



**November 19, 2023**



**33rd Sunday  
in Ordinary  
Time**

Today's  
readings

## 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 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

### Monday, November 20

8:00 AM † Frank & Marie Dolessandro by Mary Lou Loulis

### Tuesday, November 21

8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

### Wednesday, November 22

No Mass

### Thursday, November 23 — Thanksgiving Day

8:30 AM Parish Family

### Friday, November 24

8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

### Saturday, November 25 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Petritis & Kolinski by Family

### Sunday, November 26 — Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

8:30 AM † Carmen Beneccio by MaryAnn & Joe Gallo

10:30 AM † Ed Monaghan by Ginnie, Melanie & Family

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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 25 & 26

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 p.m.	P. Fantauzzi	A. Punturiero	Volunteer
8:30 a.m.	F. Petrosky	J. Todd	T. Todd
10:30 a.m.	W. Vlasic	K. Byron	M. Guiliford

### Money Counters

Monday, November 20—Team #2— W. Anders

### Ministry Schedule — Nov. 23– Thanksgiving

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
8:30 a.m.	P. Fantauzzi	J. Brown	M. Guiliford

## We are all stewards of God's gifts

Once again this week we are given an illustration of what it means to be a strong individual and the model presented is a woman. Proverbs is a book about human living and human relations. It shows how we are to direct our lives. Today's passage deals with the role of woman as wife and mother. It also shows how we should not be entrapped by external appearances, "charm is deceptive and beauty fleeting." It is what is in a person's heart that really matters and creates strength. Although this was written at a time when women did not have many rights it certainly depicts a woman's role as being one of power, prudence, wisdom and generosity to those who might be in need, virtues we all should strive to make a part of our lives.



St. Paul picks up on the same notion when he refers to the last days. The image of a woman in labor reminds us that once things are in motion we cannot stop them. We are reminded that we are "children of the day" and "children of the light." This is in reference to the many gifts we have been entrusted with. It becomes our task if you will, to boldly share those gifts and proudly proclaim the good news that the gospels bring to life.

Our Gospel reading further explains just how we should make use of our strength of character by recognizing and developing the gifts and talents we have been given in life. In order to do so we genuinely need to be secure in our strengths and abilities. The story tells us of a man who entrusted his stewards with talents before he begins a journey. A talent is a Greek word for money. Two of the stewards were not afraid to make an investment and were rewarded by increasing their initial amount. The third steward was fearful of what his master might do if he would lose the money entrusted to him, so he simply buried it and returned it to his master when he arrived home.

In this parable Jesus reminds us that all of life is a risk, and if we are afraid of taking a risk, then often we are the losers. The "talents" in the story represent the gifts and talents God gave to us. We all need to be aware of our abilities to be the presence of Christ in our world and use what we were given for the good of others. If we hide behind our talents, then we may as well just bury them like the man in the story. However, if we take the risk and use what we have to help others, then our gifts just multiply. Our task is to open ourselves up in risk and hope to be co-creators with God in building a stronger Kingdom of God here and now. By remembering that the needs of the community are great, and those needs will not be met if we bury our talents, we will be the wise stewards God created us to become.

## Daily Readings

### Readings for the week of November 19, 2023

**Sunday:** Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 (see 1a)/1 Thes 5:1-6/ Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

**Monday:** 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158/Lk 18:35-43

**Tuesday:** 2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 19:1-10

**Wednesday:** 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15/Lk 19:11-28

**Thursday:** 1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Lk 19:41-44

**Friday:** 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Lk 19:45-48

**Saturday:** 1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19/Lk 20:27-40

**Next Sunday:** Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 (1)/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46





## Stewardship

### CRS and DPRF collection...

Today's second collection is for Catholic Relief Services, the authorized international humanitarian agency of the Catholic community in the United States. 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.

Due to the bulletin deadline, this week's collection will be listed next week.

## Angel Tree



We are getting a slightly early start with the Angel Tree this year. Beginning next week we will give you the opportunity to **take a name from our Angel Tree**. Each year we get the names of the children from Head Start and purchase Christmas Gifts. If you would like a name, simply take a tag from the tree where gift suggestions will be listed.

We will need the **gifts to be returned the weekend of December 16-17** If you have any questions about this project, please let us know by calling the office.

## Turkey Bingo

**Today's the Day! Turkey Bingo** is this afternoon, 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 haven't dropped your tickets off, you can do so at the door. If you have any questions about the Turkey Bingo, please call the church office. I look forward to seeing you there!



## Around the Diocese

### Live Nativity at St. James Parish

A Live Nativity is planned **Friday, Dec. 8, from 5-8 p.m. at St. James Parish, New Alexandria**. All are invited to walk and experience the beauty and wonder of the Scriptures coming to life with live animals and actors. There will be activities for the entire family, plus lessons and carols. Refreshments will be served.

### Cookie sale St. Rita Parish, Connellsville

The Christian Mothers of St. Rita Parish, Connellsville, will hold their annual Christmas cookie sale **Saturday, Dec. 9, at 9 a.m. in the social hall**. The sale will feature knots, pizzelles, biscotti and other varieties

## Faith

### Feast of Christ the King



Next week we celebrate the **Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus, King of the Universe!** It is the last Sunday of the Church year, and it commemorates the supremacy of Christ as King of the Universe. This year the Church has focused on the importance of the Eucharist and its centrality in all of our lives. In commemoration of this great day, we will have **Eucharistic Adoration after the 10:30 Mass until 2:30 p.m. at which time we will have benediction and the closing**. I do hope that you will be able to stop in Church during this adoration and spend a few minutes in prayer.

### Thanksgiving Day

This week we celebrate another Thanksgiving, and in looking back over the year, we all have an awful lot to be thankful for. I hope that as you gather with your families and friends that you all just take a moment to reflect on the blessings God has shared with you.

As a Parish Family we will celebrate **Mass at 8:30 a.m.** on Thanksgiving Day.



**Office Hours:** The Office will be closed for Thanksgiving on Thursday, November 23. **It will reopen Tuesday, November 28.** If you need a priest, please call 724-684-7661. The answering service will relay the message.

## Groups

**CDA, Court Monessen #776** will meet on Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup> for a Memorial Prayer Service for our deceased members. The Prayer Service will begin at 7:00 p.m. with the Rosary. For additional information contact Regent Debbie Genemore at 724-708-8335.

## 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.



### 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.**

<u>LINK</u>	<u>LOOSE</u>	
_____ lbs.	_____ lbs.	<b>Sweet Sausage</b>
_____ lbs.	_____ lbs.	<b>Hot Sausage</b>
_____ lbs.	_____ lbs.	<b>Hot Hot Sausage</b>

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 **Knights of Columbus**