



**October 8, 2023**



Today's readings

**27th 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

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

## PARISH STAFF

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## LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

### 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

### Monday, October 9

8:00 AM † Virginia Saunders by Wednesday Volunteers, St. Vincent de Paul

### Tuesday, October 10

No Mass

### Wednesday, October 11

No Mass

### Thursday, October 12

No Mass

### Friday, October 13

8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

### Saturday, October 14 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Kathy Betza Pileggi by Bob & Rosemary Betza & Family

### Sunday, October 15 — 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM † Leonard Babinski by Irene & 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 14— 15

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 p.m.	M. Melvin	J. Dudas	L. Assenat
8:30 a.m.	S. Stein	L. DeFelices	M. Smith B. Smith
10:30 a.m.	M. Gallo	E. Yatchyshyn	G. Yatchyshyn S. Yatchyshyn

### Money Counters

**Monday, October 9—Team #2— W. Anders**

**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 info, contact Shirley at 724-684-7099 or 724-875-7460.

## How well do we tend the Vineyard?

One of the amazing realities about being a disciple is that we are never really done. Once we think we have everything figured out, we must look again because there is much more to learn.



Today we are reminded about the bounty of God's goodness. We are given the example of a vineyard, one prepared by God with tender and loving care. We have been put here on that vineyard to take care of it. Often we think that our responsibility is to care for one another and treat all people in a genuinely loving manner. That is only part of it, for the vineyard is made up of more than just people.

Isaiah in this beautiful poem portrays God as a tender friend who lovingly cares for the vineyard. Despite all the tender, loving care, the spading, the clearing of stone, the planting, the building of a watchtower – all symbols of the loving, down-to-earth quality of God's love – the quality of the people's response is symbolized by a vineyard overgrown with thorns and thistles and a rotten harvest. The Lord looks for justice and finds violence and bloodshed. God prepares us to bring forth good fruit from our labors but our behavior sometimes renders our work and devotion fruitless. One may think of the vineyard as valuable property, the produce of which could be used to bring justice to the society and insure an equitable distribution of goods. This has not happened!

Often we become so enveloped in our own problems and issues that we fail to appreciate the beauty of all that is around us. Have you ever had the experience where you get into your car to go somewhere, then, once you are there you have no recollection of how you got there? You were so caught up in your own world that you didn't even notice the beauty that is around you. This is what Isaiah is talking about in the first reading and what Jesus refers to in the Gospel. We all need to feel a greater appreciation and responsibility in caring for the earth and all that is contained on it. The justice of Jesus speaks of taking care of all that God has blessed us with. This means that we have to appreciate the world in which we live.

As a society, we abuse the resources that have been entrusted to us. We don't think enough about how we are to cultivate the land in which we live. We think nothing of the gasoline we burn or the trash that we throw around. We waste so many of the gifts that we have been given without even a second thought. Today we are reminded that it is our responsibility to care for and cultivate the vineyard. We all are called to be responsible not only to the people we live with but also to the world in which we live. All that we have has been freely given to us. The very least we can do is respond to those gifts with the same tender appreciation in the same manner in which it was given.

### Weekly Collection Oct. 2

Votive Candles:	140
Utility & Energy:	180
Accent:	0
All Souls:	25
All Saints:	10
Children & Adult Collection:	6,216
Online Collection:	1,302
<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$7,873</b>
Seminary	443
Mission Co-op	5
World Mission	25
<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$8,346</b>



We welcome **Viviana Marie Tokar** to the Family of God and the Epiphany of Our Lord Parish. Her parents are Philip and Maria (Gigliotti) Tokar

## Stewardship

### World Mission Sunday



On **October 21-22**, the Universal Church celebrates World Mission Sunday. This global Eucharistic celebration for the Church's missions is a reminder that we are all called to be missionary disciples. Contributions go to CNEWA

(Catholic Near East Welfare Association), aiding the Oriental Churches in need, Latin America, mission territories in Africa, Asia, the poorest jurisdictions in South America and the Caribbean, and our own sister Diocese of Sicuani, Peru.

Support for World Mission Sunday truly touches the poorest people around the globe, enabling them to hear the gospel and celebrate the sacraments. "Some give by going — others go by giving."

### Support Ukrainian Refugee Fund

Support is needed for the Ukrainian Refugee Fund administered by Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg, which provides assistance to individuals and families who have been forced to leave their homelands because of war. Visit [ccharitiesgreensburg.org/donate/donate-now/](https://ccharitiesgreensburg.org/donate/donate-now/) to donate. More than 100 families are on a waiting list to resettle in Western Pennsylvania.

## Monthly Rosary



The Knights of Columbus will hold their monthly rosary on Wednesday, **October 16** at 7 p.m. They will meet in the Knights' Council Hall on Grand Blvd., Monessen. All parishioners are invited. Light refreshments will follow.

## Halloween Party

With the speed that 2023 is flying by, it's not too early to get the Halloween Party on your calendar! **Saturday, October 28** is the date for being "**Stranded at the Drive-in!**"—1950s style. This BYOB and anything else, has always been a fun event. Costumes are optional. More details will be coming in future bulletins. If you have any suggestions or comments, please let me know!

## Parish App



If you have a cell phone or tablet, you want to download the Parish App! This tool will help you to stay up to date with what is going on in the parish, allow you to join the prayer chain (optional), read the bulletin, follow daily readings and more. Search for Parish App in the Apple Store or Google Play. Text ParishApp 1 to 555888 (Apple) / ParishApp 2 to 555888 (Android). Once you download the app, select Epiphany of Our Lord, Monessen. If you have any questions feel free to reach out to Tara at the parish office, 724-684-7661.

## Pierogies

**Pierogi Making** will be on **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.

## Faith

### Convocation

Every year the Priests of the Diocese get together for a convocation. At this meeting we discuss many aspects of ministry and parish life. This year the convocation will be this week from **Tuesday, October 10 through Thursday, October 12**. Since I will be away for these days, there will be **no Mass**.

### 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.

### Inspiration of the Week

God's kingdom is open to anyone who will produce its fruit. He offers it to every single one of us. We must be ready to bring forward the goodness of God into each and every day.



## 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.

### CDA Monessen Court #776

The Court will meet on **Tuesday, October 17** in the Church Hall. The Rosary will be prayed before the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Members are reminded to bring candy treats for our participation in Trunk or Treat.



Please note that all cheese ball orders are due by the meeting date, October 17.

## Murder Mystery Dinner

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.

## 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](http://www.eolparish.com).

## Columbus Day Dinner

The Knights of Columbus will hold a Columbus Day Dinner at the Knights' Hall on Grand Blvd., Monessen, on Saturday, **October 21**. Dinner is at 6:00 p.m.; doors open at 5:00 p.m. Hors d'oeuvres will be provided at 5 p.m. Tickets are \$25. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Ken Zimmaro at 724-929-3464.