



**July 9, 2023**



**14th Sunday  
in Ordinary  
Time**

Today's  
readings

## 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

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 [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, July 8 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Steve Beck by Vince & Ethel Burger

### Sunday, July 9 — 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM † Nate Campus by Clemmie Malec

10:30 AM † Gene Yatchyshyn by Rosalie Nicksich

### Monday, July 10

8:00 AM † Edward G. Fayak, USAF, Ret. by Sister, Ruth, and Billy and Jeff

### Tuesday, July 11

8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

### Wednesday, July 12

No Mass

### Thursday, July 13

8:00 AM † Herman Alvarez by Wife, Children & Grandchildren

### Friday, July 14

8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

### Saturday, July 15—Vigil

4:00 PM Stella Frantz by Joe & MaryAnn Gallo

### Sunday, July 16 — 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM † Mary Theresa Olexa by Bob & Cindy Kotch

10:30 AM † Donald Belczyk by Mr & Mrs Joe Gallo

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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 15 & 16

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 p.m.	R. Kozar	J. Dudas	M. Smith G. Smith
	J. Duds	S. Stein	J. Brown T. Todd
10:30 a.m.	J. Sacco	K. Imbrescia	M. Guiliford

### Money Counters

Monday, July 10—Team #1 — B. Geis

## Our God is Meek and Humble

Life being what it is can become so hectic at times that it seems all we do is run from one thing to another. We forget how to stop and just enjoy the life that is before us. It sounds strange but I think we all need to learn what it means to just relax!



Our readings for this Sunday give us a refreshing look at not only God but also of our relationship with God. It reminds us that sometimes we take life and the tasks of life way too seriously. We all do need to just relax sometimes and enjoy the bounty of God's presence and goodness. Zechariah in the first reading gives us a wonderful expression of looking at God. For the ancients of Israel, God was that valiant leader who would sometimes join them in battle against their enemies. God was the triumphant ruler who watched from the heavens with power and might. However today we are presented with the paradox of a messiah-king who does not come as a mighty and triumphant warrior but as a meek servant of justice and peace, and they make for perfect anticipation of Jesus' own understanding of his own vocation.

The gospel today is a breath of fresh air for it reminds us of the importance of rest. We live in such a fast paced life that it is sometimes difficult for us to take the time to just sit back and do nothing. Jesus reminds us that such rest is essential for continuing the work of discipleship. Jesus in the gospel pours out his "meek and humble" heart in love for both God and for his disciples. He praises God for graciously willing "little ones" to be the recipients of revelation. He calls disciples to himself that he might offer them deserved rest from their burdens. Jesus so readily identifies with the weaknesses and burdens of the human condition. He offers us rest if we just surrender to doing God's "gracious will" and come to him. He reminds us that he will always be there for us giving us rest and refreshment.

We have much to learn from both Zechariah as well as Jesus in the gospel. For the prophets, their understanding of God was that of an overwhelmingly real and shatteringly present creator. The God revealed in Scripture is indeed one that shows feelings and emotions, who rejoices, grieves, and gets angry, who is moved with compassion and mercy, ultimately a God who cares dearly and loves passionately. Unfortunately, though, our vision of God has often moved away from such an understanding. We have often thought of God in philosophical terms, as the Supreme Being, eternal, immutable and impassive. Moreover we pray to God as the Almighty and the Most High which the scriptures testify to. Yet, today's readings make clear for us the biblical understanding of God. What a joy it is to hear Zechariah speaking of a God who is not triumphant but humble. In a like manner, Jesus reveals himself and by the same token the God who sent him as "meek and humble of heart." The God of Jesus is a God of compassion who does not seek to impress with might but to win us over through love.

### Daily Readings

#### Readings for the week of July 9, 2023

**Sunday:** Zec 9:9-10/Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14 (see 1)/Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30

**Monday:** Gn 28:10-22a/Ps 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15ab/Mt 9:18-26

**Tuesday:** Gn 32:23-33/ Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, and 15/Mt 9:32-38

**Wednesday:** Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19/Mt 10:1-7

**Thursday:** Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 10:7-15

**Friday:** Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40/Mt 10:16-23

**Sat.:** Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7/Mt 10:24-33

**With Deepest Sympathy** — Condolences are extended to the families of ELSIE D. LEWITSKY AND HELEN MCGOVERN. May God grant them eternal rest, and comfort to their families. We commend their souls to rest in the peace of Christ.

