israelite society were symbolic of those who were in a position of needing others to look after their wellbeing. The lowly are those who need food, clothing, and shelter; our cities are full of these kinds of dispossessed people. The lowly are also the children in our midst; the physically, emotionally, mentally, or spiritually challenged; the elderly. We do not need to look very far to put Jesus' teaching this week into practice.

The three signs of the cross before the Gospel show our desire and good intention to hear and live the Word. There is a little prayer that goes with the three crosses before the Gospel: "May the words of the Holy Gospel be on my mind, on my lips and in my heart."

### Weekly Collection August 21

Votive Candles:	184
Utility & Energy:	60
Accent:	71
Assumption:	293
Children & Adult Collection:	3,838
Online Collection:	1,047
<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$5,493</b>
Seminarian	10
Catholic university:	17
<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$5,520</b>

## Stewardship

### School Supplies



I want to say a heartfelt thank you to all of you who brought in school supplies for children in Our area. Sometimes we just don't appreciate how much our generosity touches the lives of people. Know that many children will be "touched" by your generosity.

### Thank You

We received a letter from **Fr. Leon** thanking everyone for their thoughtfulness, cards and prayers. He asked: "Please continue to ask our heavenly Father, through his Beloved son, Jesus, to anoint me with the healing grace of the Holy Spirit."

During recovery, he is concelebrating Mass in their monastic infirmary chapel. Should you wish to send Fr. Leon a card, the address is: Fr. Leon Hont, St. Vincent Archabbey 300 Fraser Purchase Rd., Latrobe Pa. 15650-2690

## Around the Diocese

Special Interest Groups that meet regularly in the Diocese.

### Cancer support group

The **St. Peregrine cancer support group** meets monthly (usually the third Wednesday at 7 p.m.) at **St. Barbara Parish, Harrison City**. All cancer survivors and caregivers are welcome, or a mix of both. Meeting dates for 2022 are Sept. 21, Oct. 12, Nov. 16 and Dec. 21.

### Divorce support group

Anyone who has filed for divorce or completed a divorce is welcome to attend a **divorce support group hosted by St. Vincent Basilica Parish**. The group will meet on 13 Wednesdays from 7-9 p.m. at St. Vincent Grove, Sept. 7-Dec. 14. Members accompany one another to find hope and healing from the grief, doubt, anger and stress brought about by the end of their marriage relationship. To register, visit [divorcecare.org/groups/150150/registrations/new](http://divorcecare.org/groups/150150/registrations/new). For information, contact Teri Pomerleau at 724-539-8629, ext. 15, or [tpomerleau@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:tpomerleau@dioceseofgreensburg.org).

### Always God's Children

Meetings for Always God's Children, a ministry for LGBTQ Catholics and their families, are held in-person and virtually the second Thursday of every month from 7-8:30 p.m. at St. Vincent Basilica Parish, Latrobe. For information, contact Kristina Davies, [kristina.davies@stvincent.edu](mailto:kristina.davies@stvincent.edu) or call 724-539-8629, ext. 19.

### Interested?

If you are interested in any of the following, or need more information, please call the office.

- ◆ We are looking to have a **yoga class** in the church hall. A lot will depend on the level of interest. If you are interested, please let us know.
- ◆ If you would like to help out with any aspect of the **photo directory** project in November, please let us know. There will be an informational meeting with a representative from the company on Monday, September 19 at 1:00 p.m.
- ◆ We are always looking for assistance with **Faith Formation**. If you can help out in some way, call the church office or the Faith Formation office at 724-929-9300.

## Faith

### Faith Formation

Over the next few weeks we will have registration forms available for all of our children who will be a part of our faith formation program. I ask that you take the time to read the information and do all that you can to become a part of our formation process. **Learning about our faith is a lifelong journey.** It truly does become our responsibility to do all that we can to pass our faith on to future generations.

If you would like to **be a part of the formation process in our parish**, please know that whatever gifts you have to offer, they are welcome. If you have any questions about this year's program you can call the faith formation office (724-929-9300) for more information.



### Bible Study

As Catholics, we do many things by habit. During our Bible Study / Adult Ed program sessions we will be using **What We Believe**, to give us a deeper understanding of why we do what we do as Catholics. The cost of the six week program is \$30. This includes the book, workbook and timeline chart as well as one year of online access. We begin on **Monday, Sept. 19 at 6:30 p.m.** Registration deadline is Friday, Sept. 9. If you have any questions, please call the office at 724-684-7661.

### Catholic Men's Retreat

The Diocese of Greensburg Men's Ministry Team is planning a Catholic Men's Retreat from **7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 30, until 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 1 at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg**. Bishop Larry J. Kulick will celebrate a closing Mass for all participants. For those staying both days, the cost is \$100 for a single room, \$80 for a double room, with all meals included. There are also options for those not staying overnight or only attending one day. High school and college students receive a registration discount, and financial assistance is available. For more information, contact Jim Pencola at 724-726-5315 or Dan Lieberum at 724-787-1797. **Registration is due by Thursday, Sept. 15.**

## Councils Meeting

### Pastoral / Finance council meeting

On Monday, **September 12 at 6:30 p.m.** we will have a meeting of both the Pastoral and Finance Councils. The meeting will be held in the church hall. Please mark your calendars for this meeting.

## Festival Wrap Up

There will be a **Festival Wrap Up Meeting on Tuesday, August 30 at 6:30 p.m.** in the church hall. The meeting is open to everyone. Come and discuss what worked this year and how we can improve next year.

## Daily Readings

### Readings for the week of August 28, 2022

**Sunday:** Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14  
**Monday:** 1 Cor 2:1-5/Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102/Mk 6:17-29  
**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