

September 10, 2023



**23rd 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

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LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, September 9 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Deceased Members of the Lubecki Family
by Family

Sunday, September 10 — 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM † Altomari Family by Anita & Family
10:30 AM † Gene Yatchyshyn by Clemmie Malec

Monday, September 11

8:00 AM † Lawrence Babinski by Mom & Family

Tuesday, September 12

8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

Wednesday, September 13

No Mass

Thursday, September 14

8:00 AM † Lorraine Boord by Jim & Celesete Palamara

Friday, September 15

8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

Saturday, September 16 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Roy Stinogle by Russel & Maivis Perney

Sunday, September 17 — 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM † Jesse Wachs by Ken & Linda
10:30 AM Mass of Thanksgiving by Patti Bigi

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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 — September 16—17

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 p.m.	P. Fantauzzi	J. Elias	B. Smith J. Smith
8:30 a.m.	K. Miller	L. DeFelices	V. Watkins
10:30 a.m.	M. Gallo	T. Mazzei	M. Guiliford

Money Counters

Monday, September 11—Team #4 — J. Petritis

Where two or more are gathered...

Sometimes it is good to get back to the basics of what we are about as people. Today our liturgy reminds us that it is the simple things, the way we relate to others that is important. Once again we are reminded that it is not about “us” in life, it is about how we relate to one another. Ezekiel in the first reading makes one of the most significant contributions to the theology of ancient Israel by letting the people know that everyone is accountable for his or her own faults and not for those of the past generations. Paul in the second reading makes it clear that love, and love only, “is the fulfillment of the law.” Paul remains convinced that mutual love within the community should be solidly anchored in the love of God: I am convinced that neither death, nor life, not angels, nor principalities, not present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of god in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Although Paul speaks of the “law” in not so positive terms, the real question is do we keep the commandments for the right motivation: love. It is easy to follow any law simply because it is law and we can easily lose sight of the love that should be behind our actions.



In our gospel for this week we are shown just how the church is to live within this law of love in and through reconciliation. The gospel of Matthew has often been noted as the “church gospel,” and this week we can clearly see the author’s strong concern about the life of the community. Matthew tells us that the church should not be a place for complacency and self-satisfaction but for seeking greater commitment to the gospel of Christ.

None of us likes to be “called on the carpet.” It may mean that we must submit our will to another. It also may mean that we have to face up to the fact that we aren’t perfect in spite of the fact that we tend to see the wrong in another before we recognize wrong in ourselves. Today, Jesus speaks to us about being called on the carpet. Giving and receiving corrections is one of the hardest things we can do. The last line of the gospel gives us a clue as to what underlying motivation is really the strongest: “For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.” We must always remember that it is not us that are the reconcilers; it is the power of Christ acting through us that brings about peace. It is always about keeping harmony within the Body of Christ. As Christ’s church we are all responsible for one another even when that responsibility calls us to help others with their faults and weaknesses. It is our task in life to bring the calming peace of Christ to all of our brothers and sisters no matter what the cost may be. As we pray this weekend it would be good just to look around and see who is a part of our worshipping family. Each of us is connected to one another and we are all responsible for the welfare of each other.

Know Him On Thursday, September 21, travel back to Jesus’ time at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg and become a stunned disciple. As part of the Eucharistic Revival, the Diocese is offering the Know Him series. **Come be immersed in Jesus’ life and miracles** through a one-man show performed by former “As the World Turns” actor Frank Runyeon. Receive a guided tour of the weaponry of Jesus’ passion and death in our Diocesan Heritage Center from Fr. Charles Sampson of the Archdiocese of St. Louis, Discover the plight of Christians in the Holy Land today from Roni Salsa, a Palestinian Christian from Bethlehem, and explore some of the Eucharistic Miracles catalogued by Blessed Carlo Acutis. There are two sessions. You must register in advance, and bring either an electronic or paper copy of your registration. For info and to register: <https://www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/evangelization/eucharistic-revival/know-him-stunned-disciples/>

With Deepest Sympathy — Condolences are extended to the family of CARMEN BENECCIO. May God grant him eternal rest, and comfort to his family. We commend his soul to rest in the peace of Christ.

