



**June 18, 2023**



Today's readings

**11th 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

"A father is someone  
you look up to, no  
matter how tall you  
grow."



**Happy Father's Day!**



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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, June 17 — Vigil

4:00 PM † All Fathers Living & Deceased

### Sunday, June 18 — 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM † All Fathers Living & Deceased

10:30 AM † All Fathers Living & Deceased

### Monday, June 19

8:00 AM † Louise Dudas by John & Family

### Tuesday, June 20

8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

### Wednesday, June 21

No Mass

### Thursday, June 22

8:00 AM † Nick & Irene Mascetta by Family

### Friday, June 23

8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

### Saturday, June 24 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Ralph Nicksich by Rosalie Nicksich

### Sunday, June 25 — 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM † The Laneve & Pastella Family by Dobie & Alice Pastella

10:30 AM † Saverio & Maria Gigliotti by Tom & Marinell Gigliotti

### 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 — June 24 & 25

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 p.m.	S. Surdyn	L. Henry	B. Rizzuto
8:30 a.m.	G. Pesi	L. DeFelices	Volunteer
10:30 a.m.	M. Gallo	T. Mazzei	Volunteer

### Money Counters

Monday, June 19—Team #4 — J. Petritis

## Monthly Rosary

The Knights of Columbus will hold their monthly rosary on Wednesday, **June 21 at 7 p.m.** They will meet in the Knights' Council Hall on Grand Blvd., Monessen. All parishioners are invited. Light refreshments will follow.

## The Lord is good...

We find ourselves back in Ordinary time and we begin this season with the proclamation that “The Lord is good: his kindness endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.” Throughout the history of the people of Israel, this has proven to be true over and over. We start our liturgy this week by listening to the Book of Exodus telling Moses to relate to the people of Israel that throughout their history, when they remembered to be true to the covenant, Yahweh always led them to a good place. It was when they forgot the Promises of Mercy that God gave to them, that they found themselves in need. God establishes a covenant with the children of Israel. In the second reading we find St. Paul reiterating this same sentiment in reference to Christ. He reminds us that God proves his love for us through the person of Jesus, and offers us forgiveness.



Through the death and resurrection of Jesus we all find salvation if we are true to His words. The real challenge this week comes to us through the words of the Gospel. Jesus speaks to his followers and reminds them that: “The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few, so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest.” He then commissions the disciples and commands them to go out to all lands and make this proclamation: “The kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Jesus reminds all of us to offer compassion to the people in our world, to touch the people around us with kindness, mercy and love, a command that too often in life we overlook. We are much like the people of Israel in the sense that we are ok when things are good, but the minute trouble enters our lives we forget about this great command.

It is difficult to look at all of God’s creation and look at the people in it with compassion. It is problematic to offer forgiveness when we have been hurt or offended. We can be stubborn when it comes to accepting all of God’s children. As always the message is clear but it is a whole different matter to make it a part of our lives. We all need to take the time and make the effort to reflect over our lives and remember those times when we have experienced Gods mercy and forgiveness. Those times when we were so lost and all of a sudden God makes things right. Every one of us have certainly experienced that goodness of God in our lives.

Sometimes we just need to remember to pause in life and ask for God’s direction. When we remind ourselves of this great command to be compassionate, there we will find our answers. We are all called upon to open ourselves up to the world around us. Too often we seem to get “stuck” on our own issues and problems and that is where we remain. By opening ourselves up to the greater picture, we clearly see the compassion and wonder of God’s presence.

### Weekly Collection June 11

Votive Candles:	276
Utility & Energy:	114
Accent:	35
St. Anthony:	290
Children & Adult Collection:	\$5,768
Online Collection:	795
<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$7,278</b>
Peter’s Pence:	20
<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$7,298</b>

**Quo Vadis Days** This summer, the Priestly Vocation Office will host the sixth annual *Quo Vadis Days* (QVD) at Christ our Shepherd Center from **Sunday, July 23 – Wednesday, July 26**. This 4 day retreat/camp for high school boys that are open to considering a vocation to the priesthood and striving to follow God’s call in their life. The QVD camp has become a summer tradition in our diocese. For more info and to register, visit [GreensburgPriest.org](http://GreensburgPriest.org).



## Stewardship

### Brown Bag Sunday

Thank you to all who brought in yarn for our Brown Bag Sunday. It will certainly be put to good use as the Prayer Shawl Group makes afghans and throws. These items are donated to shut-ins, and hospitals to distribute to those undergoing chemotherapy. Your generosity warms the heart and body of our neighbors.

