



October 29, 2023



**30th 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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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 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

Monday, October 30

8:00 AM † Regina Dzurik by Family

Tuesday, October 31

8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

6:30 PM Mass at St. Sebastian, Feast of All Saints

Wednesday, November 1 — Feast of All Saints

9:00 AM † Herman Alvarez by Wife, Children & Grandchildren

Thursday, November 2 — All Souls Memorial Mass

9:00 AM † Kathleen C. Kelemen by Robert Kelemen

6:30 PM Mass at St. Sebastian

Friday, November 3

8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

Saturday, November 4 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Val Gene & Helen Veschio by Don & Rita Dustolfo

Sunday, November 5 — 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM † Vincent Burger by Betty Shimek

10:30 AM † Mildred Cramer by Daughter, Lisa Anderson

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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 4 & 5

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 p.m.	G. Pesi	L. Henry	Volunteer
8:30 a.m.	S. Stein	J. Todd	T. Todd
10:30 a.m.	W. Vlasic	K. Imbrescia	L. Assenat

Money Counters

Monday, October 30—Team #5—R. Croushore

Our Social Call to Love...



In our gospel for today Jesus uses the word love but he does so in expansive terms. Love of God which Jesus pairs with love of neighbor is a down to earth norm that governs concrete interactions with our fellow human beings, especially the neediest among us. If we wish to love God, we must care for the vulnerable and needy neighbor.

Sometimes we compartmentalize our lives in such a way that we express our love of God only in terms of religious practices, for example, faithfully going to Sunday Mass, or saying prayers. Genuine love of God must also be expressed in care for widows, the orphan, and the poor, indeed all of our neighbors. He tells the Pharisees that they must love with their all. This is exactly what Jesus did; he loved with his all to the extent that he gave his life for us. This is the social justice Jesus demands from us.

What is our responsibility as Baptized Catholics to the call and mission of Catholic Social Teaching? Are we even aware that the Church has such teachings? The Catholic Church has a long history of thinking and writing on social issues, and scriptures such as today's passage are the source. True believers will go the extra mile to care for the marginalized and the vulnerable because we are conscious of the place of the poor at the banquet table of the Lord.

The text from Exodus in our first reading speaks of poverty in a way that not many of us can relate to. Can you even imagine being so poor that the jacket you wear during the day must be your blanket at night, or that in spite of your suffering, people are able to look through you as if you didn't even exist? This is the reality of our world, and most of us do not want to see it. We are reminded once again that God is the champion of the powerless, the defender of the defenseless. In speaking of the poor, the aliens, the widows and the orphans, God is drafting a blueprint of justice and mercy, reminding the people of Israel that it wasn't too far in their past that they suffered in the same way. Are their memories so short that they forget?

You and I may never have suffered the inhumane poverty and maltreatment that is mentioned in the scriptures, but isn't that all the more reason for us to be grateful for the life we have and the blessings that we are able to share? The community of God is one where all, regardless of their state in life, must be treated with dignity and guaranteed safety so that they can live free from fear

Just how far are we as a community willing to go to make this call of God's justice a reality? There are many issues that we are confronted with in society. Most often we turn a deaf ear and choose to ignore, but the issues and the suffering is still there none the less. We can sit down and debate issues of illegal aliens coming to our country or the use of capital punishment as a means of solving matters of crime, but ultimately the answer will always be the same: all God's creatures great and small must be acknowledged with dignity, compassion, respect and love. This is not something that can be done in a week or a year; it is a lifetime of work and awareness.

Today we are encouraged to ask ourselves; what neighbors do we find it easy to love, and who are the difficult neighbors and why is it so challenging to love them? We need always remember that to love the unseen God through service to neighbor is the true essence of religion.

October Count We are still counting attendance this month. 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 family of JULIA FRANCOWIC. May God grant her eternal rest, and comfort to her family. We commend her soul to rest in the peace of Christ.