## Stewardship

### 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.

### Online Giving

As everyone is getting busy making summer plans, you might want to consider online giving to make sure your contribution is counted. You can do it one time, or however long you wish. It can be stopped at any time. Online giving can be found on the website as well as on the app.

Due to the bulletin deadline, this week's collection will be listed next week.

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on **Tuesday, July 11 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. For more info please contact Barb Mandarino at 724-684-5547.



## Festival Food & More

It's hard to believe, but in less than a month we will be having our festival. To help get ready in the food department, we will be making meat balls and halupki on **Friday, July 21** beginning at 9:00 a.m. On **Monday, July 31**, we will be making halupki, starting at 9:00 a.m. If you can lend a hand for an hour or two or all day, know that your help is certainly appreciated.

## Remember...

We are **collecting glassware or dishes, etc.** in good condition. These items will be used for the coin toss game. You can bring the items to the office at any time, or to the church hall. We're hoping our **50s' Corner** generates fun and memories.

While we're talking fun... I hope you are thinking of ways to decorate your wheels for our All Wheels Parade! Streamers, balloons, tissue flowers and a lot of imagination stir up fun. Plan on how to deck out your bicycles, scooters, skate boards, toy cars, strollers (Doll and real, depending on age!), wheel barrows, lawn mowers and more! Any non-motorized float or entry is welcome to participate. if it rolls on people-power (hover boards and kiddie vehicles accepted), it's in!

## AED Demo

If you are interested in learning how to use the AED machine, or even how it is used, **Bob Stark**, Education and Outreach Coordinator for Rostraver-West Newton Emergency Services, will **present a demonstration of AED usage** in our Church Hall 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.

## Faith

### Questions for Reflection

**First Reading:** The prophet Zechariah saw the future king of Israel restoring both the land and the people, bringing peace and justice to all the nations.

*How might you help build toward this promised future?*

**Second Reading:** Paul speaks of the power of the Spirit living in those who believe in Jesus.

*When have you felt or experienced the presence of the Holy Spirit in your life?*

**Gospel:** Jesus invites all who are burdened and laboring to find "rest" in him.

*What burdens do you or your family need lifted from your life?*

## Around the Diocese

### St John the Baptist, Perryopolis Festival

Join us on **Sunday, July 16 from 11am-7pm.** BBQ Chicken + Italian Booth + Funnel Cakes, Homemade Halupki, Haluski and Pierogi, Fresh Cut Fries, Burgers, Hot Dogs, Sausage and Fresh Squeezed Lemonade. 50/50 Drawing, Basket Raffle & Drawings. Music by **DJ-ATM Productions throughout the day and Tim Litvin and the Natureboy Band 1pm-3pm**

**Trash 'N Treasure event** Saint Paul Parish in Greensburg on Thursday, July 13, (9am-6pm) and Friday, July 14, (9am-6pm) with ½ off starting on Friday. A special Early Bird preview will be held on Wednesday, July 12, from 4-8 p.m. for a \$5 admission. There will be a \$5 "Bag Sale" on Saturday, July 15 from 9am-1pm (Large items will be ½ off original sticker price). For more information, please contact the St. Paul Church Office at 724-834-6880.

**Family Reunion Musical Comedy** will be performed on Thursday, July 20 at 7:00 p.m. at **Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Church Mack Hall (200 Leger Rd, North Huntingdon)** by Alabaster Performing Arts. This heartwarming story reunites eccentric aunts, uncles and cousins. Family Reunion will also be performed Saturday, July 22 at St. Bruno Church, Greensburg. For tickets, call Alabaster Box Office (724) 516-5189 or purchase online at AlabasterPerformingArts.org.

## Sausage Sale

### HOMEMADE SAUSAGE SALE

The **Epiphany of Our Lord Church** will hold a sausage sale on July 28 & 29. All orders must be in by **Saturday, July 15.** Put in your order now to make sure you get it! The **sausage will be sold at \$5.50 /lb. Minimum order is 2 lb. per item. All orders MUST be made on the order form.**

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Orders may be placed by filling out the order form above, placing it in an envelope marked "Sausage Order" and depositing it in the collection basket. To call in your order, or for info, contact Kenny at 724-929-3464. Please make checks payable to the **Epiphany of Our Lord Church.**