



**November 12, 2023**



**32nd 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

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, November 11 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Joseph 'Chip' DeFeilicis by Mary & Kathryn Dzurik & Rita Lucas

### Sunday, November 12 — 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM † Deceased Members Holy Name Society by Holy Name Society

10:30 AM † Joseph 'Chip' DeFeilicis by Linda Verchick

### Monday, November 13

No Mass

### Tuesday, November 14

8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

### Wednesday, November 15

No Mass

### Thursday, November 16

8:00 AM † Deceased Tristani Family Members by Rosina Volpe

### Friday, November 17

8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

### Saturday, November 18 — Vigil

4:00 PM † George Swade by MHS Class of 1951

### Sunday, November 19 — 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM † Gene Daniele by Janet Daniele

10:30 AM † Mary Gelli by Ted Harhai

### 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 — November 18 & 19

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 p.m.	D. Harkins	J. Elias	M. Guiliford
8:30 a.m.	K. Miller	S. Campus	V. Watkins
10:30 a.m.	M. Sacco	E. Yatchyshyn	S. Yatchyshyn G. Yatchyshyn

### Money Counters

Monday, November 13—Team #1—B. Geis

## Cheese Ball Sale

Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Monessen are again selling their Cheese Balls for the Holidays. Cost is \$10.00 each. **Orders are due by Tuesday, Nov. 17** Call Regent Debbie Genemore at 724-708-8335. **Pick up date: Tues., November 28** between 1:00 to 3:00 in the Church Hall.

## People of Wisdom



What a comfort it is to sit down and think about the Wisdom literature and see how it applies to our lives today. These ancient writings speak to our hearts about how we should relate to one another. One of the most noticeable aspects about this literature is that it includes all people, making us all responsible to one another with no separations or divisions. Our liturgy today presents us with an excerpt from the Book of Wisdom telling us what a precious gift wisdom is, and how it can influence our lives in ways that can bring us peace.

Did you ever meet a person who you thought was genuinely wise, and if so, what was it about them that made you think they were wise? I have always heard that age brings wisdom and I do believe there is truth to that. When we are young we think that we can do absolutely everything, driving ourselves crazy trying to meet everyone's expectations. As we get older we learn to let go and know what is important and what is not. This is the wisdom that comes with life.

Jesus gives us a parable reminding us how important wisdom can be when we look at life in relation to the end. To be wise is to be prepared, ready for the unexpected. This doesn't mean that we need to be prepared for anything that might pop up in life; it means that we should have the wisdom to be able to handle any unexpected events. We are given the example of ten bridesmaids waiting for the return of the bride groom. While half of them were wise in being prepared for the unexpected delay, the other half simply were not ready when he came.

Although Jesus is referring to the end of times, we can certainly learn from this parable about being ready and prepared in life. There are so many things that we keep putting off in life. Waiting for more time and more money, or just waiting until we feel the time is right before we act. With all of our great planning, isn't it amazing how often we have been surprised and caught off guard by not being prepared!

Once again I think that Jesus is telling us not to sweat the small stuff. We need to focus our attentions onto what really matters and is important in life. Sometimes it is harder to let go of the little things than it is to be attentive to the important matters of life. This week we are all being challenged to become wise people, to look at our lives and be able to ascertain what is important and what isn't. If we all are able to focus on the things that really matter in life, maybe life would be a lot simpler and certainly more peaceful. To be prepared is to be at peace with where we are in life and what we have in life, so that when the bride groom does come we will not be surprised.

### Weekly Collection Nov. 6

Votive Candles:	207
Utility & Energy:	138
Accent:	20
Advent:	105
All Saints:	705
All Souls:	642
Children & Adult Collection:	7,558
Online Collection:	1,315
<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$10,690</b>
Retired Religious:	647
CRS / DPRF:	75
<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$11,412</b>

**Inspiration for the Week:** God knows that, sooner or later, we all face a night that is long and dark. He has given each of us exactly what we need to make it through. If we keep Him with us, the light will not go out.



We welcome **Sofia Marie Sherred** to the Family of God and the Epiphany of Our Lord Parish. Her parents are Monique (Minnitti) and Thomas Sherred.

## Stewardship

### CRS and DPRF collection...

Catholic Relief Services is the authorized international humanitarian agency of the Catholic community in the United States. It is the **official overseas relief and development agency** of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and a member of Caritas International. Catholic Relief Services helps to **support the Holy Father's Relief Fund; the USCCB's Department of Justice, Peace, and Human Development; and the USCCB's Committee on International Justice and Peace.** In the Diocese of Greensburg, the CRS collection is always paired with our own diocesan collection, the Diocesan Poverty Relief Fund, (DPRF) which has replaced the former Catholic Campaign for Human Development Collection (CCHD). This collection was established to enable the **Diocese to add to its already impressive material assistance efforts for people in need** in the communities of the diocese's four counties. As we give thanks for all that God shares with us, won't you consider contributing both the CRS and DPRF activities by supporting this single collection next week?

## Turkey Bingo



Get ready for fun! You should have received tickets in the mail for the Turkey Bingo on Sunday, November 19. Doors will open at 12 Noon and the bingo will start at 1 p.m. This has traditionally been a pleasant afternoon where we can enjoy each other's company and a little friendly competition. If you have any questions

about the Turkey Bingo, please call the church office. I look forward to seeing you there!

## Murder Mystery Dinner

Last week our Epiphany Ladies sponsored an evening of fun and excitement! We are all grateful to everyone who had a part in making the evening so nice. Everyone who came certainly had great time! Photos are on the website: <https://www.eolparish.com/photo-album-3.html>



## Faith

### Annual Report

By now you should have received in the mail a copy of our annual report for this year. I hope that you found the information helpful. If you did not get a copy, please let us know by calling the office.

## Monthly Rosary

The Knights of Columbus will hold their monthly rosary on Wednesday, **November 15 at 7 p.m.** They will meet in the Knights' Council Hall on Grand Blvd., Monessen. All parishioners are invited. Light refreshments will follow.

## Thank You!

**Shoe Box Project** Mary Smereczniac and all the helpers from St. Vincent de Paul would like to thank everyone who donated for the "shoe-box" project this year. **Because of your generosity they were able to pack and ship 200 boxes!** This will certainly make many peoples Christmas a lot brighter. Thank you to all who donated or helped!

## Groups

### Epiphany Ladies Memorial Mass and Meeting

The Epiphany Ladies will meet on **Tuesday, November 14, at 7:00 p.m.** starting with a Memorial Mass for our deceased members. Meeting and social will follow in the Church Hall.

## Pierogi Sales

The Holiday Pierogi Sale is on. Sales will be after Masses next weekend, November 18 & 19. The cost is \$17.00 per bag of 2 dozen pierogis.

## 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 724-929-5143.

## Sausage Sale

### HOMEMADE SAUSAGE SALE

The **Knights of Columbus** will hold a sausage sale on December 13 & 14. All orders must be in by **Saturday, December 2.** 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 **Knights of Columbus**