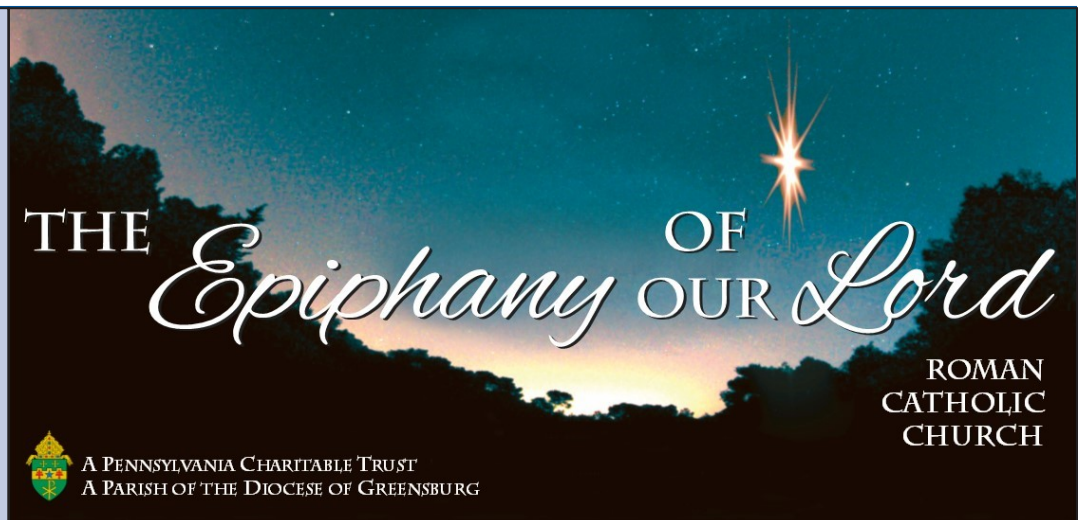


MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday:
4:00 p.m.
Sunday:
8:30 a.m.; 10:30 a.m.
Monday, & Thursday
8:00 a.m.
Tuesday, Wed., Friday
NO MASS

October 10, 2021



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28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



They were exceedingly astonished and said among themselves,
"Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said,
"For human beings it is impossible, but not for God.
All things are possible for God." - Mk 10:26-27

RECONCILIATION

Tuesday at 5:00 p.m. or you may call the office to make an appointment.

BAPTISM

We baptize during all Masses. Parents are required to attend a Pre-Baptism session prior to the Baptism. Please call the office for more information.

MARRIAGE

Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance.

MINISTRY OF THE SICK

If you know of anyone who is sick and cannot get to Mass, and they wish to receive the Eucharist, please call the office so arrangements can be made.

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BULLETIN DEADLINE

Any article for the bulletin must be in the office by Monday noon.

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, October 9 — Vigil

4:00 PM † William & Lena (DeMarino) Greco by Robert Kelemen

Sunday, October 10 — 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM † Ciepley & Kaminicky Families by Myron & Beatrice Ciepley

10:30 AM † Marietta Aeillo by Loving grandchildren Sandra & Marke Luterman & Family

Monday, October 11

8:00 AM † George & Anna Josay by Loving Family

Tuesday, October 12

No Mass

Wednesday, October 13

No Mass

Thursday, October 14

8:00 AM † Val Gene Veschio by Sam & Ruth Marrascene

Friday, October 15

No Mass

Saturday, October 16 — Vigil

4:00 PM † James H. Todd by Ruth Jane Todd & Family

Sunday, October 17 — 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM † Naccarato & Reda Families by Mr & Mrs. Fred Naccarato

10:30 AM † Maria & Saverio Gigliotti by Tom & Marinell Gigliotti

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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 — Oct. 16 & 17

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 p.m..	J. Sacco	A. Punturiero	S. Punturiero
8:30 a.m.	D. Harkins	J. Todd	T. Todd
10:30 a.m.	M. Gallo	T. Mazzei	M. Guiliford J. Smith

Money Counters

Monday, October 11—Team #6— MJ Smith

What Do We Hold On To!

