



July 23, 2023



Today's readings

**16th 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



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OUR LOCATION

Epiphany of Our Lord Catholic Church

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LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, July 22 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Garofala & Arabia Families by Family

Sunday, July 23 — 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM † Charles Urbanowicz by Harhai Family

10:30 AM † Karen Salotti by Vince Salotti

Monday, July 24

8:00 AM † James Barron by Clemmie Malec

Tuesday, July 25

No Mass

Wednesday, July 26

No Mass

Thursday, July 27

8:00 AM John & Ann Ciepley by Children, Jackie, Myron & Andrea

Friday, July 28

8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

Saturday, July 29 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Lena & Pete Salotti by Michael & Donna Apostolakis

Sunday, July 30 — 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM † Emily Zboyovsky by George & Michael Zboyovsky

10:30 AM † Nathan Campus by Kathy & Ted Harhai

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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 29 & 30

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 p.m.	P. Fantauzzi	A. Punteriero	S. Punteriero
8:30 a.m.	K. Miller	J. Todd	T. Todd
10:30 a.m.	R. Kozar	E. Yatchyshyn	L. Assenat

Money Counters

Monday, July 24—Team #3 — K. Byron

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on **Tuesday, August 1 from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.** in the church hall. Come and join us to participate. For more info please contact Barb Mandarino at 724-684-5547.

Becoming Seeds of Hope!

Our liturgy this week offers us an abundance of hope as we listen to the readings. Once again we are presented with a few of Jesus' stories or parables which give us an insight into our own behavior and attitudes. Through our readings we are given another glimpse of the "hope" we find in God. In both the first reading as well as the gospel we see God's "mastery over all things."



In our culture today "mastery" has somewhat of a different interpretation than what we get from the scriptures. Our notion of mastery today often includes power over others, control, domination, force and manipulation. In contrast God's "might is the source of justice." God's mastery is exercised by care, justice and patience. God does not judge on the spur of the moment, rather God is patient and kind, leaving much room for hope.

God's might is the source of divine mercy. God's might makes it possible for God to be "lenient to all." From such an understanding of God, we are shown a wonderful lesson. If God is merciful, we too should be merciful. Wouldn't it be wonderful if everything in life worked out the way it was supposed to? There would be no worrying or fear about anything, because everything would be as it should be. Life is full of foiled plans, withered gardens, and all types of disasters. Jesus speaks to us in three parables describing the kingdom as we presently experience it: there are weeds among the wheat, a bush is in growth, and the dough is rising. None of these are finished products; it takes time and patience to bring forth the desired end.

The Gospel reminds us that even good people in life struggle with the problems and worries of evil. We are shown that all of life is a paradox between good and evil. It would be great if we were able to simply pluck the evil from life and let the good grow on its own. We are reminded that in life we live side by side with both good and evil, and we are influenced by both forces. Therefore, it is even more important to understand the power behind our choices.

Today we are told of a God that will always be there, regardless of our choices. In the book of Wisdom, we see that even though God is the sovereign creator of all, God does not destroy the wicked. The righteousness of God dispenses kindness and restraint as a sign of hope. Every day we read of terrorism and abuse of power. We find the oppression of poor and powerless peoples. There is corruption in government and high places of business and finance. As the workers of the vineyard, we all want to pluck out the evil.

Jesus reminds us that we simply cannot do that. We must learn to live side by side with both forces. Jesus tells us to be careful for we might root out the good along with the evil. Simply put, we are to trust in God's gentle loving Spirit. Sometimes that Spirit is like yeast, causing slow change; sometimes it's like a mustard seed, small at first, but finally growing into a large shrub. We must have faith and that good will triumph and God will accomplish great things.

There is much evil in our world, but there is also much good. Our task is to live with these contradictions, all the while offering understanding, love and hope wherever we can sow those seeds, and always remember that God is in control!

Weekly Collection July 16

Votive Candles:	167
Utility & Energy:	98
Accent:	12
Children & Adult Collection:	4,299
Online Collection:	1,212
Total Collection:	\$5,788

Trivia Answers

1. The Holy Graft
2. Brazil, with 151,244,000 Catholics.
3. The Angel Gabriel (Luke 1:26-38)

Stewardship

Brown Bag Sunday

Even though it is only the middle of July, the stores are already advertising “Back to School” Supplies. It is about time to start getting ready for our Brown Bag Sunday with school supplies. We will have our **Brown Bag Sunday the Weekend of 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. As always I am grateful for your generous spirits and the many ways you share your goodness with others.

