



June 16, 2024



Today's readings

**11th 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



Happy Father's Day!




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OUR LOCATION

Epiphany of Our Lord Catholic Church

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 www.eolparish.com

Office Hours

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Regardless of your past, family, or beliefs, you are embraced by our Catholic community. Whether lifelong follower or seeker, you are cherished here. God's love knows no bounds. Let's journey in faith, supporting one another. Welcome home.

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, June 15 — Vigil

4:00 PM † All Fathers Living & Deceased

Sunday, June 16 — 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM † All Fathers Living & Deceased

10:30 AM † All Fathers Living & Deceased

Monday, June 17

8:00 AM † Anthony Volpe by Rosina Volpe

Tuesday, June 18

8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

Wednesday, June 19

No Mass

Thursday, June 20

8:00 AM † Deceased Members of Nick Mascetta Family by Family

Friday, June 21

8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

Saturday, June 22 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Anne Maisano by David Agnolucci

Sunday, June 23 — 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM † E.J. Blaszczak, Jr. by kathy Byron

10:30 AM † Saverio & Marie 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 — June 22 & 23

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 p.m.	D. Harkins	R. Lucas M. Dzurik L. Henry	M. Guiliford
8:30 a.m.	F. Petrosky	S. Campus J. Brown A. Pastella	V. Watkins
10:30 a.m.	M. Sacco	G. Pesì K. Imbrescia E. Yatchyshyn	N. Speicher M. Speicher

Money Counters

Monday, June 17—Team #1 – B. Geis

Ministry Callout

The next ministry schedule will run from July 6 through September 1. Please let Tara know if there are any changes to your schedule by Friday, June 21. Either call the office of email tmanderino@dioceseofgreensburg.org. If you are interested in serving in the ministry in any capacity, know that you are most welcome.

The Mystery of Life

All of life is a mystery and it changes right before our very eyes every day without our being aware of it. Today we look at the Mystery of God's presence throughout all of history and try to understand how God works. We are left with the reality that the Kingdom of God is the greatest mystery of all.



Our Liturgy of the word starts out with God asserting his sovereignty leaving no doubt about the power God has over the earth. If we let our imagination run with the first reading, try to imagine the image of a majestic tree which brings shelter for all the birds of heaven. In a land that is arid, this image brings a sense of comfort and peace. Ezekiel is relating to the people of Israel a message of hope for restoration in this exiled nation. Ezekiel wants to impress upon the people that God will do everything that is promised.

Ezekiel's message of God fulfilling the promise with the sheltering of majestic trees aligns itself with the parable we find in today's gospel. It seems significant that, when Jesus wanted to speak of the great mystery of the kingdom of God, what he turned to were these same every day, taken-for-granted mysteries of growth and fruitfulness. So often, the stories Jesus tells are drawn from the world of planting, harvesting, shepherding, pruning. It is a wonder how "timeless" these parables are. As the story today of the man scattering the seed touched the minds of its first listeners, so too do we get the same message, two thousand years later. Jesus wants us to know that like the mysterious growth of new life happening without our understanding, so too is the Kingdom of God ever growing in our midst. It is the humble, almost unnoticeable beginnings resulting in fruitful harvests that get our attention. To preach the kingdom, as Jesus did, always carries with it an element of risk. Indeed, in Jesus' own time it sounded to some – both friends and enemies – like a call to action, even a call to arms. But this constant referring to the mystery of life itself warns against such an action-oriented reading of the kingdom. Just like the prophets before him, Jesus urges his followers to trust not in their own efforts or plans, but in the mystery of God's powerful, ever-creative love for them. The sower still has to prepare the land, and sow the seed; but the real work of new life happens in God's secret ways, while the sower sleeps, and gets on with the rest of life.

Diocesan pilgrimage to National Shrine

Mark your calendar and plan to join in a Diocese of Greensburg pilgrimage to the **Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, D.C., Saturday, Sept. 21**, led by Bishop Larry J. Kulick. This Further information on the itinerary, transportation options and cost will be announced soon. If you would like to get an idea of what is in the National Shrine, check out the interactive map:

www.nationalshrine.org/interactive-map/

Readings for the week of June 16



Sunday: Ez 17:22-24/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16
Cor 5:6-10/Mk 4:26-34

Mon.: 1 Kgs 21:1-16/Ps 5:2-3ab, 4b-6a, 6b-7/Mt 5:38-42

Tues.: 1 Kgs 21:17-29/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 11 and 16/Mt 5:43-48

