

November 5, 2023



**31st 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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LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, November 4 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Val Gene & Helen Veschio by Don & Rita Dustolfo

Sunday, November 5 — 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM † Vincent Burger by Betty Shimek
10:30 AM † Mildred Cramer by Daughter, Lisa Anderson

Monday, November 6

8:00 AM † Edward and Edith Palanzo by Surdyn Family

Tuesday, November 7

8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

Wednesday, November 8

No Mass

Thursday, November 9

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

Friday, November 10

8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

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

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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 11 & 12

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 p.m.	G. Pesi	L. Henry	Volunteer
8:30 a.m.	S. Stein	J. Todd	T. Todd
10:30 a.m.	W. Vlasic	K. Imbrescia	L. Assenat

Money Counters

Monday, November 6—Team #6— M. Smith

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.

God calls us all to be leaders...



Today our liturgy makes reference to the responsibility of leadership in the Church as well as in life. It is easy to see how people in leadership can become lax and start to use their position of authority for their own gain. It is amazing how power and control can take us over without our even being aware of it. Malachi in the first reading is reprimanding the leaders of the Church for not following the Lord's ways of justice, and we must remember that the leaders of the Church were often leaders in other aspects of life, so it was just not in matters of faith and morals that abuses were taking place. In the gospel we have Jesus taking this notion a step further by associating the responsibility of leadership to all of us. We are told that "the greatest among you must be your servant."

It is so easy for us sit back and recognize how many leaders in our world today are guilty of the things Jesus brings to mind. It is a whole different matter to look at ourselves and see just how often in life we too are guilty of mismanaging life, as well as the people around us. It is difficult to be a leader today and stay true to ourselves and the message of Christ's peace and justice. He clearly reminds us in the Gospel that there should be no other authority than that of God our Father. It is the love of God that should always be first and foremost in all of our actions with one another.

If we look at our lives and are honest, how many times do we busy ourselves with things we think are so important, when the time could have been spent on things that bring much more peace rather than more anxiety, and when we experience anxiety in life, we drag other people into it. We are all called to be aware of the simple fact that we are all leaders in life. We are all responsible for one another, even when it calls us to get out of our own comfort zones. In life we are both leaders and followers, and there should be not be any absolute models other than God our Father along with Jesus his son. When we are to call no one father or teacher, we are reminded that it is God the Father who should be the true leader for us to follow.

What is it that we hide behind in life? What excuses do we use for not helping others? Who do we blame when things go wrong? Today we are being reminded that we all need to be responsible for ourselves as well as the people around us. God will always exalt the humble, and humble those who exalt themselves. When our actions do not match what we preach, can we reach out in humility to God and one another. The questions we need to ask ourselves is: How often in life do we convince ourselves that we are too busy to help others, how often do we need to humble ourselves before one another?

Daily Readings

Readings for the week of November 5, 2023

Sunday: Mal 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10/Ps 131:1, 2, 3/1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13/Mt 23:1-12

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: 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

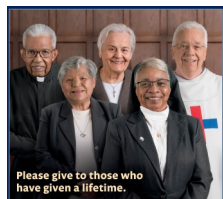
Friday: Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Lk 16:1-8

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

Next Sunday: Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (2b)/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13

Stewardship

Retired Religious



This weekend, **November 4 –5**, we will have a collection for the Retired Religious. There are blank envelopes in the back of the church for this collection.

Please help support those who have dedicated their lives to prayer, ministry, and service. Religious helped establish the institutions that enabled millions of Catho-

lics to engage in the mainstream of our country's industry and economy. When their numbers were considerable and their congregations young, **religious institutes invested not in pension plans but in ministry, in people, and in the future of the Church they served. Today, 75% of women and men religious are over age 70.** Many institutions simply do not have the resources to meet the dramatically escalating costs of care for their growing elderly populations. During the appeal for the Retirement Fund for Religious, **please recall the role of religious in your life, the ways that they have nourished your faith and defined and strengthened your values.** There are two groups here in the Diocese of Greensburg that directly receive these funds: Carmel of the Assumption and the Benedictine Sisters of Saint Emma Monastery.

Weekly Collection Oct. 29

Votive Candles:	156
Utility & Energy:	265
Accent:	6
Advent:	60
All Saints:	58
All Souls:	133
Children & Adult Collection:	6,120
Online Collection:	775
Total Collection:	\$7,573
Retired Religious:	135
Mission Sunday:	135
Diocesan Poverty:	10
Total Collection:	\$7,853

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.

Groups

Holy Name Sunday is next Sunday, November 12. There will be Corporate Communion at the 8:30 a.m. Mass. Following Mass, we will have our regular monthly meeting in the church hall.

MVC Class of '63

The Mon Valley Catholic Class of 1963 is celebrating their **60th Class Reunion on December 2, 2023.** If you, or someone you know, is part of that graduating class and are interested in attending, please contact Tom Rodriguez ASAP or by November 16 at the latest. email: trodriguez1338@yahoo.com or Text or call: 724-984-6736

Ravioli Dinner

There will be a Ravioli & Spaghetti dinner at St. Anne's Social hall, on Sunday, November 5 from 12 Noon to 4 p.m. Tickets are \$15; children under 5 are free. Tickets can be purchased at the door. If you have any questions, please call St. Anne's at 724-872-3555.



Faith

Ministry call out....

We have not had much response to any people wanting to be a part of any ministry in Church. If any of you would like to be a Lector, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, take communion to the home bound, greeter or usher...please give us a call at the office. Participating in the ministry of the church is one way of sharing Christ with those around you while increasing your joy of the Eucharist. We're not asking you to be something you are not, but rather to be what Christ made you to be.

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



Halloween Party

Last week, we celebrated our Halloween Party and it was met with much fun and excitement. **I am always grateful to everyone who helps in any way to make these events happen.** A Big Thanks to all who helped and all who came and enjoyed the evening....It was certainly one to remember!



Photos: <https://www.eolparish.com/photo-album-3.html>

Around the Diocese

Ugly Sweater Run

St. Bartholomew Church in Crabtree will be holding their 5th annual Ugly Christmas Sweater 5K Run & 2 Mile Walk on **Saturday, Dec. 2nd!** Race day registration and packet pick up begins at 9am and the race begins at 11am. Registration is open on runsignup.com or call our parish office 724-834-0709 for a paper form. Sponsorship opportunities are also available! 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!

Christmas Night Market, Greensburg

The Diocese of Greensburg Christmas Night Market is set for **Saturday, Dec. 16**, from 3-8 p.m. at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg, complete with dozens of food, craft and gift vendors. **Mass with Bishop Larry J. Kulick starts at 4 p.m.**, followed by a talk with St. Nicholas-inspired artist Pipka Ulvilden in the chapel. **Tickets are now on sale** for a series of festive beer, wine and family crafting sessions that connect to our faith throughout the afternoon and evening.