

**October 9, 2022**



**28th 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.

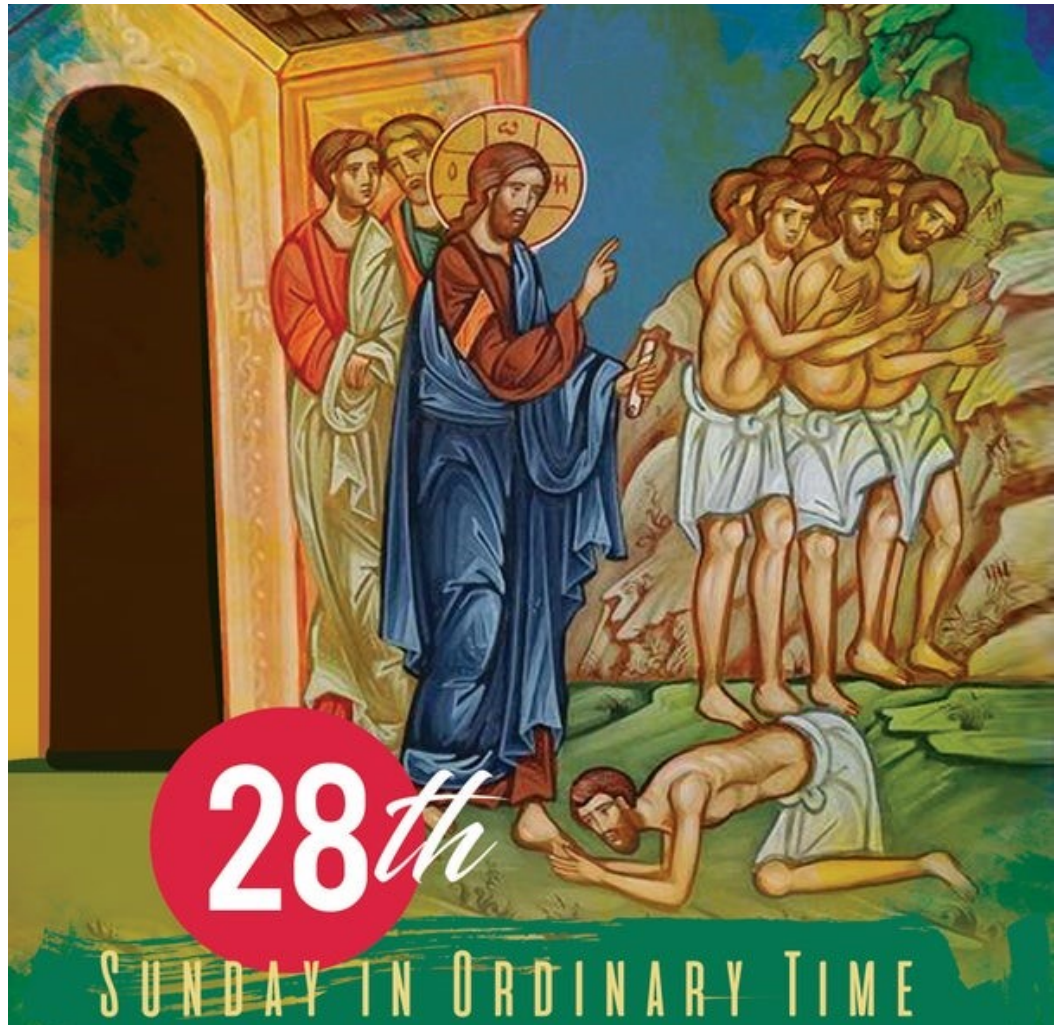
Sunday:  
8:30 a.m.  
10:30 a.m.

### 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](http://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 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

### Monday, October 10

No Mass

### Tuesday, October 11

No Mass

### Wednesday, October 12

No Mass

### Thursday, October 13

No Mass

### Friday, October 14

No Mass

### 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

#### 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 15 & 16

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 p.m.	S. Surdyn	J. Elias	S. Yatchyshyn
8:30 a.m.	J. Petritis	J. Todd	T. Todd
10:30 a.m.	M. Gallo	L. DeFelices	M. Guiliford

#### Money Counters

Monday, October 10—Team #4 — J. Petritis

## Always Be Grateful!



It is the little things that make life worth living, and yet we seem to overlook the small things in life every day. Imagine living your life from day to day without those countless small blessings. What a major difference our attitudes would be. Yet,

how is it that we can be so ungrateful by overlooking the small “miracles” we find in life. Our liturgy today presents us with a number of healing miracles. In the first reading through the intercession of Elisha the prophet, Naaman is healed of his leprosy and in the gospel Jesus heals ten people of the same dreaded disease. Although both of these healings show us the miraculous healing power of God, ironically the message we carry with us today is not about the healings rather about being grateful.

Being thankful for the blessings of life is at the very foundation of what our belief in God is about. How often have we heard parents remind their children to say thank you when they receive a gift? It teaches them to acknowledge the giver of the gift and show gratitude for whatever has been given. Although being thankful and showing gratitude seems to be fading away from our social teachings, it is still a basic part of relationships in life that needs tended to.

From our gospel today we see that there were 10 lepers made well and only one returned to give thanks for the gift, and it was the one that you wouldn't expect gratitude from. Only the Samaritan the “half-breed” returned to say thank you to Jesus. In this sense he was not only cured physically, but spiritually. Once again we are shown that it is in the unexpected that we learn the greatest lessons. Prayers of thanksgiving and gratitude in Jewish religious ritual are considered to be the highest form of praise to God. Once Naaman, the Syrian, realized he had been healed by God, his gratitude prompted him to believe, so too with the Samaritan leper.

