

Nov. 13, 2022



33rd Week 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.

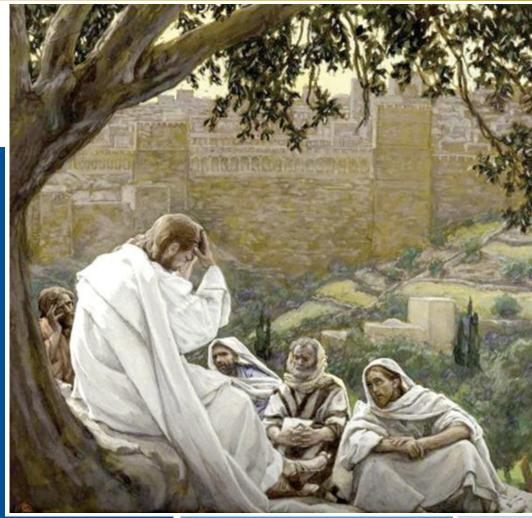
Sunday: 8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.

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

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 12 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Pauline DeRose by The DeRose Family

Sunday, November 13 — 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM † Ken & Kirk Danko by Ron & Joyce

10:30 AM † Jim Sepesky by Rosina Volpe

Monday, November 14

8:00 AM † Angela Lancas by Clemmie Malec

Tuesday, November 15

No Mass

Wednesday, November 16

No Mass

Thursday, November 17

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

Friday, November 18

No Mass

Saturday, November 19 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Cletus Doptis by Stella Filpowski

Sunday, November 20 — Christ, the King

8:30 AM † Elsie Wisyanski by Loving Family

10:30 AM † Edward A. Francowic by Daughter, Deborah

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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 19 & 20

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 p.m.	R. Kozar	J. Elias	S. Yatchyshyn
8:30 a.m.	F. Petrosky	L. DeFeclices	D. DeFelices
10:30 a.m.	W. Vlasic	K. Byron	M. Guiliford

Money Counters Monday, November 4—Team #3 — K. Byron

Monthly Rosary

The Knights of Columbus will hold their monthly rosary on Wednesday, **November 19** at 7 p.m. They will meet in the Knights' Council Hall on Grand Blvd., Monessen. All parishioners are invited. Light refreshments will follow.



Live for Today

Last week before one of the Masses someone was talking to me and commented on how empty the church was. He then went on to say that another disaster would certainly fill it up. How sad, but true. We can all remember too vividly what our country



was like on that fateful September 11th. Churches around the country were being filled with people seeking comfort and trying to make some sense of a senseless situation. Once again this week we are given a warning to be prepared for the end of time

Malachi in the first reading is addressing the problem of how lax the people had become in their worship. He pointed out how the threat to the people now came from the riches and power that had accumulated in the hands of the few who disregarded God's demands for justice and compassion. He uses frightening images to describe what will happen to the religiously lax and lazy, but offers blessings to those who have remained faithful to God. He tells us that the end, when it comes, will be bad news for those whose lives have been led only by pure self-interest with no concern for others. They will reap nothing. They have chosen to walk their own path, and God will allow them to keep doing so. In the second reading we are also reminded that the attitude of the people in Thessalonia was one of social and religious laxity. There was almost a pervasive attitude of "why bother."

It is clear not only through what we get in the gospel this week but throughout the entire message of Jesus that he certainly does not see life as others see it. People were always looking for signs about what was to happen but Jesus tells us that we should not focus on "signs" rather we should set our sights on the promise that the end of times will bring. The readings although sounding fearful are really full of hope and not doom or fear. We need to remember that for those who persevere, that is be faithful to our call to follow Jesus, will be counted among the righteous.

As we grow in our readiness to be faithful to the Gospel in this life, we are already choosing our final destiny. Before new life, there must be dying to the old self. We know that Christ is the victor, and those who persevere in their faithfulness will share in the glory of that victory. We all wait with hope.

God lives in time, and in God's good time, the world will end, no matter how many predictions we make about it. Jesus warned us not to try to figure it out. Use the "now" time for good, working and building for things that really matter. When we live that way, we do not need to worry about the "end" time. So, when Jesus comes again, whether by fire or ice, look busy doing the Lord's

Weekly Collection Nov. 6				
Votive Candles:	130			
Utility & Energy:	236			
Accent:	22			
All Souls:	418			
All Saints:	519			
Advent Folder:	105			
Children & Adult				
Collection:	6,486			
Online Collection:	1,475			
Total Collection:	\$9,391			
Poverty Relief:	40			
Retired Religious:	384			
Total Collection:	\$9,815			

Mass Book

The Mass Book for 2023 is open. There are forms in the back of the church. You may also print a form from the website (Home > Mass Intentions). As always, you are welcome to stop in the office and make the request in person. No Masses will be scheduled over the phone. Each registered household may make one Mass request for a weekend Mass and one request for a weekday Mass.