Sometimes the teachings and commands of Jesus “bite us where we live.” This week is one of those times. I don’t care who we are or what we might have; today’s readings should have a dramatic effect on us all.



Our lesson begins by reminding us what wonderful presence “wisdom” can make in our lives. The author of this first reading wants us to believe that wisdom is God’s gift of his own knowledge and truth so that those who are wise share in the very wisdom of God. How many of us can honestly say we try and seek out this kind of wisdom? Our second reading is telling us that nothing is hidden from God, not even our deepest thoughts or desires. Then, we are hit with that extraordinary command of Jesus to sell all that we have and give to the poor!

Try to imagine yourself being that young man who approached Jesus. He was good, living within the precepts of the law. He felt that he was already doing all that he was supposed to be doing. Then to have Jesus tell him to get rid of everything that is precious to him was just too much. He walked away sad and broken. This was simply too much to ask. We don’t know what ever happened to that rich young man but we are led to believe that he couldn’t do what Jesus was asking.

So, if we are serious about being one of Jesus’ disciples, we too must divest ourselves of everything. How many of us will be like that young man and just walk away sad? What are we really being asked to do today? I believe the question we need to ask ourselves is: what do we hold on to? What do we value in life? What do we need to rid ourselves of? If we can answer these questions then we are able to empty ourselves so that we can be free to do the Lords bidding. Jesus is telling us that if we want to inherit eternal life then we must dispossess ourselves of anything that gets in the way of responding to the invitation to follow Jesus. What is it that gets in your way?

We can make the sad mistake in thinking that Jesus is referring only to the rich. Greed and selfishness are not just attributes to those who have much; they affect all of us wherever we are in life. We all hold onto things that keep us from being free to follow Jesus. We are able to come up with many excuses why we don’t do more; we can find many ways to busy our lives so that we don’t have time. In the end, we are only fooling ourselves. So, what do you hold on to that keeps you from being that disciple, what are you clinging to? We are all being asked to give up what we value most in life. Are we able to let go? Sometimes the giving up we need to consider most seriously has nothing to do with material possessions. Maybe we need to let go of our opinions in order to listen carefully to what another is saying. Perhaps we need to get rid of our prejudice, rigidity or arrogance. Again, we need to ask: what are we clinging to?

This week look at your life. Try to understand what Jesus is asking all of us to do. We all have many things that we can rid ourselves of in life. We all need to be more open to getting involved with life. What does take up your time, and just where are your priorities? However we answer these questions, hopefully we won’t be like the man in the gospel and just walk away sad, doing nothing to change.

Weekly Collection Oct. 3

Votive Candles:	136
Utility & Energy:	207
Accent:	3
Faith Formation	45
Children & Adult Collection:	4,576
Online Collection:	551
Total Collection:	\$5,518
Mission Sunday	20
Total Collection:	\$5,538

With Deepest Sympathy — Condolences are extended to the family of IDA “EVA” SWANN. May God grant her eternal rest, and comfort to her family. We commend her soul to rest in the peace of Christ.

Stewardship

October Count

Your presence matters. Throughout the month of October we will count each person who comes to church. Each church sends this number to the Diocese, providing them with the information they need to plan for the future. **This count references the viability of each of our parishes in the diocese.** We are a year and a half into the pandemic and this count will be important for many reasons. It will be used to determine the future of our diocese. I will report the numbers to you at the end of the month.

Growing support for Our Faith Community

In the Gospel of Luke we are told, "Give, and it will be given to you." As we approach the fall harvest season, prayerfully consider your bounty and what you can share with those in need. Help us to grow the seeds of faith in our community! Even a small gift can make a big difference. Look for our upcoming communications about how to increase your stewardship efforts. Thank you for what you have done to sustain us in a time of great need.



