

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 24, 2021

THE Epiphany OF OUR Lord

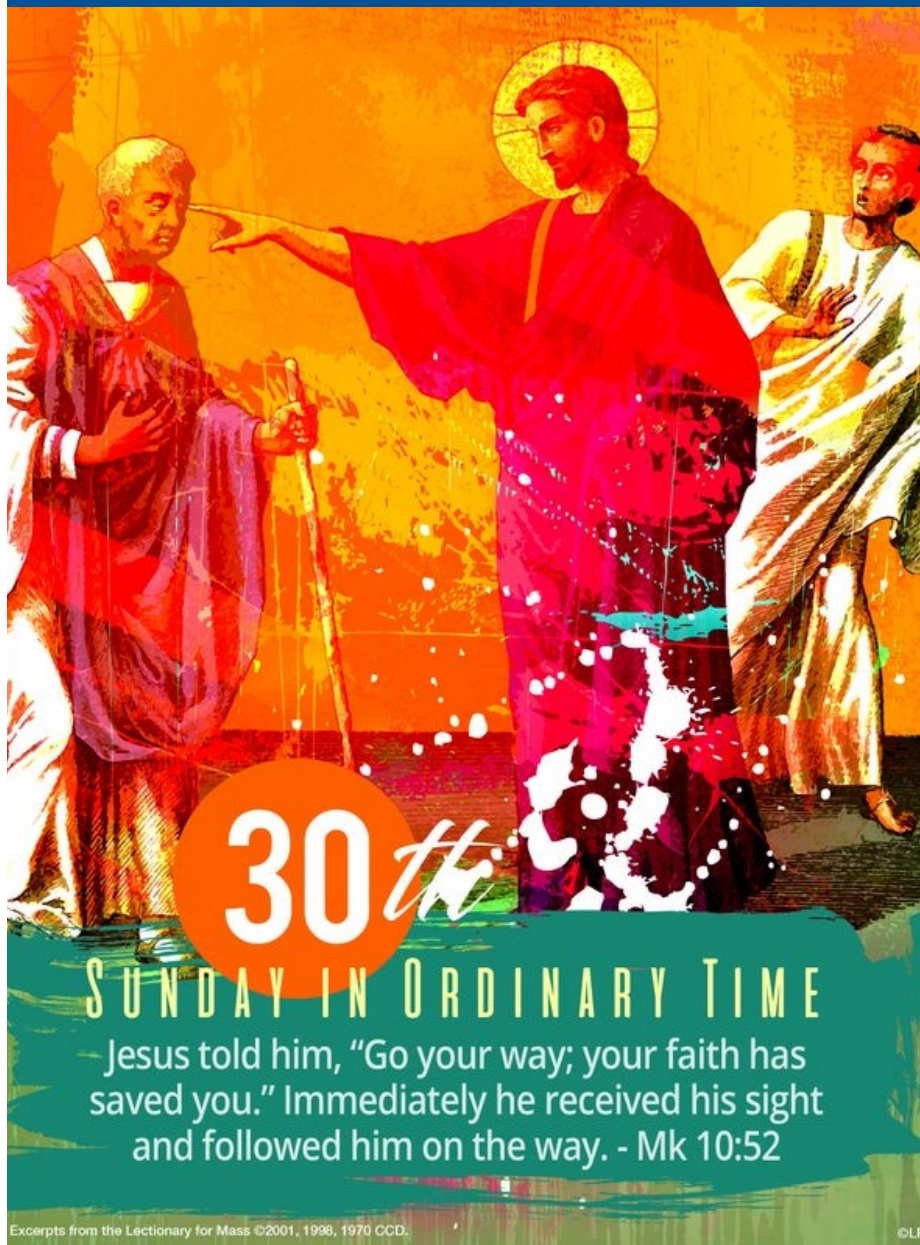
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30th

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus told him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you." Immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way. - Mk 10:52

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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 23 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Nazareth & Susan Victoria by Jim & Carol Sepesky