### Peter's Pence

Next week we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including helping Pope Francis to carry out his charitable work—outreach to victims of war, migrants and refugees, and the poor affected by illness and natural disasters. When you participate in the collection, you join Catholics across the globe in supporting the pope's mission of mercy as well as the activities of the Holy See's dicasteries that assist his ministry. Please be generous. For more information, visit [www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html](http://www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html).

**"A little mercy makes the world less cold and more just."**

—Pope Francis, Angelus, March 17, 2013

## Thank You!

**Thank you** to the Holy Name Men, along with some help from Epiphany Ladies, for last week's breakfast in honor of Mother's day and Father's day. In addition to the breakfast that they sponsor, The Holy Name Society selects the **Outstanding Boy of the Year** as well as recognizing our **Man of the year!**



This year awards were presented to two boys, Anthony Blatnik and Dante DeFelices. Man of the Year for 2023, is Kevin Miller. Congratulation, and thank you for your contributions to the community and your church.



## Around the Diocese

### Job Openings around the diocese:

**Yough Catholic Community of Connellsville and Dunbar: Director of Faith Formation and Evangelization**

Full time. Send resumes to [plisik@DioceseofGreensburg.org](mailto:plisik@DioceseofGreensburg.org).

**Diocese of Greensburg Catholic schools: Substitute Teachers**

Send resumes to the Office of Catholic Schools at [CatholicSchools@DioceseofGreensburg.org](mailto:CatholicSchools@DioceseofGreensburg.org). For information, call 724-552-2594.

**Greensburg Central Catholic Maintenance Technician –**

Full time. Qualifications: Two years of professional experience in routine maintenance work, knowledge of general electrical, plumbing and mechanical issues, good communication skills, ability to prioritize and work independently, and a valid driver's license. Send letter of application and resume to [hr@DioceseofGreensburg.org](mailto:hr@DioceseofGreensburg.org).

**Holy Family Parish, West Newton: Organist/Keyboardist**

Must have understanding of church music. Responsibilities include playing for weekend, holy day and other liturgies. To apply, call 724-872-6123.

## Faith

### Ministries in the Church

One way that we can all live the command of the Gospel is by being a part of the many ministries we have in the Church. There are the ministries contained in the Liturgy that can always use more people. Things like becoming a Lector, a Minister of Holy Communion, Usher or Greeter. We are always looking for our children to serve at Mass. Then there is the ministry of Music! **We desperately need people** to help with this. We are looking for people to lead the community in song as cantors.

Outside of the Liturgy there are many ways that we can touch God's people. Our homebound are always looking for a visit, or taking the Eucharist to them. If you can think of anything you might be interested in being a part of, please let me know and we will make it happen. **This is our faith and our church**, untied we work to bring the peace of Christ to all.

### Clearances

When we work in any ministry within the Church, it is necessary for us to have our clearances. It is sad that we live in a world where such things are needed, but they are! We not only comply with the necessary clearances required by law but there are also some we need through the Church as well. If you are interested in being a part of any ministry, know that clearances are needed. We are always here in the office to help you with that. I also ask that all of our current ministers check to see if they are up to date with their necessary clearances. Please be aware that a blast email for VIRTUS was inadvertently sent. If your clearances are currently due, you were personally contacted by Tara with a list.

### Happy Father's Day!

Today we recognize and celebrate our Fathers. It is a time to be grateful to the men who have helped form our lives. The gift of a father is one that is beyond any

treasure. For the many sacrifices that our dads have made let us all be grateful and give thanks. Spend some time showing your father how grateful you are to him for all that he has done for you. **A very special prayer of gratitude to all of our Fathers**, and here's wishing you all a Blessed Father's Day!



## Groups

### CDA News:

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Monessen Court #776, meeting date has been changed to **Tuesday, June 27** at the Epiphany of Our Lord Church Hall beginning with the rosary at 7:00 p.m. Wear your current CDA pin to update in the **Pin Swap**. An ice cream social will be held. All Catholic Women are invited to attend. Call Regent Debbie Genemore for more information at 724-708-8335.

## Pierogi Making

Next week, we will be making pierogis for the festival on **Sunday, June 25** after 8:30 a.m. Mass, and on **Monday, June 26 and Tuesday, June 27** from 7:00 a.m. on. Come when you can. All help appreciated.