

November 2, 2025



Today's readings

31st Sunday 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: 3:00 p.m.
Or by appointment

All Sacraments:

Please call the office



OUR LOCATION

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Scripture Reflection

From Fr. Anthony Onoko:
REFLECTION FOR ALL SOULS 2025

On November 1 we joyfully celebrated the solemnity of all the saints. We praised the goodness of God in the lives of all our brethren who are now happy forever with God in heaven.

Today, November 2, still in the spirit of communion, we turn to God asking for mercy for our brethren who have departed this world but yet to attain the perfection required to enter into the joy of heaven. They are souls undergoing purification in purgatory.

Many holy men and women and ordinary people have received countless apparitions and visions of purgatory, some people have been visited by souls in purgatory coming to request for prayers. These apparitions are so real and numerous that they can't be dismissed as phantoms.

In number 20 of Maria Faustina's diary, she narrated her vision of suffering souls in purgatory.

Who are those in purgatory and why are they there?

They are people we know, people who were once with us, family members, friends, acquaintances, colleagues etc.

They are there for three reasons:

I. They died in the state of venial sins which need purification.

II. They are there to atone for temporal punishment due to mortal sins that the guilt has been removed but satisfaction has not been fully made.

III. They are people who have genuine but imperfect love of God. They were saints-in-making but died before attaining the sanctity required for heaven.

Purgatory is a place of mercy and justice. God shows mercy to souls and allows them to be purified so as to be worthy of the company of the angels and saints.

It is a place of justice because God doesn't overlook any offence, everything must be atoned for whether in life or in purgatory (Exodus 34:7, Psalm 99:8). God doesn't acquit the guilty.

The Message for us today:

I. Let us remember to always pray for souls in purgatory, souls of people we know and people we don't know. Let us pray, offer good works and the merits of our pains and sufferings for them. We can make this part of our daily spiritual exercises, we don't have to wait for all souls day to remember souls in purgatory.

II. Let us always do penance and seek to gain indulgences even after a good confession. With penance and indulgences, we atone for the temporal

punishments due to sins, if we don't do penance here, we shall be forced to make the atonement in purgatory.

III. We need to be careful and watchful how we live. We must never be comfortable with sin no matter how little they look in our eyes. Sins like not giving God the reverence He deserves in His Holy place, allowing ourselves to be distracted in prayers and worship, delay in forgiveness, careless and immodest dressing, seeking undue attention to ourselves, telling what we call "white lies", neglect or mindless recitation of prayers, misleading people by wrong examples, idle words and gossips, the list is endless. These and some of the things we take for granted are what people are atoning for in purgatory.

We may not be perfect, but God wants to see our efforts and our reliance on His grace, when He sees our desire to please Him in all things, He perfects us in His way and we can escape the sufferings of purgatory.

May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace, Amen.

Eternal rest grant unto them Oh Lord
And May your light continue to shine upon them.
Amen

Prayer

Heavenly Father,

We thank You for the gift of a new week. As we set out on the journey of these days, fill our hearts with faith, hope, and love. May Your Spirit guide all that we do and say, that our lives may bear witness to Your goodness.

Bless our parish family, O Lord. Strengthen us in unity, protect our homes, and grant success to the work of our hands. Heal the sick among us, comfort the sorrowful, and draw back those who have wandered far from You.

May this week bring us closer to Your will, deeper in prayer, and more generous in service. Keep us safe from harm, sin, and discouragement. And when the week is done, may we look back with grateful hearts for all the ways You have walked with us.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen. ~ Fr. Anthony Onoko

Wisdom Nuggets

Importance in the kingdom of God is not determined by publicity but by purposes and faithfulness and the hidden power of the Spirit at work within us.

The church needs fewer celebrities and more Saints.

Fr. Anthony

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, November 1 — Vigil / Solemnity All Saints

4:00 PM † Herman Alvarez by Wife, Children & Grandchildren

Sunday, November 2 — All Souls

8:30 AM † Gene Daniele by Janet Daniele
10:30 AM Pro Populo

Monday, November 3

8:00 AM † Helen & ValGene Veschio by Their Grandchildren

Tuesday, November 4

8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

Wednesday, November 5

9:00 AM Mass at St. John the Baptist

Thursday, November 6

8:00 AM † John Talarico by Nephew, Tom Gigliotti & Marinell

Friday, November 7

8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian
10:15 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

Saturday, November 8 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Ralph Nicksich and Deceased Members of the Vizza Family by Rosalie

Sunday, November 9 — 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM † Deceased Members Holy Name Society by the Holy Name Society
10:30 AM † Dave and Rose Perotti, Frank & Irene Vizza by Phyllis Foglia

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OFFICE HOURS :

Monday –Thursday: 8:30 a.m. –12; 1 p.m.– 3 p.m.

