

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 3, 2021

THE Epiphany OF OUR Lord

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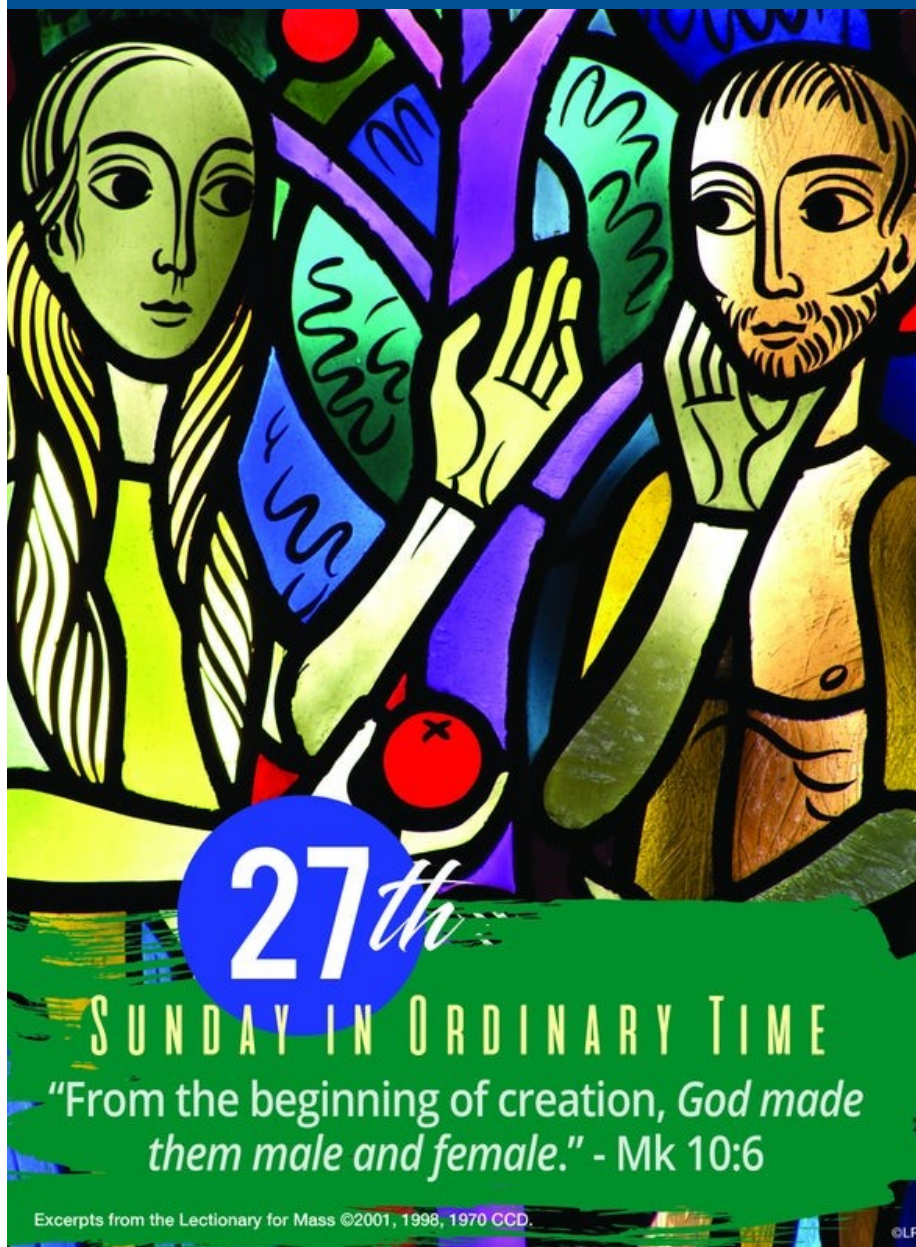


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27th

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"From the beginning of creation, God made them male and female." - Mk 10:6

