

October 1, 2023



Today's readings

26th Sunday 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



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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, September 30 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Thomas Burger by sister-in-laws, Betty & Bertha

Sunday, October 1 — 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM † Edward J. Billick by The Billick Family

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

Monday, October 2

8:00 AM † Charles Urbanowicz by Steve & Amy Hudak

Tuesday, October 3

8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

Wednesday, October 4

No Mass

Thursday, October 5

8:00 AM † Joseph "Chip" DeFelicis by Michael & Donna Apostolakis

Friday, October 6

8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

Saturday, October 7 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Denise Persico by John & Nira Persico, and Siblings

Sunday, October 8 — 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM † Emily Zboyovsky by Zboyovsky Children & Grandchildren

10:30 AM † Deceased Members of the Andrew Sepesky Family by Family

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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 7 — 8

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 p.m.	D. Harkins	L. Henry	Volunteer
8:30 a.m.	G. Pesi	A. Pastella	V. Watkins
10:30 a.m.	W. Vlasic	K. Imbrescia	M. Guiliford

Money Counters

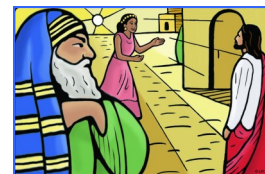
Monday, October 2—Team #1— B. Geis

Rosary Rally

The Public Square Rosary Crusade will be on **Saturday, October 14 beginning at Noon**. We will meet at Epiphany of Our Lord Church grounds. Please bring your own lawn chair and dress for inclement weather. This is our 14th year! For more info, contact Shirley at 724-684-7099 or 724-875-7460.

May our actions speak for us...

It is easy for us to look to others for the things that go wrong in our world. We can never walk away from our own moral responsibilities. It is easy to find excuses and pretend that it is somebody else's fault: parents, educators, dubious company, society in general. Ezekiel in the first reading makes it explicitly clear that God's covenant implies a high moral standard for each and every one of us. Moral responsibility is here and now and everyone has to account for their own faults and is expected to rise up to the blessings we have received. There is no such thing as being tied to a fateful past, the future is wide open. God encourages each of us to choose what the right path to life is.



Thinking of oneself as religious can be dangerous. Deeds reveal the heart, not public posture, a lesson we learn too often from public figures, if not often enough about ourselves. Ezekiel reminds us that: actions, not reputations, matter. This can be a real sobering message for religious people. We can deceive ourselves exactly through our habits of religious practice. These truly serve only if they make us sensitive to God's new invitations. Otherwise they turn us in upon our own self-satisfaction, something Paul warns against in the second reading.

Ezekiel reminds us wisdom of plain speech and honest action is what we should be about. We all should be more aware of and think about the choices we make in life, and be responsible for them. As people, we are so quick to blame others for our own faults and weaknesses. It is easy to find something to cover our tracks just to make ourselves look good. We do this all because we are not always responsible for our own actions. St. Paul tells us that we need to be more Christ – like by being a little more humble in our speech and actions.

In this short parable or story that Jesus presents in the Gospel, we get the message loud and clear that we need to say what we mean and do whatever it is we say. If we all followed this course of action in life, we would not find ourselves in situations where we are "over committed." The parable is a reply to the Jewish leaders for their being scandalized at the way Jesus deals with sinners and tax collectors. In this story Jesus reminds us that it is conversion and honesty that really matters. Ask yourself how you have evaded responsibility for your actions and habits in the past. If we take the time to look at how others see us, maybe we could learn something about ourselves and stop blaming others for our mistakes. It all gets down to personal responsibility and how we are all ultimately responsible for our own words and actions. We all have choices to make in life; we just need to think a little more about our choices and our personal responsibility to them. Saint Anthony of Padua reminds us of the importance of combining doing and saying: "The word comes alive only when actions speak, I beg you, may your words be few and your actions speak for you." All too often, we are full of words and empty when it comes to actions.

Weekly Collection Sept. 24

Votive Candles:	197
Utility & Energy:	35
Accent:	5
Assumption:	5
Children & Adult Collection:	4,426
Online Collection:	786
Total Collection:	5,454
Seminary	343
Mission Co-op	783
Total Collection:	\$6,580

Inspiration for the Week

God invites each of us to work in His vineyard, but it's our choice whether we "clock in" or stay home. Let's never fail to show up. It's the most important job we will ever have.

Stewardship

Seminarian & Clergy Formation Collection

This weekend, **Sept. 30 and Oct. 1**, we will have the annual Diocesan collection for our seminarians, men preparing for the Permanent Diaconate, the ongoing formation of our clergy and our International Priests. Please be generous in supporting the needs of our **seminarians and clergy** through this collection. In addition to your financial support, please pray for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life so that the Lord may continue providing men with Hearts for the Mission.

