



October 2, 2022

27th Week in Ordinary Time



Today's reading

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

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🌐 www.eolparish.com

Office Hours

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LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, October 1 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Denise Persico by Mom, Dad & Siblings

Sunday, October 2 — 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM † Yolanda Reday by Nandia & Joseph

10:30 AM † Frank "Moe" Vizza by Joe & Maryann Gallo

Monday, October 3

8:00 AM † James Nash by Wife, Betty Nash

Tuesday, October 4

No Mass

Wednesday, October 5

No Mass

Thursday, October 6

8:00 AM † Josephine, Quirino and Frank Ciccarelli by Marge & John

Friday, October 7

No Mass

Saturday, October 8 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Gene Daniele by Janet Daniele

Sunday, October 9 — 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM † Polaski/Trunzo Family by Mike & Beth

10:30 AM † William & Lena (DeMarino) Greco by Children, Marlene, Cindie & William

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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 8 & 9

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 p.m.	G. Pesi	A. Punturiero	S. Punturiero
8:30 a.m.	F. Petrosky	J. Elias	B. Smith J. Smith
10:30 a.m.	M. Sacco	K. Imbrescia	S. Yatchyshyn

Money Counters

Monday, October 3—Team #3 — K. Byron

If We Had Faith the Size of a Mustard Seed...



Surrendering can be one of the most difficult things we can do in life. We seem to have the attitude that when we surrender anything we are giving up, and nobody wants to be thought of as a quitter. Well, giving up or surrendering seems to be what we are being asked to do today through our liturgy. We are asked to give up on always wanting things to go our way, we are asked to give up on selfishness and greed, we are asked to give up on always wanting control! These certainly are hard things for us to let go of. This week we are reminded of the power of faith and what it is able to do in our lives.

How often in life have you heard people bemoaning about all the wrong and evil that is apparent in our world. The question that people ask is “how can a loving God permit so much evil.” It is true that violence does seem to define our world. Recent polls reveal that the overwhelming majority of Americans believe that we were bogged down in a hopeless military and political mess. Suicide bombings were on the increase, and American military and civilian casualties were at an all-time high. This contemporary dilemma is remarkably similar to the world in which the prophet Habakkuk lived. As he cries out: “Why, O God, do you allow this to happen?” The answer is unexpected. He is told not to give up and give some time for the mind of God to be revealed. We are given that same answer today.

The question of evil is not an easy one to answer in fact it is a strong dynamic in life that people use to question the existence of a loving God. This week, we are reminded that faith is a power that can get us through these times of turmoil and trouble. It is belief in God’s justice and love trusting in that goodness which allows us to endure suffering in life. God has many fair-weathered friends who are with God as long as everything is going their way. Real faith is proved by steadfast loyalty to God when the road isn’t so easy and life seems unfair.

The disciples in the gospel ask Jesus for more faith. They believed that if they had more faith, all would be well. They are quickly reminded that it is not a question of more or less faith, but what they can do with the faith they’ve got. Jesus did believe that the disciples had great faith, but what they really wanted was more power to do fantastic things. All we are asked to do is to be faithful to what we are called to do, and to be faithful means being a servant of all. Jesus never promised us a rose garden in life. He promises us hope in the midst of evil.

Synod Report



Synod
2021
2023

Early in the year, you were asked to complete a survey pertaining to your thoughts on the Church. Those surveys have been completed nationwide. The compiled report is

on the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) site and can be read or downloaded at <https://www.usccb.org/resources/us-national-synthesis-2021-2023-synod>

The *National Synthesis of the People of God in the United States of America*. The synthesis marks the completion of the Diocesan Phase of the *2021-2023 Synod: For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission*.

Pope Francis invites the entire Church to reflect on a theme that is decisive for its life and mission: “It is precisely this path of synodality which God expects of the Church of the third millennium.”

To keep current with the synodality of the church, check out the information on the Vatican website: <https://www.synod.va/en.html>

With Deepest Sympathy — Condolences are extended to the family of STELLA FILIPOWSKI. May God grant her eternal rest, and comfort to her family. We commend her soul to rest in the peace of Christ.

Stewardship

Shoe Box Collection

Once again, I would like to thank everyone who participated in donating items to fill the shoe boxes, as well as the boxes. When we go out of our way to simply touch the life of a complete stranger with kindness, we are living in the manner Christ asks us to. Know that your generosity will touch the hearts and lives of many people.