Ministry Schedule — Nov. 8 & 9, 2025

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 p.m.	A. Punturiero	J. Elias G. Pesì P. Fantatuzzi	D. Harkins
8:30 a.m.	F. Petorsky	S. Stein L. DeFelices J. Todd	Volunteer
10:30 a.m.	M. Melvin	K. Byron T. Mazzei P. Francowic	T. Gigliotti

Money Counters

Monday, November 3 — Team #3 — K. Byron

Stewardship

Weekly Collection Oct. 26			
All Souls:	30		
Votive Candles:	213	Children & Adult	3,080
Utility & Energy:	20	End of Year:	215
Accent:	0	Online :	948
All Saints:	25	Total Collection:	\$4,531

The Second collection this weekend, November 1 & 2, is for **Retired Religious**.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Committee will meet **Wednesday, Nov. 5 at 1:00 p.m.** in the Epiphany Church Hall. All are welcome.

Pierogi Time

We will be making pierogis for the holiday! Please join us. We will meet on **Sunday, November 9 after the 8:30 Mass and again on Monday, November 10** following the 8:00 a.m. Mass. The frozen pierogis will be on sale at the Turkey Bingo on Sunday, Nov.16. The cost is \$20 per bag of 2 dozen.

Groups

The **Holy Name Society** will meet on Sunday, **November 9** following the 8:30 a.m. Mass. All are welcome.

The Epiphany Ladies will gather on **Tuesday, Nov. 11 at 6 p.m.** in the Church for the traditional *Mass of Remembrance* for members who have died in the past year. Refreshments and business meeting will follow in the church hall. All members, families of deceased members and parishioners are welcome to attend.

An expanded version of the bulletin is available on the website.

HOMEMADE SAUSAGE SALE

The **Knights of Columbus** will hold a sausage sale on December 9 & 10. All orders must be in by **Sunday, November 23**. Put in your order now to make sure you get it! The **sausage will be sold at \$6.00 /lb. Minimum order is 2 lb. per item. All orders MUST be made on the order form.**

<u>LINK</u>	<u>LOOSE</u>	
_____ lbs.	_____ lbs.	Sweet Sausage
_____ lbs.	_____ lbs.	Hot Sausage
_____ lbs.	_____ 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 Jason at 724-454-8688. Please make checks payable to the **Knights of Columbus 954**

EXPLORING
GOD'S CALL

*Discernment Group
for Grades 9-12*

SUNDAYS, 6:30 P.M.

OCT. 12 | OCT. 26 | NOV. 9 | NOV. 23
St. John de La Salle Parish | 497 Athena Drive, Delmont
RSVP: GreensburgPriest.org

PRIESTLY VOCATIONS
DIOCESE OF GREENSBURG

Readings for the Week

Readings for the week of November 2, 2025

Sunday: Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/
Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40



Monday: Rom 11:29-36/Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36/Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b/Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3/Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9/Lk 14:25-33

Thursday: Rom 14:7-12/Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14/Lk 15:1-10

Friday: Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Lk 16:1-8

Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11/Lk 16:9-15

Next Sunday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22

Bunco Party



St. Sebastian Ladies of Faith will be holding a Bunco (a game of Dice) Fundraiser on November 15 in the St. Sebastian Parish Hall. Cost is \$25 per person and includes a

Light Lunch and Prizes. Tickets can be purchased at the St. Sebastian Church Office, 724-929-9300. Last day to purchase tickets is Friday, November 7.

Book of Remembrance

The Book of Remembrance will be near the alcove during November. You are encouraged to write the names of those who have died. As we see the Book of the Dead in the church, it is a visual reminder of our departed loved ones as we offer our prayers for the repose of their souls, as well as for those who have no one to pray for them. This is one way the Catholic tradition continues to maintain solidarity with those who have died. The Church is not just for the living, but includes those in Purgatory and Heaven.

Mass Book for 2026 will open **Monday, November 3**. Forms are available in back of the church and on the website. As always, you may mail the form in, or drop it in the collection basket. You are always welcome to visit the office.

Prayer for the Dead, Explained!

It may seem strange to pray for someone who is already dead and who, according to our earthly reckoning of time, has already undergone judgment. But God is not subject to the constrictions of time as we understand them. Our prayers for the dead are, like our prayers for the living, an expression of charity and the unity that exists between all members of the Body of Christ.

Prayer for the dead is a practice which not only predates Catholicism but predates Jesus Christ, as we see in the Second Book of Maccabees (2 Maccabees 12:42-45).

