



**October 30, 2022**



**31st 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

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

## PARISH STAFF

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## LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

### 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

### Monday, October 31

8:00 AM † Kathleen C. Kelemen by Bob Keleman

6:30 PM † Herman Alvarez by Wife, Children & Grandchildren

### Tuesday, November 1 — All Saints

8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian, Belle Vernon

### Wednesday, November 2

No Mass

### Thursday, November 3

8:00 AM † Harry "Bud" Cope by Family

6:30 PM All Souls Service

### Friday, November 4

No Mass

### Saturday, November 5 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Lucy Biseda by Carol Cocciolone

### Sunday, November 6 — 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM † Deceased Members of Holy Name Society by Holy Name Society

10:30 AM † John Talarico by Nephew, Tom

#### 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 — November 5 & 6

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 p.m.	D. Harkins	A. Punturiero	S. Punturiero
8:30 a.m.	K. Miller	J. Todd	T. Todd
10:30 a.m.	M. Sacco	E. Yatchshyn	J. Smith G. Smith

#### Money Counters

**Monday, October 31 — Team #1 — B. Geis**

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

## Going out on a limb!

Sometimes we forget that the simple things in life make all the difference. We spend time looking for the “big” things and we completely miss out on the opportunities that the “simple” things bring to life. Our liturgy gives us a gentle reminder that God loves everyone because they are all God’s creation, and the good found in them reflects the goodness of God.



The first reading from Wisdom gives us a wonderful explanation of God’s plan for creation. The book was written for those Jewish people who spoke Greek about a century before the birth of Jesus. The Jewish people were under continual assault by pagan Greeks and this book was written to strengthen their faith. Not only were the Jewish people confronted by their pagan neighbors, but they also had to deal with those Jews who had left their faith. Today’s reading reminds us of the splendor and beauty of divine wisdom. God shows a merciful readiness to overlook sinful offenses from humans. This gentleness on the part of God manifests a love for all that God created. Our gospel speaks of God’s mercy in another way. Through the writings of Luke we are faced with the story of Zacchaeus. Simply put, this is a story about the problem of riches, Jesus’ concern for those who are outcast, and for those who have faith to recognize who Jesus is. The central figure in the story is a tax collector. Needless to say, Zacchaeus was not a well-liked man; in fact we would be correct in saying that he was probably hated by most of the people.

Whatever faults Zacchaeus may have been guilty of, it took a lot of courage for him to mingle with the people who, knowing his profession, might have stoned him. Zacchaeus was one of those “lost” people we hear so much about in the gospels. To clarify what it meant to be “lost” in the scriptures, it certainly did not mean damned or doomed. Rather, it meant in the wrong place. A thing or a person becomes lost when we find it in a place other than where it should be. When we find it, we return it to the place it ought to occupy. A person is lost when they have wandered away from God, but when they are found, they take their rightful place in the household of faith. Zacchaeus was in the wrong place in his life and apparently he knew it. He could only encounter Jesus by going out on a “limb.” Zacchaeus had to go out on a limb to make a change in his life. Jesus calls him by name and suddenly he finds himself in the right place.

How do we go out on a limb to find Jesus? In what ways do we need to change and grow to become more aware of God’s mercy? We are all called to believe in the essential goodness of all that God created. Wisdom calls us to embrace an attitude of reverence for all of creation; how we treat the environment, animals and all other aspects of ecology. Created in God’s image, we are now the stewards of creation.

## 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.



## Photo Directory

If you haven't already done so, please sign up to have your photo taken. Our committee is working hard on this project. We want a directory to be proud of. Please do your part and schedule an appointment today. 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. They will not be included in our directory, but they will have the opportunity for a free 8 x 10 portrait.

### Weekly Collection Oct. 23

Votive Candles:	151
Utility & Energy:	20
Accent:	0
All Souls:	15
Children & Adult Collection:	3,720
Online Collection:	887
<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$4,793</b>
World Mission:	316
Seminarian:	5
<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$5,114</b>

## Prayer & Perfect Pairings



REGISTER NOW  
LIMITED SEATING

Join Bishop Larry J. Kulik for **Prayer and Perfect Pairings**, a five-course dinner prepared by priests from throughout our Diocese, (Guess who has dessert?) 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.

## Pierogi Making

**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. This is a great parish fundraiser, and fun time to meet up with others.

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

Prayer Shawl  
attached in prayer + given in love



The Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on Monday, November 14 at 10:30 a.m. in the church hall. We will continue to meet on every second Monday of the month at 10:30. Come and join us to participate, or to learn how to crochet. For more information, please contact Barb Mandarino at 724-684-5547 or Betty Geis at 724-684-5037.

## 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.



## Faith

### All Saints and All Souls

This 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 Evening at Epiphany, and at 8:00 a.m. At St. Sebastian.**



On Wednesday, November 2 we recognize those souls who have not yet attained the glory of Sainthood with the celebration of All Souls. There will be a Mass in memory of all those who have died at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 2 at St. Sebastian, and on **Thursday, November 3, there will be a prayer 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.

### Music and Ministry

For quite a while now, our music program has been missing a choir, and music certainly does enrich our Liturgy! **Rusty Dzurik** who worked with our choir a few years back would like to put something together for the Christmas season. I am asking that anyone who would like to be a part of a choir to please consider helping out. They are planning to have the first rehearsal this **Wednesday, November 2 at 6:30 p.m.** in the church.

I am hoping that we can get people excited about this and come and check it out. So, if you have any inclination to enrich our celebrations with song. Come on Wednesday and we will see what happens

**Check your mailbox this week for a special postcard from your pastor asking you to uplift our faith community!**

## Sausage Sale

### HOMEMADE SAUSAGE SALE

The **Kknights of Columbus** will hold a sausage sale on December 13 & 14. All orders must be in by **Saturday, November 26**. Put in your order now to make sure you get it! The **sausage will be sold at \$5.00 /lb. Minimum order is 2 lb. per item.**

LINK	LOOSE	
___ 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 **Knights of Columbus.**