Sunday, October 24 — 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM † Mafalda August by her family
10:30 AM † Kathleen C. Kelemen by Robert Kelemen

Monday, October 25

8:00 AM † Shirley Marino by Family

Tuesday, October 26

No Mass

Wednesday, October 27

No Mass

Thursday, October 28

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

Friday, October 29

No Mass

Saturday, October 30 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Ronald Campana by Joe & Mary Ann Gallo

Sunday, October 31 — 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM † Hugh & Virginia Quattro by Quattro Family
10:30 AM † Tony Volpe by Family

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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. 30 & 31

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 p.m.	S. Surdyn	J. Elias	M. Guiliford
8:30 a.m.	J. Petritis	N. Mazzie	Z. Tokar
10:30 a.m.	M. Sacco	K. Byron	J. Sacco J. Smith

Money Counters

Monday, October 25—Team #2— W. Anders

We are all *blind* to what is important...

Our readings today present us with a blend of emotions ranging from absolute isolation and despair to joyful exonerated and liberation. Jeremiah presents us with a triumphant image of the Israelites returning home after their long captivity. The prophet personally saw the destruction of the temple, the ravaging of the land and the execution of the royal family. Today, he talks about the saving action of God to bring the people back and restore the promise of Israel. This touching passage includes all people from all walks of life. It is a message that brings hope and peace of mind to the people. It is joyful in what it professes; the people will be restored and granted a new beginning with a new covenant in their hearts.



Although we cannot begin to imagine what the people of Israel must have felt, we can certainly look into our own hearts and recognize the times when we have felt lost or abandoned, deserted or betrayed, and how those feelings affected every aspect of life.

What we are reminded of in this reading is that when we maintain our relationship with God by trusting in our faith then we will be restored to a proper place in life with a renewed covenant that will be written in our hearts.

In the letter to the Hebrews we are reminded that Jesus is the true High Priest and the offering of his own life negates all need of other sufferings in life. If we maintain our focus on that gift, our sufferings will surely diminish. The Gospel then picks up on this notion with the story of Bartimaeus and how he was given the gift of sight.

Blind beggars sitting on the side of the road were not uncommon when Jesus lived. In this particular version the crowd seemed to be embarrassed by this man's needs. They wanted to ignore him almost as if he were not even there. Jesus calls out to him while others tried to keep him away. Once again we are given an example of how Jesus welcomes the ostracized and reminds us all that everyone is dependent on God. Jesus responds to Bartimaeus' request by restoring his sight. Notice that Jesus does not touch the man. He does not even say, "Your faith has saved you." Bartimaeus' own actions reveal his faith when he calls Jesus "Son of David." He simply trusts. In scripture "trust" is another word for "faith," and is presented to us a model which we should follow. Ultimately his healing was not so much about his seeing again but about manifesting God's mighty deeds and how we should all faithfully follow Jesus as the Son of David, the Messiah king. Although Bartimaeus models discipleship, he is not the center of the story because discipleship is never about us. The center of the story and the heart of discipleship is always Jesus. Jesus recognized his faith and gave him salvation.

Living the paschal mystery means that we take a critical look at ourselves and root out whatever it is that keeps us from seeing who Jesus is, whether that is self-centeredness, preoccupation with getting ahead, amassing more money and material goods, seeking comfort above all else. All this demands dying to self, and only by dying can we rise to see the glory of new life. Living the paschal mystery also means that as we encounter Jesus, we recognize that Jesus gives us more than we ask. In turn, since we ourselves are to be the presence of the risen Christ for others, we also give more than is asked of us. Discipleship means more than following; it means that we spring up and give ourselves over for the sake of others.

Catholic Charities offers in-person, face-to-face counseling services as well as virtual counseling. For information, call 724-837-1840 or email: counseling@dioceseofgreensburg.org

With Deepest Sympathy — Condolences are extended to the families of KATHLEEN B. SHAWLEY AND GENE I. DANIELE. May God grant them eternal rest, and comfort to their families. We commend their souls to rest in the peace of Christ.

