

September 17, 2023



Today's readings

24th 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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LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

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

Monday, September 18

8:00 AM † Ray & Olive Bronder, and Mary Balant by Todd Family

Tuesday, September 19

8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

Wednesday, September 20

No Mass

Thursday, September 21

8:00 AM † Jerry Tonarelli by Patti & Family

Friday, September 22

8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

Saturday, September 23 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Charles Urbanowicz by Dorothy

Sunday, September 24 — 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM † Mary Gelli by Joyce & Bill Eger

10:30 AM † Angela, Fiore & John Sacco & Frank, Marie & Frank J. Dolessandro & Mary Lou Loulis by Julia Cain

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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 23–24

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 p.m.	S. Surdyn	J. Dudas	L. Assenat
8:30 a.m.	M. Melvin	J. Brown	T. Todd
10:30 a.m.	R. Kozar	E. Yatchyshyn	G. Yatchyshyn S. Yatchyshyn

Money Counters

Monday, September 18—Team #5 — R. Croushore

How do I live wisely?

Imagine if you can a world where everyone thinks and acts the same way that we do. Everyone has the same values from which they live; they have similar attitudes and opinions. If we were all on the same page then there wouldn't be conflict or hurt feelings. This sounds



nice and it would be a wonderful way to live life, but that is simply not reality. We are all individuals with our own opinions and ways of living, we all have our own expectations as to how others should live and conduct their affairs. We are unique and we all have our faults and weaknesses as well as strengths and gifts. As people we bump shoulders and step on toes, we do offend others sometimes without even knowing it. When we are offensive to another we usually feel justified in our opinions and we almost expect people to forgive us when we do them wrong. However, when the shoe is on the other foot and people offend us, we are not so ready to offer forgiveness or understanding.

Sirach in our first reading this week reminds us that we hold tight to injuries and we are not so quick to offer forgiveness even though we expect to be forgiven when we show remorse. The book of Sirach comes from Israel's Wisdom literature, in the book Sirach observes ordinary circumstances of life and addresses the question: "How do I live wisely?" This is this question we all need to be asking ourselves. Today's reading deals with anger, vengeance and forgiveness and how God responds to them.

Anger can be a powerful feeling in life and when we are not aware of it, can lead to vengeance, and even more severe behavior and attitudes. In his wisdom Sirach invites all people not to hold on to anger or seek any type of revenge. Rather seek always towards forgiveness and reconciliation. He also points out the simple fact that we are all in need of forgiveness not only from one another but also from God.

The Gospel for this week deals with the issue of just how often must we forgive. Again, this is a part of life that we all have dealt with in our lives. How much do we have to take before we bite back? As Jesus answers Peter's question he points out the simple mission of the church, to forgive one another as we have been forgiven. This sums up the teachings of Jesus very clearly. We are to embrace one another with a forgiving heart and a reconciling spirit; not an easy thing to do! We all should spend a little time thinking about the grudges we hold against others, the hurts we harbor, and the anger that we allow to control us. Why do we hold onto such things, they bring no good to anyone? Jesus asks us to forgive seventy times seventy, or not to put any limits as to how often we are to forgive. Jesus goes to great length in pointing out how extravagant God's mercy and forgiveness are, we are all being asked the question as to how far our mercy goes and to whom do we extend forgiveness. Sirach has it right when we are asked how to live wisely. If we only took the time and made the effort to find answers to that question maybe we would all be a lot better off in life.

Weekly Collection Sept. 5

Votive Candles:	231
Utility & Energy:	235
Accent:	14
Children & Adult Collection:	5,784
Online Collection:	1,472
Total Collection:	\$7,736
Catholic University Seminary	25
	65
Total Collection:	\$7,826

Weekly Collection Sept. 11

Votive Candles:	206
Utility & Energy:	164
Accent:	6
Children & Adult Collection:	5,199
Online Collection:	654
Total Collection:	\$6,229
Seminary	17
Total Collection:	\$6,246

With Deepest Sympathy — Condolences are extended to the families of CHARLOTTE SASSAK AND RAMONA SAPONE. May God grant them eternal rest, and comfort to their families. We commend their souls to rest in the peace of Christ.

Stewardship

Seminary / Clergy Formation Collection

This weekend, September 16 & 17 is the Seminarian and Clergy Formation Collection throughout the Diocese of Greensburg. Please prayerfully consider making a financial gift in **support of our Seminarians**, men who are preparing for the Permanent Diaconate, the **ongoing formation of our clergy and our International Priests**. Please respond using the tear-off portion of the letter that was mailed to you, a special collection envelope in your envelope set from the parish, or online at www.dioceseofgreensburg.org. Also, please support the clergy of our diocese who have Hearts for the Mission with your prayers

Mission Co-Op...



Next Weekend Mission Co-Op Sr. Maureen O'Brian, SC will be introducing the Sisters of Charity newest Mission in Pedro Carbo, Guayaquil, Ecuador. These sisters can do the work only if you can help them with your prayers and donations! Your prayers and donations will bring blessings of hope and healing! God Bless you for your generosity!

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. The list is also posted on the Epiphany website: www.eolparish.com.

Items needed:

Priority Items:

Disposal Razors
Calendars
Shaving Cream
Bar Soap
Toothbrush / Toothpaste
Deodorant
Wash Cloth
Purse Size Kleenex
Comb or Hairbrush
Q-Tips / Cotton Balls
Notepads /Pencils /Pens

Optional Items

Stamps / Envelopes
Christmas Cards
Chapstick
First Aid Cream
Magnifying Glass
Socks
Knee Highs
Hand Lotion
Hand Sanitizer
Jar Grip / Pot Scratcher
Small Puzzle Book
Denture Cleaner

Vacation Time

Father Mike will be away from September 22 through September 29. If you have a Mass scheduled in that time, Father will take it with him.



Eucharistic Revival

You can still register for the Know Him event at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg, this Thursday, September 21. **Come be immersed in Jesus' life and miracles.** 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/>

Faith

Stewardship, a way of life...

Remembering that Stewardship is the attitude with which we approach life, and all that we do in life. It is becoming aware of how much we have been given in life, and how blessed we are...

In a couple of weeks you will have the opportunity sign up for one of our ministries in Church.

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

This afternoon, Sunday, **September 17 at 3 o'clock** there will be an organ recital at St. Sebastian. **Amanda Nicholson** who currently plays at the churches of St. Andrew the Apostle will be giving the recital.

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!



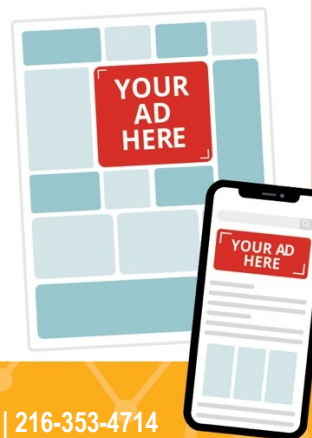
Spaghetti Dinner

The Knights of Columbus and the **Epiphany Ladies** will hold a Spaghetti Dinner this **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

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