Red Cross plans blood/platelet drives

The American Red Cross is experiencing an emergency blood and platelet shortage and has set the following blood drives (donors are asked to make an appointment by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS). Closest sites:

Oct. 12: Belle Vernon Volunteer Fire Hall, 1-6 p.m.

Oct. 13: Ashbury United Methodist Church, Uniontown, 1:30—7 p.m.

Oct. 13: Greensburg Blood Donation Center, Noon—6 p.m.

Oct. 15: Highlands Hospital, Connellsville, Noon—5:30 p.m.

Outdoor Rosary

Public Rosary Crusade



Next **Saturday, October 16** at noon we will gather in the Church parking lot to pray the Rosary. We invite you all to come and pray with us. Bring a chair so that you will be comfortable! If you have any questions about this you can contact Shirley Beneccio at 724-684-7099.

Halloween

Calling all ghouls, clowns and whatever else you can think of — mark your calendar. We are planning our Adult Halloween get together on **Saturday, October 30**. This is BYOB and snacks. The event, and the music, will start at 8:00 p.m. **Costumes are not required but encouraged.** In case you want to dress with the theme: This year we will be visiting the Haunted Old West.



Coffee and doughnuts between Sunday morning Masses. Come and visit.

Faith

The old adage, 'the more you give, the more you get', is true in ministry too. There are so many ways that you can share your gifts and talents, especially during the Liturgy that would not only enhance the Liturgy but would enrich your own life. We are always in need of cantors, accompanists, servers, cantors, lectors, greeters, cantors, help with streaming services...and cantors. If you would like to be a part of any of the ministries, let us know and we will make it happen.

Open Positions

The Diocese of Greensburg is seeking candidates for a position that will **support and enhance catechetical efforts throughout the Diocese of Greensburg.** The employee will focus primarily on faith formation and youth ministry, and will assist in the creation of future collaborations and program development designed to ensure that the needs of the parishioners in the Diocese are met. Resumes can be submitted to CatholicSchools@dioceseofgreensburg.org.

Maintenance position at St. Agnes Parish

St. Agnes Parish, North Huntingdon, is seeking candidates for a full-time maintenance/custodian position. The ideal candidate will have experience in the cleaning and general maintenance of facilities, including electrical and plumbing, and will be able to lift 50 pounds. The position includes benefits. To apply, send a resume to ccoletti@dioceseofgreensburg.org or drop off at the parish office between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. weekdays

Catholic Charities

Face-to-Face Counseling

Catholic Charities offers face-to-face, in-person counseling services. Clients must adhere to CDC and Pennsylvania Department of Health guidance. Those who are not vaccinated are asked to wear masks. Clients who are sick are asked to avoid coming to the office. **Virtual counseling is available for those who prefer that option.** To make an appointment, call 724-837-1840 or email counseling@dioceseofgreensburg.org.

Around the Diocese

Outdoor concert at St. Emma Retreat

An outdoor worship concert by **Alabaster Performing Arts** will be held **Sunday, Oct. 17**, at 2 p.m. at St. Emma Retreat House, Greensburg. Donation is \$10. Those attending should bring chairs. For information, call 724-516-5189.

Lantern-lit walking tour, Greensburg

Greensburg-Catholic Schoolhouse and **St. Emma Monastery, Greensburg**, will sponsor a "lantern-lit" walking tour on the monastery grounds Friday, Oct. 29, from 4-8 p.m. (rain date Oct. 30). The tour will honor the feasts of All Saints and All Souls with live saint portrayals, plus special guest appearances, treats and more. Tours will leave every 15 minutes from the main parking lot. Guests can bring flashlights for additional lighting. Cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for students and free for children 12 and under. Proceeds benefit the monastery. For information, contact Donna Sunseri at GbgAdore-Him@gmail.com or 724-961-0224.

Apple Jamboree at St. Bruno Parish

An Apple Jamboree will be held Sunday, Oct. 17, from Noon-5 p.m. at St. Bruno Parish, Greensburg.