Stewardship

World Mission Sunday

This week we take part in helping the Missionary efforts around the world. We are in a unique position in the sense that we cannot physically be a part of the Missionary efforts, but we can certainly support them financially as well as with our prayers.

This year's theme for World Mission Sunday is **"We cannot but speak about what we have seen and heard"** Every parish in the world can participate, united in this special Eucharistic celebration. **Every parishioner is a missionary**, sharing our love for Christ's Gospel with one another, supporting the Church most in need.

"To be on mission is to be willing to think as Christ does..."



Empty shoe boxes are needed for the **St. Vincent de Paul Appalachia Project**.

For several years, they been filling boxes for men, women & children, wrapping them and sending them off to those in need. The boxes may be dropped off at the St. Sebastian Parish Office between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. by Monday, November 1. If you have any questions call 724-929-9300.

Weekly Collection Oct. 17

Votive Candles:	177
Utility & Energy:	109
Accent:	3
All Souls	13
All Saints	10
Advent	5
Children & Adult Collection:	4,661
Online Collection:	710
Total Collection:	\$5,688
World Mission	17
Total Collection:	\$5,705

Pierogies

Thank you to those who have responded to our call out for pierogi-makers! For those who have not yet responded, know that you are most welcome to **join us at any time**. We will begin making pierogis at the beginning of November. The schedule is:

- Sunday, November 7 after 10:30 Mass
- Monday, November 8 at 9:00 a.m.
- Sunday, November 14 after 10:30 Mass
- Monday, November 15 at 9:00 a.m.

If you cannot come at the start time, come when you can! The more hands, the less work and more fun.

Halloween



The (Haunted) Old West was never this fun. Come and help transform the hall on **Thursday, October 28 at 5:30 p.m.** We will be setting up decorations for our Halloween party on **Saturday, October 30, beginning at**

8:00 p.m. The party will be BYOB and whatever snacks you want. We will have music and dancing, and just planning a scary good time. This year, dig up a scary story to share. All in all, it should be a "haunting" evening. Costumes are optional but encouraged.

Mary House

Spread The News!

Mary House serves homeless women of Southwestern Pa who have a need for a safe, secure environment to achieve their goals. Please visit <https://www.facebook.com/MaryHousePA> to learn more and how you can assist women who are homeless. Mary House is directed by Sisters Jean Augustine, S.C. and Annette Frey, S. C.

Faith

Feast of All Saints and all Souls

Next week we celebrate two great feast days honoring all of those who have died. We recognize the countless people who have attained the honor of eternal glory through the Sainthood of Jesus Christ.

On Monday, November 1st we celebrate the feast of All Saints. **Because it falls on a Monday this year this is not a Holy Day of Obligation; we will celebrate Mass at 8:00 AM.**

On Tuesday, November 2 we recognize those souls who have not yet attained the glory of Sainthood with the celebration of All Souls. There will be a special service in memory of all those who have died at **6:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 4** in the church. We will have a prayer service in memory of all of our beloved dead. I encourage everyone to come and pray for all of their loved ones who have died.



Parent Reconciliation Meeting

All parents of children who will be making their First Holy Communion this spring are to attend a Reconciliation meeting on **Monday, October 25 at 6:00 p.m.** The meeting will be held at Epiphany Church. We will be meeting **in the church**, not the hall.

Previously Scheduled Masses

Some of you may have Masses scheduled on a day when Fr. Mike is not here. For those Masses to be fulfilled you have two options: We can have the Mass sent elsewhere, or you may opt to have the Mass retained in the parish and it will be said at a later date. Please contact the office **and let us know your preference** for the scheduled Mass. The Masses affected are scheduled on Tuesdays and Fridays. We are not rescheduling those Masses this year.



We welcome **Thomas Bernard Sherred III** to the Family of God and the Epiphany of Our Lord Parish. His parents are Monique (Minniti) and Thomas Bernard Sherred II.

Enjoy Books

Enjoy books are back! Epiphany Ladies will be selling Enjoy Books as soon as they are available. Start looking for the Ladies to be selling books after Mass at the beginning of November. The books are \$30.