



Sept. 18, 2022



**25th Week
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 17 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Helen & ValGene Veschio by the Funtal Family

Sunday, September 18 — 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM † Jess Wachs by Mom & Dad

10:30 AM † Jerry Tonarelli by Patti & Family

Monday, September 19

8:00 AM † Angela, Fiore, and John Sacco & Maria,
Frank & Frankie Dolessandro by Julia Cain

Tuesday, September 20

No Mass

Wednesday, September 21

No Mass

Thursday, September 22

8:00 AM † Anthony J Mascetta, Marie & Frank
Dolessandro by Lena Mascetta

Friday, September 23

No Mass

Saturday, September 24—Vigil

4:00 PM Jim Barron by John & Nira Persico

Sunday, September 25 — 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM † Dolly Cieply by Ted Harhai

10:30 AM † Godla Family by Pat, Dan & Brian

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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 — Sept. 24 & 25

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 p.m.	S. Surdyn	J. Dudas	L. Assenat
8:30 a.m.	G. Pesi	L. DeFelices	D. DeFelices
10:30 a.m.	A. Blatnik	K. Byron	C. Blatnik

Money Counters

Monday, September 19—Team #1 — B. Geis

Accent on Air

“The Accent on Air – The Young Church” will be broadcast at 3:07 a.m. 3:37 a.m. Oct. 1 and 8 on WTAE-TV. “The Accent On-Air” can always be viewed at TheAccentOnline.org.

Our Social Sins...and Awareness

If we take a good long look at what our readings speak to us about today we can all relate in such a way that it makes us a little uncomfortable, for they deal with social responsibility. In the first reading the prophet Amos speaks to us about two serious sins which plague our world today: greed along with hypocrisy. The threat that is found in the opening lines speaks to merchants whose greed has caused devastation to the poor and needy. Amos was speaking at a time when the rich were growing richer and the poor were just getting poorer. He is addressing a system of living that was permeating society with hypocrisy, and it was growing rampant throughout the community. Amos goes so far as to call these people predators. His words were meant to shock the guilty into reforming their lives and repent for the wrong they were doing.



St. Paul goes right to the top of the ladder in reminding us that we all need to pray for the political system at work in society. He reminds us that a firm and stable social order is the basis for living that leads to equality for all people. Every day we read the newspapers or watch the news and we are aware of the stability of global as well as local political situations and wide ranging influence of decisions made by political leaders. We really don't need St. Paul to remind us that we need to pray for our political leaders. Their influence impacts every aspect of life and every individual living within the system.

Our Gospel today leaves us a little confused. It seems as though Jesus is praising someone for his dishonesty, but in reality what Jesus is saying is that we should pursue the Kingdom with as much enthusiasm as the man did for his own interest. The master was simply out-conned by his servant.

Jesus is not so much criticizing us for wealth. Rather, he is reminding us that that we must use our wealth wisely, ever mindful of our responsibility to the less fortunate. That is how we win heavenly favor. So, we are once again encouraged to look at how we are living and what adjustments need to be made. It is true that in our world today there are many con artists who prey on the weak and less fortunate. There are many people who amass great wealth at the expense of others with no thought whatsoever. These people are leaders and role models, and it is clear how people would follow their example. Daily we read about how executives in high positions simply rob their employees of their benefits simply to acquire wealth and power for themselves. At the same time we can look at many of our politicians who fall from their ivory towers because of some scandal or scheme that they get caught up in. But like so many of Jesus' examples we are not to point our finger at others. Rather we are to look at our own lives and see just how we can change and improve our actions and relationships with others. We are all guilty of greed and hypocrisy to some extent. We are just being cautioned to look and rethink just where our allegiances are in life.

Weekly Collection Sept. 4

Votive Candles:	131
Utility & Energy:	293
Accent:	9
Children & Adult Collection:	6,250
Online Collection:	1,253
Total Collection:	\$7,936
Seminarian:	12
Total Collection:	\$7,948

Weekly Collection Sept. 11

Votive Candles:	174
Utility & Energy:	285
Accent:	25
Children & Adult Collection:	6,432
Online Collection:	890
Total Collection:	\$7,806
Catholic University:	40
Total Collection:	\$7,846

Stewardship

Shoe Box Project



Remember we are going to collect "shoe boxes" and various personal things to put in them so that we can send them off to Appalachia to be distributed to needy families. I have a list of things you can purchase in the back of the church and on the website. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the office. I am asking that you bring your things in over the weekend of **September 24-25**. As always, I thank you for your generous hearts in helping so many people!

