



October 16, 2022



**29th 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



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, October 15– Vigil

4:00 PM † Forrest McKenna by Nancy McKenna

Sunday, October 16 — 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM † James Todd by Ruth Jane & Family

10:30 AM † Mary & Sinbaldo Daniele by Daughters

Monday, October 17

8:00 AM † John Cieply by wife, Dolly & Family

Tuesday, October 18

No Mass

Wednesday, October 19

No Mass

Thursday, October 20

8:00 AM † Helen Veschio by Rosina Volpe

Friday, October 21

No Mass

Saturday, October 22 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Julio Angelini by Joe & Mary Ann Gallo

Sunday, October 23 — 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM † Leonard W. Babinski by Wife, Irene & Family

10:30 AM † Maria and Saverio Gigliotti by Tom & Marinell Gigliotti

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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 — October 22& 23

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 p.m.	P. Fatntauzzi	J. Dudas	M. Smith G. Smith
8:30 a.m.	S. Stein	K. Imbrescia	L. Assenat
10:30 a.m.	A. Blatnik	T. Mazzei	C. Blatnik

Money Counters

Monday, October 17—Team #5 — R. Croushore

Widowed, Divorced or Separated? Beginning Experience® ministry is sponsoring a weekend program to help men and women of all faiths pass through the grief and move forward with their lives. The next weekend program is **October 21-23, 2022 at Christ Our Shepherd Center**, Greensburg. Payment arrangements and financial assistance may be available. To register or make a confidential call to **Kim at 412-352-2653 or Dick at 724-255-7407** to learn more about this healing ministry. www.BeginningExperiencePittsburgh.com

Persistence does pay off!

The squeaky wheel always gets the grease, or so the saying goes. Today we are reminded to be persistent in our prayer to God. In our first reading as well as the gospel we are presented with two scenarios where persistence pays off. Persistence, at least as presented in the first reading and gospel is the attitude of one seeking justice. Both justice and faith have to do with our relationship with God. Justice sets us in right relationship with God and other; faith impels us to do whatever is necessary to establish that right relationship.



Persistence requires discipline, and it rests on the hope that the desired outcome of our efforts will be achieved. For example, we are persistent in exercise routines, athletic training, and musical practice. So it is with prayer: we persist because of our hope that God will hear us. Jesus asks the question: “will God find faith on earth?” God does find faith in those who persist in prayer. But what about those of us who feel like we are praying persistently for our needs...why is God not answering us?

This raises the important issue about what we pray for. If our prayer is simply about getting what we want, then our focus may only be upon ourselves. If, instead, our focus is on “justice being done...speedily,” then persistence will get us that justice and, ultimately, salvation. The key is to remember that the answer to our prayers is not getting what we want now, but justice, that is right relationship with God.

Prayer must become a part of who we are as people; it cannot be something that we just do. Our lives must become prayer if we are to be “persistent” in our relationship with God. The Benedictines have a saying that they live by: “Ora et Labora.” It means, work and prayer meaning that everything that we do must become our prayer. We cannot separate our lives from our prayer. That is being persistent in prayer with God. Prayer has the ability to give us a greater insight into life. We spend all of our lives just trying to figure out how we fit in and prayer can be the answer.

It has been said that prayer can move mountains, but sometimes the mountain that needs to be moved is ourselves. As long as we live, we keep on discovering that life is more than we bargained for. Yet, still, we persevere, just like the widow. We keep pounding on the door of God.

Weekly Collection Oct. 9

Votive Candles:	125
Utility & Energy:	160
Accent:	0
All Souls:	30
All Saints:	10
Children & Adult Collection:	4,712
Online Collection:	880
Total Collection:	\$5,917
World Mission:	60
Total Collection:	\$5,997

Thank You



The St. Vincent de Paul Society extends their sincere thanks for your donation of shoeboxes and the items to put in them.

Because of your generosity, they were able to fill 225 shoe boxes that will be distributed at Christmas time to older Appalachian residents.

Photo Directory



WE NEED YOU
to make our new family directory complete

We have nearly 100 people sign up for our photo directory! If you haven't done so yet, please check your calendars for when you will be able to have your photo taken. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the office!

