



**October 23, 2022**



**30th 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](http://www.eolparish.com)

### Office Hours

Mon.–Thurs.: 8:30 am, - 3:00 p.m. Fri.: 8:30 a.m.– 12 Noon

## PARISH STAFF

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## LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

### 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

### Monday, October 24

8:00 AM † Shirley Marino by Family

### Tuesday, October 25

No Mass

### Wednesday, October 26

No Mass

### Thursday, October 27

8:00 AM † George & Anna Josay by Loving Family

### Friday, October 28

No Mass

### Saturday, October 29 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Mafalda August by Leanne August

### Sunday, October 30 — 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM † Rita Masci by Lawrence A. Masci

10:30 AM † Tony Volpe by Rosina Volpe

#### 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 — October 29 & 30

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 p.m.	R. Kozar	L. Henry	B. Rizzuto
8:30 a.m.	F. Petrosky	N. Mazzie	D. DeFelices
10:30 a.m.	W. Vlasic	K. Byron	V. Watkins

#### Money Counters

**Monday, October 24**—Team #6 — M. Smith

## A Matter of the Heart!



This Sunday's gospel presents us with another simple yet very complex story. Jesus tells us of two people: one a Pharisee and the other a sinful tax collector. Jesus could not have picked two people that were more opposite in their approach to life. The tax collector extracted money from his fellow Jews to support the efforts of the Roman government. Often the tax collector would keep a portion of the money for himself and give the remaining funds to his employers. The Pharisee on the other hand lived his life keeping the traditions of Israel alive even during difficult times of occupation. It is interesting that just like the story of the rich man and Lazarus most of us would almost immediately identify with the sinful tax collector and his humble prayer. Not many of us would like to admit being like the Pharisee. Yet, some of us really are like the Pharisee in that we put our pious acts above everything else and think that this is how we are justified.

For example, some people fill their houses with statues and shrines and say prayers constantly, but are anything but charitable and self giving toward others. Others constantly judge the prayer practice of others thinking they themselves have the right formula. Truth be told, probably most of us have something of both the Pharisee and tax collector in us. So this Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to assess not only our prayer life, but also our basic stance toward God.

Sirach in the first reading simply tells us that God shows no favorites. Whether privileged and rich or lowly and poor, God gives the same treatment. God will not accept bribes, nor will God allow us to "pile up grace." Many feel that they can pile up grace. The more prayers you say, the more times you bless yourself with holy water, the more genuflections you perform, the more you will earn God's favor. It is this attitude against which Sirach speaks. For Sirach, each one of us gets from God what we deserve - and that merit is not based on wealth or prestige but on conscientious service to God. Sirach reminds us that God sees into the heart and receives prayers and offerings that are made in humility and sincerity. External even good works and charitable offerings, can become an obstacle to pure religious vision, and lead us to think that we are better than others. As we look at the parable of the Pharisee and tax collector we must be careful not to make the Pharisee into a whipping boy. Nor is the tax-collector the model of good behavior. Jesus is inviting us to look beyond external behavior to see the interior self that Scripture calls "the heart" - that center of a person where one's motivations and concept of self is formed. Although the Pharisee is faithful to pious practices, he is missing the heart of prayer and the core of faith demonstrated by the tax collector. It is the tax collector's humility that draws him closer to God and allows him to go home justified.

Prayer helps us to enter into and maintain an intimate relationship with God. Like we learned last week, we must be consistent in our prayer, for it is in our prayer that we acknowledge who we are before God.

Somewhere in this parable is a little bit of all of us. We just need to search our hearts and get in touch with the Pharisee and tax collector that are roaming around in each of us. Remember that it is always a matter of the heart!

#### QR Code

For the past several weeks, there has been a QR code on the front of the bulletins. If you pick up a bulletin on the way in to Mass, you can use your smartphone to scan the code and follow the readings on your phone as an option to the hymnal.

**With Deepest Sympathy** — Condolences are extended to the families of SHIRLEY ANN AMPRIM, ALFRED G. BENNET AND ROSEMARY FERRARA. May God grant them eternal rest, and comfort to their families. We commend their souls to rest in the peace of Christ.

## Photo Directory

We have over 100 people sign up for our photo directory! Remember, for the project to be a success, we need YOU. 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](http://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**

If you have **any friends or neighbors** who would like to have their photo taken, please let them know the dates and how they can sign up. They do not need to be a parishioner. Of course, they will not be included in our directory, but they will have the opportunity for a free 8 x 10 portrait.

### Weekly Collection Oct. 17

Votive Candles:	147
Utility & Energy:	108
Accent:	3
All Souls:	35
All Saints:	35
Children & Adult Collection:	4,480
Online Collection:	1,401
<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$6,209</b>
World Mission:	10
Retired Religious:	10
Dioc. Poverty Relief:	2
<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$6,231</b>

## Halloween Party



Join us for our **Halloween Haunted Luau Party** on **Saturday, October 29, from 8:00 p.m. to 11 p.m.** Be sure to practice your tossing for our corn hole tournament. 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 faster.

## 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](http://www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/PrayerandPerfectPairings) for tickets. Proceeds will be used to support Eucharistic Revival efforts.



## 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 1/4 pounds, the small apples weigh up to 1 1/4 pound and the pretzels weigh in around 1/4 pound.

**Pierogi making** is coming up! We will be peeling potatoes on Sunday, November 6 and Sunday, November 13 after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. We will be making pierogis on Monday, November 7 and November 14 beginning at 8 a.m., but come as you are able.

## Faith

### All Saints and All Souls

Next week we celebrate two great feast days honoring all of those who have died. We recognize the countless people who have attained the honor of eternal glory through the Sainthood of Jesus Christ.

On Tuesday, November 1 we celebrate the feast of All Saints. **This is a Holy Day of Obligation. We will celebrate Mass at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, October 31, and at 8:00 a.m. At St. Sebastian, on Tuesday, November 1.**

On **Wednesday, November 2** we recognize those souls who have not yet attained the glory of Sainthood with the celebration of All Souls. On Wednesday, November 2, there will be a Mass at 7:00 p.m. at St. Sebastian in memory of all those who have died, and on Thursday, November 3 there will be a service at 6:30 p.m. at Epiphany. We will have a prayer service in memory of all of our beloved dead. I encourage everyone to come and pray for all of their loved ones who have died. The service is for all those who have died, not only those in the past year.



### 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.

## Turkey Bingo

On November the 20<sup>th</sup> the Epiphany Ladies will celebrate the season with their Turkey Bingo! **The 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. We have sent our tickets out to all of our parishioners for this event, if you did not get yours you can give us a call in the office. You can return the tickets by dropping them off in the collection basket or drop them all at the Church Office.



## Spaghetti Dinner

The Monessen Knights of Columbus and Monessen Rostraver Rotary Club are holding a Spaghetti Dinner this Sunday, **October 23 from 11:30 a.m. until 5 p.m.** at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 1925 Grand Blvd. Monessen. Dine in or Take out. Adults, \$12 and Children under 12, \$7. Thank you for your support.

## In Appreciation

October is Pastor Appreciation Month. On **Sunday, October 30** we will gather between the 8:30 and 10:30 Masses to show Fr. Mike our appreciation! Plan to spend a little time with us and have coffee and doughnuts. Father will be there between 9:30 and 10! There will be a very **brief** presentation but we need you there for lots of cheers for the man who gives and does so much for us.