Parish Festival

Our festival is only a little over 2 weeks away. It is always the last minute details that seems to take the most time. We do have **sign-up sheets in church** for everyone who would like to help with this year’s festival. We will be **setting up the outside on Thursday evening, August 3 beginning at about 6:30 p.m.** The more help we get the faster everything gets done. Mark your calendars to help with this.

We are also going to **need people** to help with the parking of cars on **Saturday afternoon**. It will be different this year so we are going to need lots of help. We will be transporting people with the golf carts again this year so if you would like to help with that, let us know.

Remember that on **Friday** we will be having an “**All – Wheels” competition**. This is a throw-back from the playground days of long ago. You can decorate anything that has wheels on it. This should be a lot of fun so start decorating! You can drop your “wheels” off at the drop off area while you park.



Also, you should have received a set of tickets in the mail last week. If you did not get any, please let us know. You may return them any time before the festival. One last reminder for our festival is our **Bake Sale!** I hope that all of our bakers make this year’s bake sale the best ever!

Junque Sale

It’s that time of year! We’ve been relinquishing ‘treasures’ from our house to re-home. Come to the St. Sebastian Junque Sale and see what treasures you would like. Times and dates at the St. Sebastian School Hall, 815 Broad ave., Belle Vernon (Enter from Henry Street) are: **July 27, Thursday Pre-Sale, 6:00 pm—8:00 pm; must be 18 years of age and older, \$5 entrance fee. July 28, Friday from 9 am—3 pm, July 29, Sat. from 9 am—12 Noon; 12—3 pm 1/2 price. July 29 Saturday from 5:30—7:30 pm \$2 a bag.** For more information contact Bonnie at 724-322-0355.



Catholic Trivia

1. What is the name given to the Chalice used by Christ at the last supper?
2. What country has the largest Catholic population?
3. Who told Mary to name her son, Jesus?

Faith

Vacation Bible School—Make A Splash!

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, 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. Registration fee is \$15. More information and registration in future bulletins. If you have any questions, please call the Faith Formation Office at 724-929-9300.



50th Wedding Anniversary

Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass

Bishop Kulick desires to recognize all couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary during the calendar year 2023. The Jubilarians, their children, relatives or friends should contact their local parish office to register couples for this recognition. The Jubilarians will be invited to join the bishop for a special Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass to be celebrated in Blessed Sacrament Cathedral on **Sunday, October 1, 2023**. Even though personal circumstances may not permit individuals to participate in the Mass, all registered couples will receive a scroll signed by the bishop commemorating their anniversary.

AED Demo

Bob Stark, Education and Outreach Coordinator for Ros-traver-West Newton Emergency Services, will **present a demonstration of AED usage** in our Church Hall this weekend following the 4:00 p.m. Mass on **Saturday, July 22**. He will also present the same demonstration following the 8:30 a.m. Mass on **Sunday, July 23**.

Around the Diocese

Job Openings

Christ Our Shepherd Center: Chef 25 hours per week. Responsible for purchase, preparation, serving and storage of food and beverages at multiple residences, assisting with food preparation and serving at Christ Our Shepherd Center, and care of kitchen and dining room facilities and equipment. Qualifications: three years’ experience in institutional cooking or equivalent practical experience and formal culinary training. Send cover letter and resume to hr@DioceseofGreensburg.org.

Office Specialist, Offices of Clergy Formation, Permanent Diaconate, Priestly Vocations and Worship

Full time. Serve as receptionist for Pastoral Center; work as primary office support for three listed offices; provide support for centralized purchasing. Qualifications: minimum three years clerical experience, strong communication and interpersonal skills; Microsoft Office proficiency; ability to learn software and work independently; understanding of the Catholic faith. Send resume and cover letter to: Human Resources, Diocese of Greensburg, 723 E. Pittsburgh Street, Greensburg, PA 15601 or hr@DioceseofGreensburg.org. For additional qualifications and responsibilities, visit <https://www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/employment/>

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