

**June 25, 2023**



Today's readings

**12th 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



## 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

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## LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

### 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

### Monday, June 26

8:00 AM † Joseph, Maria, Adela & Herman Alvarez by Tony Alvarez & Gloria Vasunda

### Tuesday, June 27

8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

### Wednesday, June 28

No Mass

### Thursday, June 29

8:00 AM † John & Helen Bender by Grandson, David

### Friday, June 30

8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

### Saturday, July 1 — Vigil

4:00 PM † John "Bud" McGinley by Patti & Herman Bigi

### Sunday, July 2 — 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM † Deceased Doty & Paytas Families by Charles & Dorothy Urbanowicz

10:30 AM † Ronald Skira by Jim & Carol Natall

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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 1 & 2

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 p.m.	D. Harkins	J. Dudas	J. Smith G. Smith
	J. Duds	S. Stein	A. Pastella
10:30 a.m.	M. Sacco	E, Yatchyshyn	L. Assenat

#### Money Counters

Monday, June 26—Team #5 — R. Croushore

## Enabling can be disabling...

How many times in life have you done what is right only to have it backfire and give you grief? When this happens, it seems that we look to see what went wrong or who is to blame. That is exactly what Jeremiah is dealing with in the first reading. He was doing what he thought was the will of God, he was doing everything right and yet he was being persecuted and blamed; Jeremiah was on the brink of despair. He cried out to God for help, something that we all can relate to.



St. Paul in the second reading tries to remedy this type of situation for us in life. He shows that through Adam, sin entered the world. With sin comes all kinds of confusion and disappointment. If everyone was on the same page in life, we would probably not find ourselves in a situation like Jeremiah's. However, life is not like that because sin broke through God's plan for us all. It was only through the gift of Christ that we are able to find some answers and redemption.

In looking for answers to our problems, many times we find that it is simply easier to "give in" and go along with whatever is happening; even if that means going against ourselves and what we know to be true. It is much harder to stand up for what is right, and it certainly is much easier to simply go along with whatever the crowd asks of us.

The Gospel message for this week encourages us basically to be true to ourselves and things will be as they should. It is when we deviate from our own feelings that we run into trouble. For example, how often have we all been guilty of allowing people to take advantage of us and we give in, all the while knowing that we shouldn't. We have all been guilty of enabling others in their behavior and attitudes because it is just easier. Sometimes we simply don't have the energy to stand up to them and call them out, and sometimes it is just easier to keep our mouth shut and allow things just to happen. Eventually though it does catch up with us.

If we enable our children and never hold them accountable for their actions or lack of actions, then they grow up to be adults who are never responsible, and when this happens we are the ones who pay! Enabling anyone with any behavior is never life giving, it will ultimately be detrimental to all involved.

Jesus is reminding us that we all need to stand up for what is right and just, we need to speak up when we feel the need to, we should all be proactive rather than sit back and do nothing. Fear and uncertainty are a part of everyone's life, but it is the fear and uncertainty that tells us what should be done. If I am afraid to stand up to someone because of how they may react, then I should do just that. If I remain silent and do nothing then everyone loses. The Disciples were afraid to speak up for fear of what might happen to them, but Jesus tells them not to be afraid, to follow what is right and do what is good. This should be our motto in life as well, to do what is right no matter the cost and never give into fear and doubts.

#### Weekly Collection June 18

Votive Candles:	252
Utility & Energy:	79
Accent:	119
Children & Adult Collection:	4,076
Online Collection:	1,474
<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$6,000</b>
Peter's Pence:	5
<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$6,005</b>

## Catholic Charities golf outing set Aug. 11

Only four openings for foursomes remain for Catholic Charities' 21st annual Paul R. Smiy Memorial Golf Outing, set for Friday, Aug. 11, at Ligonier Country Club, with a 10 a.m. shotgun start. To register or for more information, visit CCharitiesGreensburg.org or call 724-837-1840, ext. 1504.

**With Deepest Sympathy** — Condolences are extended to the family of MARLENE JOHNSTON. May God grant her eternal rest, and comfort to her family. We commend her soul to rest in the peace of Christ.



## Stewardship

### Peter's Pence This Weekend

The annual collection for Peter's Pence and the Support of the Holy See will be taken up this weekend. Peter's pence helps fund the charitable works of the Holy Father and provides emergency relief assistance for people suffering from war, oppression and natural disasters. This collection also helps the diocese meet its obligation to contribute to the support of the operational expenses of the Holy See. 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

## 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.

## Congratulations

Congratulations to **Bella Rizzuto**, one of the FCSLA scholarship winners. We wish Bella much success in her future.

In addition, the Knights of Columbus have awarded scholarships to **Bella Rizzuto** and **Dante DeFelices**.

## Festival News

### Fireworks Display



Once again for our Festival we will be having a Fire Works Display on Saturday night. In order to help with the cost of this, we will once again ask for your help through donations. We will have our "Fire Cracker" in the back of the Church beginning in July. If you wish to make a contribution, simply drop it into the fire cracker!

### 50s' Corner

Since our theme is based on the 1950s, we're looking to have a 50s Corner featuring old style carnival games. It's a fun way to reminisce and a hands on way to share a 'blast from the past' with the younger people you know. One of the games we need help with it the Coin Toss. If anyone has old glassware or dishes in good condition that they can contribute, please let us know. We will have more details as to when we are collecting the items and where in a future bulletin.

### All Wheels

Continuing with our blast from the past, and giving a nod to Monessen's 125th Anniversary—we're planning an All Wheels Parade on Friday evening, August 4. The All Wheels parade was a big deal to kids in the '50s and early '60s. It was a chance to show off the wheels you played with and the wheels that took you places. We've grown older, but there's no reason not to show off our wheels today. 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, it's in! There will be more details in coming bulletins.



## Faith

### Scripture Reflection

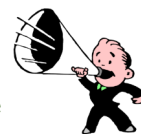
**First Reading:** We hear how the prophet Jeremiah turned to God when he felt alone and attacked. *What do you need to pray to God for this week?*

**Second Reading:** Paul taught that through the grace of God, Christ reversed the sin of Adam, which brought death to all. *When have you felt God's grace in your life?*

**Gospel:** Jesus encourages his disciples not to be afraid. *What are some fears you have that you could turn over to God?*

### Ministry Call out

The next schedule will run from July 15 through September 19. Please call the office or email Tara —[tmanderino@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:tmanderino@dioceseofgreensburg.org) with any changes to your schedule by **Friday, June 30**. If you are interested in joining any of the ministries. If you're not certain which ministry role you would be most comfortable in serving, I am happy to talk to you.



## 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.

## Thank You!

### Grateful to the Knights of Columbus...

Our Knights of Columbus have donated an AED for cardiac emergencies in the Church. We are grateful for their generosity and the peace of mind knowing that it is there if needed. There are several people in the church familiar with using the machine. For those interested in learning how to use the machine, **there will be a training in the near future**. Instructions are on the machine so that anyone will be able to use it in an emergency. The AED is located in the vestibule near the stairs.

## 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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### LOOSE

\_\_\_\_ lbs. **Sweet Sausage**  
\_\_\_\_ lbs. **Hot Sausage**  
\_\_\_\_ lbs. **Hot Hot Sausage**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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.**