



**Sept. 25, 2022**



**26th 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



## 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

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## LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

### 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

### Monday, September 26

8:00 AM † Leonard Babinski by Mom and family

### Tuesday, September 27

No Mass

### Wednesday, September 28

No Mass

### Thursday, September 29

8:00 AM † Leonard Winn by Evelyn & son, Michael

### Friday, September 30

No Mass

### Saturday, October 1 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Denise Persico by Mom, Dad & Siblings

### Sunday, October 2 — 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM † Yolanda Reday by Nandia & Joseph

10:30 AM † Frank "Moe" Vizza by Joe & Maryann Gallo

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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 1 & 2

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 p.m.	R. Kozar	L. Henry	M. Guiliford
8:30 a.m.	M. Melvin	N. Mazzie	V. Watkins
10:30 a.m.	W. Vlasic	E. Yatchyshyn	G. Yatcyshyn

#### Money Counters

Monday, September 26—Team #2 — W. Anders

## Lazarus and the Rich Man!

We start our readings off with a strong warning from Amos who lived in about the 8<sup>th</sup> century BCE. He spent his life warning the rich and powerful of his day. Amos had utter disdain for the rich and pompous wealthy men of his time who lay on carved ivory couches and practiced deceitful business schemes amassing huge natural resources to stimulate their natural pleasures. The irony is that the people who were amassing this wealth felt that it was a sign of God's blessings upon them. He warns the rich exploiters of the poor that they would soon be sent into exile. History shows us that Amos' words did come true. Although he speaks to a people from so long ago, his words ring just as true for us today. We live in a nation, worship in churches and own homes among the most privileged in our world; in many ways we are the people that Amos speaks to.



The Gospel for this week also speaks about wealth, but with a different twist. This story comes from a collection of folk tales which talk about the fate that befalls people in the afterlife, set in stark contrast to the way they lived on earth. The two people in the story give us a strong lesson on the choices we make in life. The rich man is presented as a man of self-indulgence. The poor man, Lazarus is not presented as a man of either sinlessness or virtue, just "poor." So, the contrast is between luxury and misery, not between moral failure and moral success. The lesson of the story is to help us determine how we use wealth.

Whether we admit it or not, many of us live out of the notion that "We get what we deserve," so it is easy to see who we most identify with in the story. None of us who hear this parable identifies with the rich man, but with the poor man Lazarus. In looking at the story we must be clear that the issue is not the rich man's wealth. Just like the "complacent in Zion" the rich man is unconcerned for Lazarus. The chasm that separated the rich man and Lazarus after death is already present while they are living. This chasm – much more than the breach between rich and poor – is a gulf of uncaring. The metaphor spells out for us the reason why we identify with Lazarus. Although the wealth and comfort of this life are attractive, they are too fleeting to choose. What really counts is living faithfully now so we are on the right side of the chasm in eternity.

The parable highlights a favorite theme of Jesus. Self-indulgence in life keeps creeping up on us. The more we have, the more we want, and that propels us into a lifestyle that blinds us to the fact that there are others around us who cry out for justice. We fail to see how self-indulgence eats away at our spirit, takes hold of our character, erodes our faith, justifies our lifestyles, and blocks out any reflection in our lives about our lives.

What saved Lazarus was not that he was poor. What saved him was that he "could long for more." "Longing" is a key word in Luke. When a person has a sense of longing, there is a sense of oneself as being incomplete, unfulfilled. Lazarus knew there were places in his heart that could be filled only by God. Lazarus has no food, but he has spirit. The rich man was satisfied; there was nothing left to long for. And when longing in life is absent, we are doomed to live in the present. So...who are the Lazaruses at our own gates?

#### Weekly Collection Sept. 18

Votive Candles:	191
Utility & Energy:	55
Accent:	9
Children & Adult	
Collection:	5,785
Online Collection:	1,284
<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$7,324</b>
Catholic University:	3
Seminarian:	24
<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$7,351</b>

**With Deepest Sympathy** — Condolences are extended to the family of EVELYN WINN. May God grant her eternal rest, and comfort to her family. We commend her soul to rest in the peace of Christ.