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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 2 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Edward & Edith Palanza by Family

Sunday, October 3 — 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM † Andrea Maiolini Martin by Jeffrey Frank Maiolini

10:30 AM † John Jannotta by Family

Monday, October 4

No Mass

Tuesday, October 5

No Mass

Wednesday, October 6

No Mass

Thursday, October 7

8:00 AM † Dr. Joseph & Margaret Young by The Young Family

Friday, October 8

No Mass

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

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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. 9 & 10

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 p.m.	S. Surdyn	J. Dudas	J. Sacco
8:30 a.m.	J. Petritis	K. Zimmar	Z. Tokar
10:30 a.m.	B. DuBreucq	K. Imbrescia	B. DuBreucq J. Smith

Money Counters

Monday, September 27—Team #5— R. Croushore

We Find Strength Through Our Relationships

The readings for this Sunday address one of the most prevalent problems that plague our society today: divorce. There probably is not a family that has not been touched in one way or another with the pain and devastation of divorce. Divorce is not just



between two people, it affects every person in our lives; this is a fact that we too often forget. However there is a much broader way of looking at our readings today which has meaning for all of us whether married or single. Jesus calls all of us to a way of living that protects values that will enrich all human life and dignity. More than anything else our liturgy reminds us in a gentle way about how concerned God is for all people.

Our reading from Genesis shows us the order and purpose of creation, the intelligent plan of God. What we need to focus our attention on is the fact that God saw all of creation as being good. Today's account focuses on the loneliness of a man who is unfulfilled until God creates a helpmate. Rather than waylaying ourselves with the fact that "man" was created first, our concentration should be on the dignity which should be found in the institution of marriage. Another important aspect of this story cannot be overlooked. We are being told in no mixed language that we humans are made for each other and must live in relationship, whether in marriage or other forms of communities and covenants. We are all called to be equal in dignity.

When Jesus is forced to address the presence of divorce in the church, he did so with firm conviction. His answer not only safeguards the sacred certainty of marriage but also reinforces the equality and dignity of women. When this Gospel was written, there was much controversy within the Jewish community about grounds for divorce. Divorce was entirely the prerogative of the husband. The wife had no say and no rights. The controversy about divorce still plagues the contemporary church which recognizes marriage as a union until death. At the same time it struggles with the hard reality that some marriages simply die. Divorce and re-marriage is one of the thorniest and most painful pastoral challenges of the church today.

The heart of any marriage can be found in our idea of relationship. Jesus is asking us to strive for the ideal in all of our relationships, holding onto the importance of faithfulness in all relationships. As followers of Jesus we are all called to be totally faithful. Otherwise how would we trust the faithfulness of God? We are called to live out the completeness of human relationships. We all thrive and delight in people who make our lives complete with honest relationships. Though Jesus gives us marriage as the primary expression of fidelity, all of us, single or married, must live and grow through rich and nourishing relationships in order to be fully human. Just as Jesus touched the little children, he embraces us to strengthen our lives through graced relationships.

Weekly Collection Sept. 26

Votive Candles:	185
Utility & Energy:	30
Accent:	0
Faith Formation	200
Children & Adult	
Collection:	4,332
Online Collection:	830
Total Collection:	\$5,577
Seminarian	423
Total Collection:	\$6,000

Groups

Holy Name Sunday is next Sunday, October 10. Corporate Communion will be at the 8:30 a.m. Mass. The regular monthly meeting will be held in the church hall following Mass.

With Deepest Sympathy — Condolences are extended to the families of LOUISE SPERA AND EDWIN J. GALASKI. May God grant them eternal rest, and comfort to their families. We commend their souls to rest in the peace of Christ.

Stewardship

October Count

Beginning this week and running throughout the month of October we will count all of the people who come to church. This gives the diocese the information it needs 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.