Stewardship

Mission Co-Op



The Diocesan Mission Cooperation Appeal in our parish will be on **September 23–24**. Sister Maureen O’Brien, SC will share the good news of the mission works of the Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill, in China, Korea and Ecuador. The sisters go to areas that are extremely

poor. And in the area of Pedro Carbo, Ecuador there are a large number of children who are physically and mentally challenged in need of education and training. The sisters have taken on this very special work and ask that you **give from the heart** on Sept. 23 and 24 to help spread the gospel throughout the world and help the Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill share God’s love with those in need. Your prayers and donations bring blessings of hope and healing!

Due to the bulletin deadline, this week’s collection will be listed next week.

Spaghetti Dinner



The Knights of Columbus and the **Epiphany Ladies** will hold a Spaghetti Dinner on **Sunday, September 17** from 11 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 1925 Grand Blvd., Monessen. Tickets are \$13 for adults and \$9 for children under 12. You can purchase tickets at the door, or from the Knights or the Ladies. For more information or to purchase tickets, you can call Dan Harkins at 412-855-0022

Shoe Box Project

Every year St. Vincent de Paul conducts a Shoe Box Gift Project. Various personal items for both men and women are collected and then packed into shoe boxes. They are wrapped and shipped off to Appalachia where they are distributed **to needy families. We are going to help fill those boxes this year.** I am asking that you bring to Church personal items that can be used by men and women to Church, we will collect them and pack up the boxes. If you have any empty shoe boxes, we can use them as well. I will have more information on this next week.

Monthly Rosary



The Knights of Columbus will hold their monthly rosary on Wednesday, **September 20** at 7 p.m. They will meet in the Knights’ Council Hall on Grand Blvd., Monessen. All parishioners are invited. Light refreshments will follow.

Organ Recital

Organ Recital at St. Sebastian

On **September 17 at 3 o’clock** in the afternoon St. Sebastian parish is having a recital with their new organ. **Amanda Nicholson** who currently plays at the churches of St. Andrew the Apostle will be giving the recital. Mark your calendars!

Faith

Furthering Our Faith

We will begin our classes on Monday, October 2. In light of that, the registration deadline is extended to Friday, September 15. This is a good opportunity to learn more about our faith through the **Sermon on the Mount** series by Little Rock Scripture Study. The Beatitudes have been used as a model of spiritual and social justice from the time they were first spoken. During this four week study, we will watch a **video lecture and then break into small groups for discussion.** We will meet in the church hall on Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m. If you have any questions, please call the office at 724-684-7661.

Sharing Our Talents

It’s true that in giving, we receive so much more. The Liturgy is the heart of our parish and the purpose of why we exist. There are **many roles during liturgy**: greeter, usher, lector, Eucharistic Minister, server, or cantor. There are less ‘public’ ways to serve also, such as washing the altar linens and streaming Mass. This Fall, think about how much your sharing can enrich your life, and those around you.

Groups

Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Monessen Court #776 will meet on Tuesday, September 19 at 7:00 p.m. at the Epiphany of Our Lord Church Hall beginning with the rosary at 7:00 p.m. All Catholic women are welcome to attend and learn about our mission and purpose of the organization. For additional information, contact Regent Debbie Genemore at 724-708-8335.

Help Needed

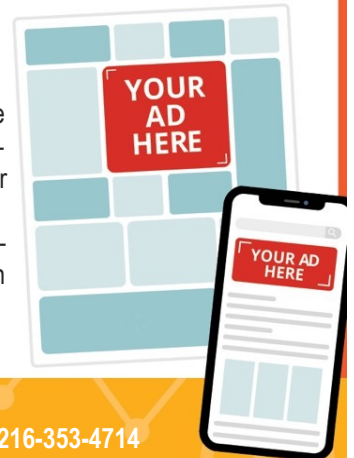
Cafeteria Help Needed!

Our Catholic School at St. Sebastian’s is in need of help with serving lunch to the students. There is no cooking involved, it is merely serving lunch. If you think you might want to help with this, please let us know. This is just one more way you can share your gifts!

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