Shoe Box Project

Reminder — If you are helping out with the **St. Vincent De-Paul Shoe Box Gift Project** collection of personal items for men and women, items are due to the church or office by **Sunday, October 8**. The list of items needed can be found in the back of the church or on the Epiphany website: www.eolparish.com.

Murder Mystery Dinner

Fall is the time to get cozy — with a cozy mystery dinner that is! The Epiphany Ladies will host a **Murder Mystery Dinner** on **Saturday, November 4 at 6:00 p.m.** Put on your sleuthing cap and pull out your saddle shoes to join the 1950s themed “A Dance with Death” by the Murder Mystery Company. Dressing to the theme is optional. **Tickets are \$40** and include dinner, dessert and show. BYOB. Tickets can be purchased after Masses next weekend. Credit/debit card accepted for after-Mass sales only. For more info, or to purchase tickets, call the office or Sara Stein at 724-684-8098. Tickets are limited.

Groups

Epiphany Ladies will meet on Tuesday, October 10, at 7:00 P.M. in the Church Hall. All women of the Parish are welcome to join.

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

Around the Diocese

The Saint Vincent College Concert Series

presents an organ recital: “*Classicism, Impressionism, and Cubism: The Visual Arts and its Impact on Music*” with J. Christopher Pardini, **Sunday, October 8 at 7:00 PM in the Saint Vincent Basilica**. Admission is free.

Holiday Craft & Vendor Show, Saturday, October 21 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St. John the Evangelist, 306 St. John Drive, Latrobe, PA 15650. Basket Raffle, 50/50 & Chinese Auction. Everyone who attends the event will receive a FREE ticket to win the Surprise Bonus Basket. Rosary Altar Christian Mothers will be selling **HOMEMADE** haluski, meatball sandwiches, pieroghis, hot dogs, hamburgers, snacks, and hot & cold drinks. For more info, please call Gladys Monroe at 724-875-0742. We hope to see you!

Tickets on sale for Catholic Charities’ Purse Bash

Catholic Charities’ 7th annual Designer Purse Bash & Crystal Bake Sale, is set for Sunday, Nov. 5, at the Barn at Ligonier Valley. Doors open at noon. Tickets are \$35 and can be purchased at www.ccharitiesgreensburg.org. For information, contact Heather Rady at hrady@dioceseofgreensburg.org or 724-837-1840.

Faith

Being Good Stewards

It is now time to renew your commitment to living the life of a good and faithful steward. Our parish has been blessed with an overwhelming abundance of gifts and talents. It is how we choose to use these gifts and talents that matters most. As we look at the ways we can be good stewards, we need to look beyond ourselves to the welfare of our community. The love we have for Christ must be the impetus behind how we choose to live. Growth in our awareness of Christ’s message is a vital part of life for any Christian. It is also basic to renewal in parish life. An important part of this spiritual growth is embodied in the principle of Stewardship. **Through Stewardship, we thank God for our blessings by returning to God a portion of the time, talent and treasure we have been given.**

Stewardship means helping the Church’s mission with time, money, personal resources of all kinds. **This sharing is not an option for Catholics who understand what membership in the church involves; it is serious duty.** Christian stewardship successfully bridges the material world around us and the world of the Spirit within us.

During this week pray about how you might be able to serve at liturgy. Do not be shy about sharing your gifts with the community. If you have any questions or concerns about any of the ministries, please feel free to call. I do thank you in advance and appreciate the time and talents you share with your church.

Blessing of Pets

This Wednesday, the 4th of October, we will celebrate the feast of St. Francis and it is an opportunity for us to bless all of our pets. I will bless the pets in the parking lot at **6:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 5**. If you would like your pets to be blessed, just show up.



All God's Creatures

Pierogies

We will making pierogis **Sunday, October 8** after the 8:30 a.m. Mass and on **Monday, October 9** beginning at 8:00 a.m. Come when you can All help is appreciated. We will announce the sale date at a later time.

Soup Sale

Jacket weather is the perfect soup weather. The Epiphany of Our Lord Ladies will once again have a soup sale. Orders will be taken this weekend, **September 23-24 through October 1**. Soup pick up and payment will be on October 7 & 8 in the church hall after Masses. The price is **\$9 per quart**. You may mail your order in to the church office or call it in to Sara Stein at 724-684-8098. Please indicate how many quarts you would like.

_____ Butternut Squash _____ Beef Barley
_____ Potato _____ Broccoli Cheddar

Total quarts @ \$9 each: _____

Name: _____

Best Phone Contact: _____