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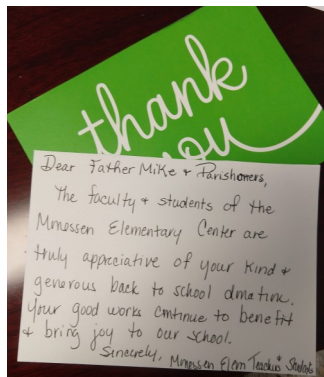
If sending your child to a school that upholds your home and faith values is important, think about Catholic Schools. Millions in Catholic school tuition assistance available: **SPREAD THE NEWS!** The 12 Diocese of Greensburg Catholic schools now have millions of dollars in tuition assistance available! Become a TOP Student today. Visit www.CatholicSchoolsGuide.org or call 724-552-2565.

Thank You

Your contribution to Brown Bag Sunday was sincerely appreciated by many.

Dear Father Mike & Parishioners, The faculty and students of the Monessen Elementary Center are truly appreciative of your kind & generous back to school donation. Your good works continue to benefit & bring joy to our school.

Sincerely,
Monessen Elementary
Teachers & Students



Movie Night

Mark your calendar. We are planning an Movie Under the Stars on **Saturday, October 9** (rain date, Sunday, October 10). Movie time is 7:30 p.m. but you'll want to come a bit earlier to claim your spot.

Take a step back in time and join us in watching Singin' in the Rain. The song and dance routines capture a magical and romantic time ideal for anyone wanting to escape today's fast paced, technologically driven digital world.



Bring a blanket or chair. We have popcorn, but feel free to bring your own snacks or drinks of any type. If you have any questions, feel free to call the office.

Fundraisers

Catholic Charities' Designer Purse Bash and Crystal Bake Sale Nov. 7

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg will host its fifth annual Designer Purse Bash and Crystal Bake Sale Sunday, Nov. 7, **at the Barn at Ligonier Valley**. Doors open at noon. Tickets are \$35. For information or to purchase tickets, visit www.ccharitiesgreensburg.org and click on "Fundraisers," or stop at the Catholic Charities office between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays.

Faith

Blessing of Pets

On October 4th we celebrate the feast of St. Francis, and 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. On **Thursday, October 7, at 6:00 p.m.** we will gather in the Epiphany Church parking lot and celebrate a blessing for all of our pets. If you have a pet of any kind, bring them down to the church on Thursday the 7th and we will bless them!



The Annulment Process

Because our liturgy today speaks of divorce, it is important for all of us to understand the Church's stand on marriage. The Catechism of the Catholic Church defines marriage as a permanent partnership of a man and a woman which lasts "until death do us part." **No one can enter into a second permanent partnership while his or her first spouse is living.** Even if the civil contract is dissolved through divorce, the spiritual bond continues. The couple remains married in the eyes of the Church. However, **the Church also recognizes legitimate reasons why a wedding may not have led to a valid marriage.** If through the annulment investigation the Church comes to moral certitude that no valid marriage took place, then the parties are free to marry someone else.



There are many misconceptions about the annulment process. Basically the process of annulment looks at a marriage from the beginning and tries to ascertain if there indeed was a sacramental union. There are many reasons why this union may not be complete. If after investigation of the marriage it is determined that the marriage was not a covenant relationship from the start (covenant referring to a 50/50 deal at the onset of the marriage) then that union is considered void and the party is free to enter into another union.

If you have any questions concerning divorce and annulments, please know that I am always here to listen. Pope Francis is looking at the church and its views on Annulments and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. As more information is made available, I will certainly let you know.

Pathways registration open for 2021-22

Registration is open for Pathways, the Diocese's commitment to adult faith formation and nurturing mature discipleship. The next session will include 15 Thursday evening sessions and two Saturday workshops in September, October, March, April and May at Holy Family Parish, Seward. To register or to learn more, visit www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/pathways. For information on financial assistance from the Francis Fund, visit www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/franciscfund

Outdoor Rosary

Public Rosary Crusade

On **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.

