

October 22, 2023



**29th 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



OUR LOCATION

Epiphany of Our Lord Catholic Church

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 724-684-7661

 www.eolparish.com

Office Hours

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LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, October 21 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Mafalda and Gus August by The August Family

Sunday, October 22 — 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM † James H. Todd, Sr. by Ruth Jane Todd & Family

10:30 AM † Chip DeFelices by Ted Harhai

Monday, October 23

8:00 AM † Romeo Bucci by Chad & Rose DuBreucq

Tuesday, October 24

8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

Wednesday, October 25

No Mass

Thursday, October 26

8:00 AM † Shirley Marino by Family

Friday, October 27

8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

Saturday, October 28 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Val Gene & Helen Veschio by Bob & Gladys Kossol

Sunday, October 29 — 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM † Andrew Varganin by Maribeth & Greg

10:30 AM † Anthony Volpe 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 28— 29

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 p.m.	R. Kozar	J. Elias	Volunteer
8:30 a.m.	K. Miller	J. Brown	V. Watkins
10:30 a.m.	M. Sacco	K. Byron	M. Guiliford

Money Counters

Monday, October 23—Team #4— J. Petritis

Giving to God as to Caesar



With all of the political rhetoric that is going on these days, the famous line, “Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God” will receive a lot of attention. This can be useful as long as it does not become

an occasion for moralizing or political commentary. For the scriptural context is much wider, and understanding that is the foundation of good citizenship as well as effective discipleship. The foundation is that God is the Giver of everything. Knowing “what is Caesar’s” and “what is God’s” comes only through knowing God’s call and gift.

The church-state question introduced in today’s gospel is as old as the hills. History has shown us many examples of people living in societies where one or the other is supreme, and they don’t seem to make it. It is only when the two entities; ones religious beliefs and the laws of any given country, can harmoniously coincide. The question of relationship between state and religion, politics and religion, is a very touchy issue, and finding the right balance is no easy task. On one hand we find the convinced militants – some would say activists – who miss no opportunity to campaign for social justice and challenge both civil and religious authorities. On the other hand, there are those who pretend that religion should stay away from any political issue and care solely about spiritual matters.

Both sides may actually claim today’s gospel with Jesus’ concluding statement, “Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God,” as an argument in favor of their position, up against the position of the other side. Well, Jesus’ answer shows that he doesn’t see the question as “either...or”: “Repay to Caesar...and to God...” Jesus does not discredit or discard political authorities but simply puts them into perspective. For him politics and religion have their own autonomy. It remains for everyone to discern “what belongs to Caesar” and “what belongs to God.”

Isaiah in the first reading shows how the power of God has authority even over non-believers. It is the power of God that will ultimately show justice. The Second Vatican Council follows along with this teaching. It is expressed by the Council that the church pledges to work with any persons or groups whose goal is justice, peace and works of charity even though they may not share our faith. Once we discover what image we wish to reflect, our lives and its decisions will fall into place. Conflicts and differing opinions will always be a part of our society. We must always learn to listen to the Voice of God in our hearts and be true to ourselves.

Living in this world and our response to it is connected to our religious stance that God is sovereign. When God is truly the center of our lives, there is no problem with giving others their due. Doing good for others not only improves our own world but strengthens right relationships with one another.

Weekly Collection Oct. 15

Votive Candles:	190
Utility & Energy:	64
Accent:	3
All Souls:	20
All Saints:	20
Children & Adult Collection:	5,050
Online Collection:	1,544
Total Collection:	\$6,891
World Mission	15
Total Collection:	\$6,906

October Count

Throughout the month of October it has been customary to count the people who attend church. This count is important when we look at the Diocese and see where we are going and how we can best manage the support and coverage of our parishes.

With Deepest Sympathy — Condolences are extended to the families of DARLENE TURKOVICH HACKINSON AND THOMAS B. HUTCHISON. May God grant them eternal rest, and comfort to their families. We commend their souls to rest in the peace of Christ.

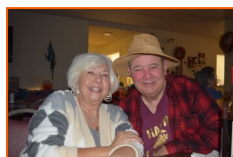
Stewardship

World Mission Sunday

Every year during the month of October we celebrate World Mission Sunday. **We celebrate the Eucharist in union with Catholics throughout the world** for the missionary activity of the Church. Pope Francis reminds us, especially in this year of crisis, that we are personally called to mission to bring Christ's love to those most forgotten. This is a responsibility of all the baptized. The Pope asks us to respond this Sunday through prayer and generous sacrifice to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. Our prayers and material support will sustain priests, religious, and lay pastoral leaders in more than 1,100 mission dioceses in Asia, Africa, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe. **This week** we will take up the collection for World Missions.