“By virtue of the ‘communion of saints,’ the Church commends the dead to God’s mercy and offers her prayers, especially the holy sacrifice of the Eucharist, on their behalf,” says the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC 1055).

The most common Catholic prayer for the dead is as follows: “Eternal rest grant unto them, o Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.”

1st Reading Question: Our wisdom writer speaks of just souls resting peacefully in God’s loving hands. Can you think of a more peaceful image of death?

2nd Reading Question: Paul teaches the Romans that with Jesus’ resurrection, “death no longer has any power over him,” or us, as believers. Does this belief help you through times of grieving from the loss of a loved one?

Gospel Question: Jesus taught the crowds that anyone who believes in him will have eternal life and be raised from the dead on the last day. How do others know you believe in Jesus?

The Well

Men's Conference

Registration for the Diocesan Men's Conference, **THE WELL: A Future of Hope**, is now open with a special invitation to all fathers, grandfathers, godfathers, uncles and men from around the Diocese to join the Men's Ministry Team for this dynamic event. The conference will be held **Saturday, Nov. 15, from 8 a.m.-2 p.m.** at Christ Our Shepherd Center. Two speakers will be featured. **Registration is \$25 for men living in the Diocese of Greensburg** and \$50 for others. The cost includes continental breakfast and lunch. For more information or to register, visit **Dio-**
ceseofGreensburg.org/THEWELL.

Enjoy Books

St. Sebastian Regional School is selling Enjoy books. They are \$30 and can be obtained at SSRCS Office, 815 Broad Ave., Belle Vernon. If you have any questions, call the school office at 724-929-5143.

Turkey Bingo

Get ready for fun and a little friendly competition! As in past years, we are looking at a fun-filled family event. This year it will be on **Sunday, November 16.** Doors open at Noon and the Bingo begins at 1:00 p.m.

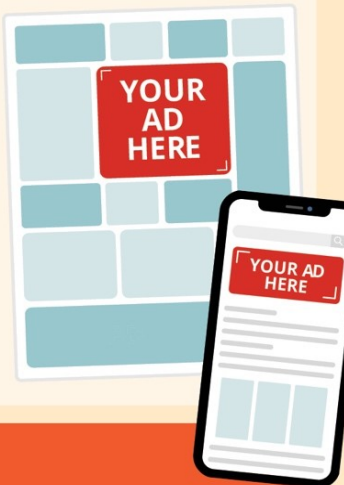
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Brett Burt from LPi, our bulletin printer, will be securing new ads for our church in the coming weeks. It is the support of the business community that helps to make our church thrive. Please consider purchasing a print and/or digital ad as your participation makes our bulletin successful, and you attract customers!

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Digital advertising allows your business to be front and center to anyone who visits a church profile page on ParishesOnline.com — that's approximately 500,000 page views per month!



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Around the Diocese

Christmas Shoppe at St. Emma Monastery

The Benedictine nuns at Saint Emma Monastery will hold their Christmas Shoppe Thursday, Nov. 6, from 1-6 p.m. (early bird price, \$5 for adults); Friday, Nov. 7, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; and Saturday, Nov. 8, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. (50% off most items) and 1-3 p.m. (bag sale). Food will be available for purchase. For details, visit www.stemma.org.

7th annual Ugly Christmas Sweater

5K Run & 2 Mile Walk will be held Saturday, December 13th this year! Race day registration and packet pick up begins at 9:30 AM and the race begins at 11:00 AM at St. Bartholomew's in Crabtree, PA (2538 State Route 119) Registration is open on runsignup.com. Please email Julie at julesann97@gmail.com with any questions. Thank you for your continued support and we can't wait to see you at this year's race!

National Catholic Youth Conference

The Diocese of Greensburg will have a group attending the National Catholic Youth Conference, I AM | Yo soy, Nov. 20-22 at the Indiana Convention Center and Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis, Ind. Teens currently in grades 8-11 may attend. Cost is \$550 and includes NCYC tickets, hotel, bus, swag and a group dinner. Youth ministers can provide information on fundraising, as well as details about the trip. For information, visit www.DioceseofGreensburg.org/ncyc/ or email ffd@DioceseofGreensburg.org.

Wedding Soup Sale

WEDDING SOUP SALE - NOVEMBER 9!

St. Sebastian will be holding the annual Wedding Soup sale. The cost is \$10 a quart and pick up will be **Sunday, November 9** from 10:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Orders are due by November 3. You can submit the order form along with payment to St. Sebastian parish office.

WEDDING SOUP ORDER

Name _____

Phone _____

Quarts _____

Payment Enclosed _____

Pick-up on November 9 between 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.