## Stewardship

### Shoe Box Project

I would like to thank everyone who helped with our Shoe Box Collection. Please know that all the boxes will be packed with the things you donated, they will be wrapped and then shipped off to help make this year's Christmas a little brighter for many people. As always, I am grateful to you for your generosity!

### Seminarian and Clergy Collection

This Sunday is our second collection for Seminarians and Clergy. 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.

## Migration Week

### National Migration Week 2022



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MIGRATION WEEK

For nearly a half century, the Catholic Church in the United States has celebrated National

Migration Week, which is an opportunity for the Church to reflect on the circumstances confronting migrants, including **immigrants, refugees, children, and victims and survivors of human trafficking.**

Welcoming immigrants is part of Catholic Social Teaching and reflects the Biblical tradition to welcome the stranger. National Migration Week for 2022 takes place September 19-25, and will climax with the Vatican's celebration of the World Day of Migrants and Refugees (WDMR), September 25. The primary theme for this year's WDMR is "*Building the Future with Migrants and Refugees*". Commenting on the place of migrants in God's plan, **Pope Francis emphasizes** that "the Kingdom of God is to be built with them, for without them it would not be the Kingdom that God wants. The inclusion of those most vulnerable is the necessary condition for full citizenship in God's Kingdom.

## Oktoberfest Dinner

Today (**Sunday, September 25**) is our Oktoberfest dinner. We're having a special halupki (Or kielbassa) dinner on from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. You can still get tickets at the door. The dinner 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. Greet your neighbor at dinner with "Servus!", the informal Oktoberfest Bavarian greeting.

## Mark Your Calendar

Our Halloween Party is scheduled! Mark your calendar for **Saturday, October 29** and plan to join us for a fun evening at the **Haunted Luau**. This year, we're looking at two additional activities during the evening. First, we are planning a **Com Hole Tournament!** We do need someone to run the tournament. If you are interested in doing so, please let us know by Wednesday, October 12. The second event is a **Mystery Party**. Think "Whodunnit." To participate in the Mystery Party, please let us know by Friday, October 14. If you choose to play, you will be assigned a character and will work with other players to determine the guilty party. Dust off your acting skills and get ready to put together the clues.



## Faith

### Blessing of Pets



On Tuesday, October 4, we will celebrate the feast of St. Francis. We all know that St.

Francis is well known for his great love for all of creation, especially the animals.

Because of his great love for animals, the church uses this occasion to bestow a blessing upon all of our pets. We will gather in the parking lot at St. Sebastian's on Monday at 6:30 p.m., then on **Tuesday, October 4, at 6:30 p.m.** we will have a blessing in the parking lot at Epiphany. So, if you have a pet **of any kind**, bring them on **Monday or Tuesday** and we will bless them.

### October Count

The month of October has been the time set aside by our diocese to count all of the people who attend church. Throughout the weeks of October we will count all of the people who come to church. At the end of the month, I will publish the totals. So, if you see someone counting, you will know what they are doing. This count is important for the Diocese when planning for the future.

## Gourmet Apple Sale

As mentioned last week, we are going to sell Chocolate Gourmet Apples and Pretzels for the holidays. They will come from Apples4you in Carnegie (<https://apples4you.com/> if you want to see what they have). I have **flyers and a signup sheet in the back of the church.** The large apples weigh up to 2 1/4 pounds and will sell for \$14.00, the small apples weigh up to 1 1/4 pound and will sell for \$11.00 and pretzels weighing 1/4 pound will be \$4.50. If you have any questions, you can give us a call at the office. **All orders need to be in by the first week of November.**



## Photo Directory



Our photo directory project is officially underway. Although photos will not be taken until November, we will soon be scheduling. Photos will be taken from November 8—12. For those days, we will need volunteers to greet parishioners. In addition, there are numerous tasks that need done before hand. The scheduling leaders are in place, but can always use assistance. If you are interested in helping out, please call the office.

## Around the Diocese

### "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.

### Holiday craft/vendor show

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, North Huntingdon, will host its annual holiday craft/vendor show **Saturday, Oct. 1**, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in Mack Hall. Over 40 tables are planned. For information, call 724-864-6364.