



**July 17, 2022**

**16th 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



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## 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, July 16 — Vigil

4:00 PM † James Barron by Cliff & Kim Gorski & Josephine Ondulick

### Sunday, July 17 — 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM † Vicki Malec Moody by Mom, Loving Family and Friends

10:30 AM † Pauline DeRose by Rose, Marge & Annie

### Monday, July 18

8:00 AM † Angela Lancas by Ann Maisano

### Tuesday, July 19

No Mass

### Wednesday, July 20

No Mass

### Thursday, July 21

8:00 AM † Mary & Sil Garofala by Kathy, Becky & Burt

### Friday, July 22

No Mass

### Saturday, July 23 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Mary Stinogle by Son, Roy Stinogle

### Sunday, July 24 — 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM † Joseph A. Salvino by Mr & Mrs. Fred Naccarato

10:30 AM † Talarico Family; Angela, Felice, John by Marge Talarico

### 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 — July 23 & 24

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 p.m.	S. Surdyn	J. Elias	B. Rizzuto L. Assenat
8:30 a.m.	K. Miller	L. DeFelices	D. DeFelices V. Watkins
10:30 a.m.	J. Sacco	K. Byron	S. Yatchyshyn

### Money Counters

Monday, July 18—Team #4—J. Petritis

## What is the “Better Part”?

Hospitality is the thread that links our scriptures for today. Traditions of hospitality vary from culture to culture around the world. The altar table, the family table, Abraham’s table, and Martha and Mary’s table, though different in time and space, need not be different in their effect.



Our scriptures start out with a story from Genesis focusing on the generosity and hospitality of Abraham and his wife Sarah. Abraham is met with three visitors and he spares nothing to make them feel welcome. Little did he know that he was being visited by God, which shows us that the nearness of God is always present. There are no limits to the ways in which God can encounter with our lives.

The Gospel presents us with another situation of hospitality. One in which Jesus finds himself a guest at the home of Martha and Mary. There are a number of social issues in this particular situation that give true meaning to the story. When we understand the rigid social structures of the patriarchal society in which Jesus lived, we can see how absolutely daring it was for Mary to sit at Jesus’ feet and give him her undivided attention. Jesus was a rabbi, and there is a verse in the Talmud that states, “It is better to burn the Torah than to teach it to women.” Here again we find Jesus turning that world upside-down.

The familiar story of Martha and Mary has been used and misused probably since it was written. Jesus tells Martha: “Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her.” What exactly is the better part? Keeping in mind that we are dealing with hospitality, and we need to remember that there is no one way to be hospitable. Hospitality in its deepest sense makes possible a personal encounter of the kind that Mary is having with Jesus. This is the “better part” to which Jesus refers. Hospitality is a genuine welcome of the other, and surrender to the other. It sets up the possibility of hearing the visitor’s message: one critical aspect of discipleship is listening. Thus, the better part is listening to Jesus, being attentive to Jesus’ presence. Abraham is totally attentive to the three strangers: he greets them and bows down in respect; he extends an invitation to remain a while, and then acts after he has listened to the strangers’ reply. In contrast, Martha is “anxious and worried.” She loses sight of her guest and gets wrapped up in her task, as well-meaning as that may be. Martha surrendered to anxiety and worry rather than to the presence of her Guest. What is the “better part”? As important as certain aspects of hospitality are, the “better part” is to listen and surrender to the presence of the Lord. Faithful discipleship depends upon these surrendering and listening aspects of hospitality.

In the “busyness” of the average person’s everyday life, we must take time to listen to others so that we truly encounter them. This is primary if we disciples are not to lose sight of the one who teaches us, and often teaches us through those to whom we are truly hospitable. Discipleship calls us to be busy about others and to listen and take the other into our heart. The encounter with Jesus is essential for Christian hospitality. Let us hear that well!

### Weekly Collection July 4

Votive Candles:	183
Utility & Energy:	165
Accent:	30
Children & Adult Collection:	5,917
Online Collection:	1,118
<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$7,413</b>

### Weekly Collection July 11

Votive Candles:	198
Utility & Energy:	130
Accent:	15
Children & Adult Collection:	5,894
Online Collection:	893
<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$7,130</b>

### Catholic Charities offers counseling

Catholic Charities provides virtual and in person counseling. Call Catholic Charities at 724-837-1840 or email [counseling@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:counseling@dioceseofgreensburg.org).



## Auction Donation

We're looking to make our most popular auction basket —the Lottery Basket—bigger and better than ever this year! If you are able, please donate scratch off lottery tickets that can be added to the basket. You can drop the ticket(s) off at the office, or in a marked envelope in the collection basket. Thank you. Your involvement makes a difference!



## Parish Raffle

As a part of the festival we sponsor a parish raffle ticket. They have been mailed out to all of our families. We have been getting a good return but if you have not yet sent in your tickets, won't you please consider doing so?