There will be volunteers at the church following the weekend Masses who will be able to schedule you. You are also able to choose a time slot and register online. To schedule online, go to ucdir.com. Click on Photography Appointment Scheduling (yellow box on the right of the page), or use the QR code. To log in, use the **church code pa922 and the password: photos**

As a reminder, everyone who gets their picture taken will receive a free 8 x10 photo and a copy of the directory when they are printed.

Groups

Congratulations to **Catholic Daughters of the Americas** Court Monessen #776 as they celebrate their 100th Anniversary at the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, October 16. A century of service is truly commendable.

Gourmet Apple Sale

We are selling Applelicious Apples for the holidays! There are order blanks in the back of the Church. Orders are due the first week of November. If we get enough orders, pick up will be the third week of November. The large apples are \$14.00, the small are \$11.00 and the pretzels are \$4.50. The large apples weigh up to 2 ¼ pounds, the small apples weigh up to 1 ¼ pound and the pretzels weigh in around 1/4 pound.



Halloween Party



We will be holding our **Halloween Haunted Luau Party** on **Saturday, October 29, from 8:00 p.m. to 11 p.m.** so mark your calendar. Costumes are optional.

We will be setting up for the party on **Thursday, October 27 at 5:30 p.m.** If you have a little time to help, it would be greatly appreciated and make the task go much quicker.

Monthly Rosary

The Knights of Columbus will hold their monthly rosary on Wednesday, **October 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.

Prayer & Perfect Pairings

Join Bishop Larry J. Kulik for **Prayer and Perfect Pairings**, a five-course dinner prepared by priests from throughout our Diocese, on **Thursday, Nov. 10** at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg. Each course is paired with wine. Visit www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/PrayerandPerfectPairings for tickets. Proceeds will be used to support Eucharistic Revival efforts.



Faith

Sponsor Certificates

A constant issue that we deal with in the office deals with Sponsor Certificates. It seems that no matter how often we relay the information regarding requirements for these certificates, the message does not appear to be heard.

Canon Law is very clear on what is required from anyone wishing to be a sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation. Although the Church has not changed its position on the requirements for becoming a sponsor, there does seem to be quite a bit of confusion which often leads to people getting angry.



Before anyone can become a sponsor for any sacrament, they must be registered in a parish. This becomes confusing for many people. Once a child turns 18 or finishes school, they are no longer considered a member of the parish. If they wish to join as an adult, they need to fill out census papers. **Just because you were baptized at a parish does not mean that you are a member of that parish.** So if you have an adult child who wishes to be members of our parish, they must register on their own, they are no longer considered a member on your family census.

Below are the Canonical requirements for acting as a sponsor:

Canon Law #874 states:

To be admitted to the role of sponsor for Baptism and or/ Confirmation, a person must:

1. Be designated by the one to be baptized or confirmed by the parents or the one who takes their place or, in their absence, by the pastor or minister and is to have the qualifications and intention of performing this role:
2. Have completed the sixteenth year, unless a different age has been established by the diocesan bishop or it seems to the pastor or minister that an exception is to be made for a just cause:
3. Be fully initiated Catholic (received **Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist**)
4. Lead a life in harmony with the faith and role of sponsor (be a member of a parish, **attend Mass on Sundays and Holydays**, celebrating the Sacrament of Penance and living out the teachings and beliefs of the Church, not be in an irregular marriage.
5. Not bound by any canonical penalty:
6. Not be the father or mother of the one to be baptized or confirmed.

The person who wishes to be a sponsor must swear to the fact that they are doing the above and then sign the form. The pastor likewise has to swear that the person is truly a member in good standing.

Confirmation Students

There is a mandatory Retreat for **all Confirmation candidates** on **Wednesday, October 19**, at St. John the Baptist Church in Perryopolis from 4:00—9:00 p.m. A meal will be served at 3:30 p.m. Please call the Adelle at 724-736-4442 or email aslebodnik@dioceseofgreensburg.org to register.

Women's Conference

"Spirited," the first Diocesan Women's Conference, is set for **Saturday, Nov. 12, from 7 a.m.-4 p.m.** at Christ our Shepherd Center, Greensburg. The day will feature praise and worship, including Mass with Bishop Larry J. Kulick, plus speakers, witness testimonies, crafts, prizes and lunch. You can find registration forms in back of the church or on our website. For information, contact the Diocesan Office of Communications and Evangelization at 724-837-0901.