Weekly Collection Sept. 25

Votive Candles:	90
Utility & Energy:	55
Accent:	6
Religious Ed. Tuition:	110
Children & Adult Collection:	2,945
Online Collection:	865
Total Collection:	\$4,071
Seminarian:	409
World Mission:	10
Total Collection:	\$4,490

Photo Directory

Our scheduling process has begun for our photo directory. You are able to choose a time slot online. Know that there will also be volunteers at the church following the weekend Masses who will also be able to schedule you. 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**



Prayer Shawl Ministry

The **Prayer Shawl Ministry** will meet on **Monday, October 10 at 10:00 a.m.** in the church hall. Come and participate! If you don't know how to crochet, but would like to learn, someone will teach you. For more information, contact Barb Mandarin, 724-684-5547; Betty Geis, 724-684-5037 or Evie Yatchyshyn, 724-84-9294.



Groups

Holy Name Sunday is next week, **October 9**. Corporate Communion will be at the 8:30 a.m. Mass. The regular monthly meeting will follow in the church hall.

Epiphany Ladies will meet on **Tuesday, October 11 at 7:00 p.m.** in the church hall. All women of the parish are welcome to join.

Halloween Games

Our Halloween **Haunted Luau** is scheduled for **Saturday, October 29**. This year, we're looking at two additional activities during the evening. First, we are planning a **Corn Hole Tournament!** We do need someone to run the tournament. If you are interested in doing so, please let us know by **Wednesday, October 12**. The second event is a **Mystery Party**. Think "Whodunnit." To participate in the Mystery Party, please let us know by **Friday, October 14**. If you choose to play, you will be assigned a character and will work with other players to determine the guilty party. Dust off your acting skills and get ready to put together the clues.

Away Schedule

Fr. Mike will be away for a week in October. There will be no morning Mass at Epiphany or St. Sebastian on Friday, **October 7, or October 11—14**. There is a Monday and Thursday 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Anne Parish, Rostraver, and Tuesday and Wednesday 8:00 a.m. Mass at Holy Family, West Newton.

Faith

Blessing of Pets

On Tuesday, October 4, we will celebrate the feast of St. Francis. We all know that St. Francis is well known for his great love for all of creation, especially the animals. Because of his great love for animals, the church uses this occasion to bestow a blessing upon all of our pets. We will gather in the parking lot at St. Sebastian's on Monday at 6:30 p.m., then on **Tuesday, October 4, at 6:30 p.m.** we will have a blessing in the parking lot at Epiphany. So, if you have a pet of **any kind**, bring them on **Monday or Tuesday** and we will bless them.



October Count

The month of October has been the time set aside by our diocese to count all of the people who attend church. **Throughout the weeks of October** we will count all of the people who come to church. At the end of the month, I will publish the totals. So, if you see someone counting, you will know what they are doing. This count is important for the Diocese when planning for the future.

Patriotic Rosary

On **Saturday, October 8**, the Greensburg DCCW invites all to come and pray the Patriotic Rosary, with patriotic music, at **St. Emma's Monastery**. The rosary will be prayed inside Cor Jesu Chapel from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 Noon. All are invited to pray for the consecration of our nation as election day approaches. Light refreshments will be served after the rosary. Note: This is also the National Memorial Day of Prayer for all babies that have died from abortion.

Public Square Rosary Crusade

Join us for the Holy Rosary at Epiphany of Our Lord on Saturday, October 15 beginning at 12 Noon. For more information contact **Shirley Beneccio** at 724-684-7099 or email at smbeneccio@gmail.com

Women's Conference

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. For information, contact the Diocesan Office of Communications and Evangelization at 724-837-0901.

Gourmet Apple Sale

We are selling Apples for Christmas! (<https://apples4you.com/> if you want to see what they have.) If you are interested, there is an order blank in the back of the Church. Orders are due the first week of November. Simply determine what you want and sign the order sheet. 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. If you have any questions just call the office.

Christmas Wreaths

Let us know if you're interested!

Once again our decorating committee will be making wreaths for the cemeteries or for your homes. **We are checking on the pricing for these wreaths and will have this information to you by next week.** There will be order forms available in the back of the church if you are interested.