Stewardship

Christmas Giving Tree

Once again this year I will be getting names from children in the Head Start program. If you know of any family who might benefit from this project, please contact me and let me know. The name tags will be available on the first weekend of Advent. This is just one more way that we can share our blessings with needed members of our community.

Pierogi Making

We will be peeling potatoes on **Sunday**, **November 13** after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. We will be making pierogis on Monday, **November 14** beginning at 8 a.m., but come as you are able. This is a great parish fundraiser and an enjoyable time for those who participate.

Photo Directory

If you haven't signed up to have your photo taken for the photo directory, take a moment this weekend and do so. We have over 160 families signed up so far. Think about how many times you can't put a name to a face...Don't be the missing face for someone else!

If you haven't scheduled, go online to **ucdir.com**. Click on Photography Appointment Scheduling (yellow box on the right of the page). To log in, use the **church code pa922 and the password: photos** or call Sara at 724-684-8098.

Christmas Wreaths

Remember we will once again be selling Wreaths for Christmas. If you would like one, you can sign up in Church or give us a call in the office. The cost will be \$30 for a wreath and if you need a stand for the cemetery it will be \$3. They can be picked up the weekend of November 26 and 27.

Groups

CDA, Court Monessen #776, will meet on **Tuesday, November 15** for a **Memorial Prayer Service for our deceased members.** The Prayer Service will begin at 7:00 p.m. with the Rosary. A brief meeting will follow the service in the Church.

Cheese Ball orders are due by November 15.

Christmas Party Reservations for members of the CDA and Epiphany Ladies are due by Sunday, November 20. For additional information, contact Regent Debbie Genemore at 724-708-8335.

Turkey Bingo



Next Sunday, November 20 is our Turkey Bingo! Doors will open at noon and the Bingo will begin at 1:00 p.m. This is a wonderful afternoon to come and spend with your friends. If you did not get your tickets you can give us a call in the office. You can return the tickets by dropping them off in the collection basket or at the Church Office.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on Monday, November 14 at 10:30 a.m. in the church hall. Come and join us to participate, or to learn how to crochet. For more info please contact Barb Mandarino at 724-684-5547 or Betty Geis at 724-684-5037.



Faith

Workbook for Lectors

All of our Lectors can pick up their workbook for the new Liturgical Year in the sacristy **after Masses this weekend**. These workbooks serve as a wonderful tool so that you can prepare for the Sunday readings.

Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on Tuesday, **November 22** at 7:00 p.m. at St. Sebastian Church. This year, five of our young people from Epiphany will be in the number. Rehearsal for Confirmation will be on Monday, **November 21** at 7:00 p.m. at St. Sebastian. Sponsors or their proxy should also be in attendance. If you have any questions, please call the Faith Formation Office at 724-929-9300.

Cookies are needed for the reception after Confirmation. If you are able to help out, you may bring the cookies to the Parish Office on Monday, November 21. Thank you and God bless you.

Looking Ahead...

It is amazing how quickly time flies once November hit us, and it won't be long before the Christmas Season is upon us. As our schedules fill up quickly, there are a number of dates I want you to be aware of.

Advent is the time to prepare for the greatest gift God has given us, the forgiving love we find through his Son. In celebrating this forgiveness we will offer the sacrament of Reconciliation throughout our region. The dates and times for our Penance Services are:

December 6
December 7
December 12
December 13
December 15
December 16
December 16
Epiphany
West Newton
Yukon
Perryopolis
Perryopolis
Herminie

December 17 Belle Vernon (Saturday Afternoon 12:00) Throughout December the Saturday confessions will be canceled in lieu of the services.

I hope that you mark these dates down and make an effort to come and bring your family to this life-giving sacrament.

Sausage Sale

HOMEMADE SAUSAGE SALE

The Kknights of Columbus will hold a sausage sale on December 13 & 14. All orders must be in by Saturday, November 26. Put in your order now to make sure you get it! The sausage will be sold at \$5.00 /lb. Minimum order is 2 lb. per item.

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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 **Knights of Columbus.**