## Parish Festival

### Epiphany Parish Festival

In just a few weeks we will be celebrating our parish festival. Many people put a lot of time and effort in getting this picnic ready, for all of their service we have been blessed! As in years past, there will be a wide variety of food, fun and games for people of all ages. It is **a good opportunity for us to gather as a family and simply enjoy one another's company.** Everything will begin after Mass on the 6<sup>th</sup> of August. At 9:30 p.m. we will have a fireworks display and this will be followed by an outdoor Mass at 10:00 p.m. Sunday we will begin after the 10:30 a.m. Mass and run until 8:00 p.m. Sunday evening.

To be sure that everything runs smoothly and all of our bases are covered, there will be signup sheets in the back of church that you may sign. Let us know when you are available to help and what it is you would like to do. We always need help in the kitchen washing pots and pans, and at the end of the day we need help getting things cleaned up. There is something for everyone to do, **won't you lend a hand and help** with this year's festival?



## Festival Season

**St. Edward Parish** in Herminie will sponsor a **Festival and Food Truck Rally on Sunday, July 24th** from 12:00 Noon - 6:00pm. The afternoon includes Games, Cash Raffle, Basket Raffle, Free Hayrides, Kids Games, Bingo, Cold Refreshments, Desserts, and delicious food from our 7 Food Truck vendors along with entertainment by the Woods Family Trio from 2-5pm. Come early to get the best food selections! All are welcome!

**St. Andrew the Apostle Summerfest** will be at 1st & Main St., Monongahela (behind Dierken's Pharmacy) on Friday, July 15 from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. and Saturday, July 16, 11 a.m.—4 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. Entertainment. Bake Sale, games, small games of chance, Italian, Slovak and American foods. Mass in the park Saturday, July 15 at 4:00 p.m.

**St. Rita Parish, Connellsville** will conclude its festival Saturday, July 16, from 5:30-10 p.m. The Party Time Polka Band will perform. For information, call 724-628-6840.

**St. Bartholomew Parish, Crabtree,** will conclude its Our Lady of Mount Carmel Celebration Saturday and Sunday, July 16 and 17. Festival grounds open at 5 p.m. Saturday. Events include blessing of bikes, 5K run/walk, fireworks, Mass, procession and more. For information, call 724-834-0709.

## Be Ready for God to 'Stop By'

In my experience, most people can be divided into two groups: those who are old enough to remember when you kept food on hand for company, and those who aren't.

For those of you in the latter group, let me explain. Before text messaging and social media made us all unconditionally, mercilessly reachable, people would do this thing called "stopping by." They would be passing by a friend's house, maybe on the way home from work or shopping, and they would just ... stop. With no warning. No notice whatsoever. "I was just in the neighborhood," they would say. I remember my mother and I would do this on many a Saturday. It wasn't an everyday occurrence, but it was common enough that you had to be ready.

"Crazy," you might exclaim. "People just appeared on your doorstep? How did you cope with the uncertainty?" Well, most of us had moms who kept a little something on hand to eat or drink that was extra nice, just in case anyone stopped by. That way, we were always ready.

Today's readings are about a lot of things: prayer, hope, redemptive suffering. They're about what it means to *be* a Christian, and not just what it means to do Christian things.

Most of all, though, they're about readiness. If God showed up at your door, would you be ready for Him? Would you be ready for what He gives you, or what He takes away? Would you be ready for Him to interrupt the plans you have for yourself? To disrupt the idea you carry in your mind of what a servant or a steward is supposed to be?

Read your Bible. Say your rosary. Go to Mass. Get to Confession. Talk to God — every day, not just when you think you need Him. That way, you are always ready.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS  
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## Positions Available

### SSRCS Hiring Teachers

Needed for the 2022-2023 School Year: a Certified Full time 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher, a part time 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher, Physical Education teacher and a Preschool Aid. We are also in need of substitute teachers. Please email resume to [CAiello@sssbv.org](mailto:CAiello@sssbv.org).

### Substitute Teachers

The Catholic schools of the Diocese of Greensburg are accepting applications for substitute teachers. Send current resume to the Office of Catholic Schools at [CatholicSchools@DioceseofGreensburg.org](mailto:CatholicSchools@DioceseofGreensburg.org). For more information, call 724-552-2594.

## Golf Outing

### Catholic Charities Annual Golf Outing

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg will host its **20th Annual Paul R. Smiy Memorial Golf Outing** Friday, Aug. 12, at Ligonier Country Club, with a 10 a.m. shotgun start. The outing will feature **theme holes**, "Pope Putt," **skill prizes** and more. Cost is \$150 per golfer or \$600 per four-some. Sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information or to register, visit [charitiesgreensburg.org](http://charitiesgreensburg.org).

## Monthly Rosary

The Knights of Columbus will hold their monthly rosary on Wednesday, **July 20 at 7 p.m.** They will meet in the Knights' Council Hall on Grand Blvd., Monessen. All parishioners are invited. Light refreshments will follow.