The nine Jewish lepers who did not return were certainly healed physically, but their spirits remained leprous. Their ingratitude is worse than the leprosy from which they were healed. While their disfigurement had been healed, they really lay dead, for they were trapped in their own selfishness. This is what happens on the journey to Jerusalem: on the way we are all cleansed. This is one reason why all the little things of our everyday lives, those things which happen to us along the journey are so important. They are manifestations of God's acting on our behalf, healing us and saving us.

One challenge of this Sunday's gospel is to see God's promise of salvation unfolding in these everyday events of our lives. We don't have to go looking for the “big miracles.” Faithful service is our response to seeing God in these events. Gratitude, acknowledging God's action on our behalf is an all-enveloping contest for living our lives. When gratitude is put on as a way of living, then worship too, becomes a way of living. Shakespeare said it through King Lear when he wrote, “How sharper than a serpent's tooth it is to have a thankless child.”

#### Weekly Collection Oct. 2

Votive Candles:	159
Utility & Energy:	221
Accent:	3
Children & Adult Collection:	6,582
Online Collection:	1,158
<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$8,123</b>
Seminarian:	59
World Mission:	5
<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$8,187</b>

#### Inspiration: Expressing gratitude is a sign of a loving heart.

When we have received a gracious gesture, the appreciation experienced forms a bond between the giver and receiver. This can only happen when abundance and kind gestures are seen as gifts and not something to which we are entitled. The power of gratitude is more profound when we realize all that we are and all we are given do not have a human source but are of God.

## 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.



## Photo Directory

We had our first “sign-up” after masses this weekend and I am pleased to let you know we have already had over 60 people sign up! Please review the flyer that was in the bulletin last week and 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!

Know that there will also 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 online. To schedule online, go to [ucdir.com](http://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**



## Groups

**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.

**Catholic Daughters of the Americas** Court Monessen #776, will celebrate their **100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, October 16.** Members are invited to participate in this Celebration. Reservations are required for the Reception/Luncheon that will follow in the Church Hall. For additional information, contact Regent Debbie Genemore at 724-708-8335.

## Gourmet Apple Sale

We are selling Applelicious Apples for Christmas! There are order blanks in the back of the Church. Orders are due the first 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.

## Beginning Experience

### Widowed, Divorced or Separated?

The loss of a spouse is a traumatic experience. An active ministry in the Pittsburgh Diocese, the **Beginning Experience®** ministry is branching out to the Greensburg Diocese. They are sponsoring a weekend program to help widowed, divorced, or separated 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, 2900 Seminary Dr., Greensburg, PA 15601** (Note location change from Martina Spiritual Renewal Center closed for construction). Payment arrangements and financial assistance may be available. Visit [www.BeginningExperiencePittsburgh.com](http://www.BeginningExperiencePittsburgh.com) 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.

## Wreath Interest

### 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.

## Faith

**Reminder:** There will be no morning Mass at Epiphany or St. Sebastian on **October 11—14**, as Father Mike will be away. 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.

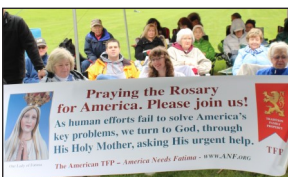


## Confirmation Students

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](mailto:aslebodnik@dioceseofgreensburg.org) to register.

## Public Square Rosary Crusade

Join us for the outdoor Holy Rosary at Epiphany of Our Lord on Saturday, October 15 beginning at 12 Noon. This is our thirteenth year for the rally. Please dress for the weather, and bring a lawn chair. In the event of rain, we will be in the church hall.



As always, all churches and the general public is invited. For more information contact **Shirley Benecio** at 724-684-7099 or email at [smbenecio@gmail.com](mailto:smbenecio@gmail.com)

## Women's Conference Nov. 12

“**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. To register, visit [DioceseofGreensburg.org/Spirited](http://DioceseofGreensburg.org/Spirited).

## Around the Diocese

### Lantern Saint Tour at St. Emma Monastery

Greensburg-Catholic Schoolhouse and St. Emma Monastery will sponsor a “lantern-lit” walking tour on the outside grounds of the monastery in Greensburg Friday and Saturday, **Oct. 28-29, from 4-8 p.m. rain or shine.** The tour will honor the feasts of All Saints and All Souls with **live saint portrayals, special guest appearances, treats and seasonal fun for all ages.** Hour-long tours leave every 15 minutes from the main parking lot. Guests encouraged to bring flashlights for additional lighting. Cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for students and free for children 12 and under. Proceeds benefit St. Emma Monastery. For more information, contact Donna Sunseri at [greensburgpa@catholicsschoolhouse.com](mailto:greensburgpa@catholicsschoolhouse.com) or 724-961-0224.

### Pro-life essay contest seeks submissions

Connellsville-based Alternatives.Yes pregnancy support center has opened its annual pro-life essay contest to submissions from **students in sixth-eighth grade** in schools in Fayette and Westmoreland counties. Essays must reflect the theme “**A reflection on the sanctity of human life**” and be 300-500 words, typed double-space, with name, grade, phone number, address, and school name on the back or on a separate page. Prizes are \$100 for first place, \$75 for second place, 450 for third place and \$25 for honorable mentions. Entries can be emailed, mailed or dropped off to Alternatives.Yes, 6 Frank Gallo Lane, Connellsville, Pa. 15425 or [pregnancysupport@zoominternet.net](mailto:pregnancysupport@zoominternet.net) by Jan. 22, 2023.