Halloween Party



Being stranded isn't much fun unless you're **"Stranded at the Drive-in!"—1950s style.** We will celebrate on Saturday, **October 28 from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.** This BYOB and anything else, has always

been a fun event. This year, we have some new things planned. Costumes are optional but this is a good time to put on those 50's duds. Those in costume will receive a ticket for a chance at a fun prize.



QR Codes

There has been an uptick in the use of QR codes all around us, including mailings by the diocese. These are the squares with dots or shapes in them. If you're not familiar with them, they provide a shortcut to **direct links** when scanned with your smart phone or tablet. The QR code on the front of our bulletin will take you to the readings for the day. Mailings from the Diocese will have a QR code taking you directly to our giving page for online giving. If you would like to learn how to use code, come on down to coffee and doughnuts next week and see Kevin Miller or Tara.



QR Code

Around the Diocese

Holiday Vendor and Craft Show, Saturday, November 4 from 9 a.m. to 2 p. at St, John the Baptist, Perryopolis. Shop from many popular vendors. Basket Raffle, 50/50 Drawing, Food available. Call Marianne for more information at 724-366-0917.

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.

Bingo Oct. 26 at St. Barbara Parish, in the parish hall; doors open at 5 p.m. Tickets are \$20 and include 20 games, lunch, dessert and door prizes; specials and a 50/50 raffle are also planned. For tickets, contact any guild member, or call 412-596-6098, 724-771-2500 or 724-244-6812.

Faith

All Saints and All Souls



In two weeks we will 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 **Wednesday November 1st** we celebrate the feast of **All Saints**, which is a **Holy Day of Obligation**, we will celebrate mass at 6:30 p.m. at Sebastian's on Tuesday, October 31 and at 9:00 a.m. at Epiphany on Wednesday.

Thursday we recognize those souls who have not yet attained the glory of Sainthood with the celebration of All Souls. On Thursday, There will be a Mass in memory of all those who have died on Thursday at Epiphany at 9 a.m. and at St. Sebastian at 6:30 p.m. I encourage everyone to come and pray for all of their loved ones who have died.



Ministry Call out

The next schedule will run from **November 11 through January 14**. Please call the office or email Tara — tmanderino@dioceseofgreensburg.org with any changes to your schedule by **Monday, October 30**. If you are interested in joining any of the ministries. If you're not certain which ministry role you would be most comfortable in serving, I am happy to talk to you.

Murder Mystery Dinner

Want to be a cool cat? Plan on attending 'A Dance with Death' murder mystery dinner on **Saturday, November 4 at 6:00 p.m.** in the church hall. Don't forget your sleuthing cap to puzzle out the mystery. The Murder Mystery Company promises a puzzling, and fun evening giving you the opportunity to figure out whodunit! Dressing to the theme is optional. **Tickets are \$40** and include **dinner, dessert and show**. BYOB. For more info, or to purchase tickets, call the office or Sara Stein at 724-684-8098. Tickets are limited.

Cheese Ball Sale

CDA World Famous Cheese Balls

Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Monessen are again selling their "World Famous Cheese Balls" for the Holidays. They are wrapped to freeze well and nuts are bagged separately. Cost is \$10.00 each. **Orders are due by Tuesday, Nov.17** by calling Regent Debbie Genemore at 724-708-8335. **Pick up date: Tuesday, November 28** between 1:00 to 3:00 in the Church Hall. Thank you, in advance for your support.

Lantern Saints Tour



Greensburg-Catholic Schoolhouse and **St. Emma Monastery** will sponsor the third annual lantern-lit walking tour at the monastery in Greensburg on **Friday, Oct. 27, and Sunday, Oct. 29, from 4-8 p.m.**

The tour will honor the feasts of All Saints and All Souls with live saint portrayals with special guest appearances, treats and seasonal fun for all ages. Tours leave every 10 minutes. Guests should bring flashlights. Tours last about an hour. Cost is \$10 (\$5 for students, free for children under 12). Proceeds benefit the monastery. For information, contact Donna Sunseri at greensburgpa@catholicschoolhouse.com or call 724-961-0224.