Seminarian and Clergy Collection

We will have a second collection next weekend, **September 24 and 25**. The men who have already answered the call to the priesthood are the shepherds that the Lord provides to guide his people not only on our earthly journey through this life, but to the reality of His heavenly kingdom. Our priests are called to remind us that we are God's people, to nourish us with the sacraments of the Church, and to welcome us back to the sheepfold when necessary. Let us, in prayer, always remember the men who have answered the call to priesthood as well as those who assist them as permanent deacons.



Prayer for Religious Vocations

Heavenly Father, your loving providence accompanies us on our life's journey. Thank you for the many gifts you have given us. We ask that you continue to call sons and daughters from our families and parishes to serve as priests, deacons and consecrated men and women in the Diocese of Greensburg. Send your Spirit upon us so that many will respond with great love to your call to service and leadership in your Church. Give to those you have chosen the faith of the apostle, the vision of the prophet, and the courage of the martyr. Through the intercession of our Diocesan patroness, Our Lady of the Assumption, help us to be faithful disciples of your Son by following the example of Mary. Make us generous in sharing ourselves and our talents for the sake of your Kingdom on earth. We ask this through Christ the Risen Lord.

Oktoberfest Dinner



Celebrate Oktoberfest! We are holding a special halupki (Or kielbassa) dinner on **Sunday, September 25**. The dinner runs from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and includes either 2 halupki or 2 pieces kielbassa, mashed potatoes, green beans, garlic bread, cake and a beverage. You may eat in or take out. Dinner cost is \$15.00. **Please purchase tickets before Tuesday, September 20** by calling Betty Geis at 724-684-5037 or the church office at 724-684-7661.

Monthly Rosary

The Knights of Columbus will hold their monthly rosary on Wednesday, **September 21** at 7 p.m. They will meet in the Knights' Council Hall on Grand Blvd., Monessen. All parishioners are invited. Light refreshments will follow.



Faith

Religious Ed Begins

Tomorrow, **Monday, September 19**, the first gathering of Religious Education families will take place. Students in Grade 1 through Grade 8 will meet in St. Sebastian Church at **6:30 p.m. with their parents**. Books and schedules will be distributed. Also, registration forms will be collected for the 2022-2023 school year.

Gathering of Catholic Men September 24th

All men to attend the Annual Gathering of Catholic Men, Saturday September 24th at the **Gateway High School in Monroeville, PA**. Come for a time of Eucharistic Adoration, Confession, uplifting music, and popular Catholic speakers. **Doors open at 11:30 a.m.**, Adoration begins at 12:30 p.m., the first speaker starts at 1:30 p.m., and Mass begins at 4:30 p.m. The cost is \$25.00 per person, \$20 per person with group of 10 or more, and \$10 for College Students. Priests are free. For more information or to register, please go to the website at www.cmfwpa.org

Festival



St. Sebastian Parish Festival is **Sunday, September 18!** Come and enjoy the day. The Festival runs from **Noon to 7 p.m.** There will be entertainment, games and home made food!

Gourmet Apple Sale

We are going to try and sell Chocolate covered apples for Christmas this year. We are getting the Apples from **Applelicious Gourmet Apples** in Carnegie (<https://apples4you.com/> if you want to see what they have). I have flyers in the back of the church with the apples and pretzels that are available. You may place your orders anytime and delivery will be **some-time in December**. I hope that this is just another way that we can help to make your Holiday Entertaining just a little bit easier!



Around the Diocese

Bingo fundraiser St. Barbara Parish

Tickets are now available for the St. Barbara Parish Ladies Guild's fall bingo fundraiser, to be held **Wednesday, Sept. 21**, in the social hall, Harrison City. **Doors open at 5 p.m., with bingo at 6. Tickets include 20 games**, food and door prizes. Those attending are asked to take a canned food donation for the parish food pantry. Tickets are available in the church office. For information, call 412-596-6098, 724-771-2500 or 724-244-6812.

"Chosen" to be screened at St. James Parish

St. James Parish, New Alexandria, will host viewings of **season 2 of "The Chosen" Tuesdays, Sept. 27 and Oct. 4, 18 and 25** from 6-8:30 p.m. Two episodes will be shown each evening with discussion. For information, call 724-668-2829.

Murder mystery dinner St. Edward Parish

St. Edward Parish, Herminie, will host "The Death of Dr. Frankenstein," an adults-only murder mystery theater and dinner, Friday, Oct. 7. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$35. Dinner will be provided by Giannilli's Restaurant, and soft drinks will be available. For tickets, call 724-446-5197.