Stewardship

Retired Religious

Please join with me in prayerful and vocal support of the upcoming appeal for the Retired Religious and Diocesan Priests and all of our brothers and sisters in Christ, present and past, who have dedicated their lives to prayer, ministry, and service. The great spirit of religious communities enabled them to build schools, hospitals, and much of the social service infrastructure of this country. Religious helped establish the institutions that enabled millions of Catholics to engage in the mainstream of our country's industry and economy. When their numbers were considerable and their congregations young, **religious institutes invested not in pension plans but in ministry, in people, and in the future of the Church they served. Today, 75% of women and men religious are over age 70.** Many institutions simply do not have the resources to meet the dramatically escalating costs of care for their growing elderly populations. During the appeal for the Retirement Fund for Religious, **please recall the role of religious in your life, the ways that they have nourished**



Weekly Collection Oct. 22

Votive Candles:	149
Utility & Energy:	7
Accent:	0
Advent:	5
All Saints:	20
Children & Adult Collection:	3,355
Online Collection:	838
Total Collection:	\$4,374
Poverty Relief:	2
Mission Sunday:	508
Total Collection:	\$4,884

your faith and defined and strengthened your values.

The collection for Retired Religious and Diocesan Priests will be conducted in our Diocese on the weekend of **November 4-5, 2023**. There are two groups here in the Diocese of Greensburg that directly receive these funds: Carmel of the Assumption and the Benedictine Sisters of Saint Emma Monastery.

Enjoy Books



St. Sebastian Regional School is selling Enjoy books. They are \$30 and can be obtained at SSRCS Office, 815 Broad Ave., Belle Vernon. If you have any questions, call 724-929-5143.

Trivia Time

Are you a Trivia or Jeopardy Fan?

Since there is NO Steeler game on November 5, plan to join us for pizza and Catholic Trivia from 2-5PM, in St. Sebastian Parish Hall. Please register for this FREE event by contacting Elaine at 724-930-8053, so we can provide sufficient quantities of pizza. **Don't wait! There is limited seating!! Be sure to sign up by Nov 1st.** This event is hosted by the Ladies of Faith, and is presented by Bill Kersting, who is approved by the Office of Evangelization of the Diocese of Greensburg. Come join us for an afternoon of Catholic Trivia guaranteed to provide fun for young and old with a unique element of Eucharistic Catechesis. All are welcome!

Cheese Ball Sale

Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Monessen are again selling their Cheese Balls for the Holidays. Cost is \$10.00 each. **Orders are due by Tuesday, Nov.17** Call Regent Debbie Genemore at 724-708-8335. **Pick up date: Tues., November 28** between 1:00 to 3:00 in the Church Hall.

Faith

All Saints and All Souls

This week 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.**

Envelope Note:

Many of the current packet of envelopes has a misprint. In some packets, the All Souls envelopes are overprinted with the Diocesan Appeal for Retired Religious. Please use the envelope for All Souls. For Retired Religious, please use a plain envelope with your name on it, marked Retired Religious, or 2nd Collection. Thank you for your cooperation.

Mass Book for 2024 will open Wednesday, November 1. Forms are available in back of the church and on the website. As always, you may mail the form in, or drop it in the collection basket. You are always welcome to visit the office.

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. There are only a few tickets left! **Tickets are \$40** and include **dinner, dessert and show**. Dressing to the theme is optional for this BYOB event. For more info, or to purchase tickets, call the office or Sara Stein at 724-684-8098.

Purse Bash

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.

Daily Readings

Readings for the week of October 29, 2023

Sunday: Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 (2)/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40

Monday: Rom 8:12-17/Ps 68:2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20-21/Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

Thursday: Wis 4:7-14/Ps 25:6, and 7b, 17-18, 20-21/Rom 5:17-21/Mt 11:25-30

Friday: Rom 9:1-5/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 14:1-6

Saturday: Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 17-18/Lk 14:1, 7-11