Wed.: 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14/Ps 31:20, 21, 24/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thurs.: Sir 48:1-14/Ps 97:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7/Mt 6:7-15

Fri.: 2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20/Ps 132:11, 12, 13-14, 17-18/Mt 6:19-23

Sat.: 2 Chr 24:17-25/Ps 89:4-5, 29-30, 31-32, 33-34/Mt 6:24-34

Stewardship

Weekly Collection June 9

Votive Candles:	0
Utility & Energy:	125
Accent:	26
St. Anthony:	176
Children & Adult Collection:	\$6,772
Online Collection:	\$689
Total Collection:	\$7,788
Peter's Pence:	3
Total Collection:	\$7,791

Online Giving

With vacation time in full swing, think about signing up for online giving. It's quick, easy and you can use it once, or reoccurring. Use the app or go to the website: [www. Eol-parish.com](http://www.Eol-parish.com) and select the giving tab.

Groups

Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Monessen Court #776 will meet on Tuesday, June 18 at the Epiphany of Our Lord Church Hall beginning with the rosary at 7:00 p.m. An ice cream social will be held. All Catholic women are invited to attend. Call Regent Debbie Genemore for more information at 724-708-8335.

Parish Picnic



In a couple of weeks, **Sunday June 30**, we will have our Parish Picnic at our pavilion. This promises to be a fun time for all. It's been a few years since we've had a picnic, so this is wonderful opportunities to make new memories. Since the picnic is here on the church grounds, there are no excuses about having to drive to a park. This year, we are going to provide everything so you won't have to do a thing but come and enjoy the day! **There are sign-up sheets in the back of the church over so that you can indicate how many people you will be bringing.** We want to have as accurate a number possible so we know how much food is needed.

Also, if you can lend any assistance in the set up, it would be greatly appreciated. We will need help with some simple tasks such as wiping down the tables and packing the drinks.

Sausage Sale

HOMEMADE SAUSAGE SALE

The **Epiphany of Our Lord Church** will hold a sausage sale on June 16 & 17 All orders must be in by **Saturday, June 29**. Put in your order now to make sure you get it! The **sausage will be sold at \$6 /lb. Minimum order is 2 lb. per item. All orders MUST be made on the order form.**

LINK	LOOSE	
___ lbs.	___ lbs.	Sweet Sausage
___ lbs.	___ lbs.	Hot Sausage
___ lbs.	___ lbs.	Hot Hot Sausage

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Orders may be placed by filling out the order form above, placing it in an envelope marked "Sausage Order" and depositing it in the collection basket. To call in your order, or for info, contact Kenny at 724-929-3464. Please make checks payable to the **Epiphany of Our Lord Church.**

A debt of gratitude and a grateful heart...

The past three weeks have been a whirlwind of activity and change, and I simply want to acknowledge how grateful I am for all of the love and support you have all shown me. It goes without saying how difficult it is to accept "change" in our lives, and yet where would life be without change? Everything constantly is changing around us!

As I mentioned at our Liturgies, I am grateful to all of you for the time that I have been blessed to share with you. There have been many wonderful memories that will forever be a part of my heart, and I will carry you all with me wherever my feet are planted!

I know that you will welcome Msgr. Gaston in the same wonderful way that you have welcomed me. I pray that your journey of faith brings you many more opportunities to share God's goodness. Please know that you will always be in my thoughts and in my prayers!

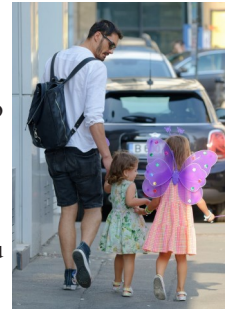
Fr. Mike

Welcome

Msgr. Gaston will serve as administrator through the summer. His presence and experience will enrich our parish as he offers us guidance and inspiration. If you have any concerns that you would like to discuss with a priest, please call the office and we will be certain that he gets the message. In the meantime, **we welcome Msgr. Gaston to the Epiphany of Our Lord Parish.**

Happy Father's Day!

Fathers have an irreplaceable role in our lives. They teach us to give, love, and values. Fathers teach their sons to be good men, and their daughters what they should look for in men they choose. To all of our fathers, living and deceased, thank you for teaching and leading us. We wish you a Blessed and Happy Father's Day!



VBS

Vacation Bible School



Next week is our Vacation Bible School. If you haven't registered, do so today. School. The fun will **be June 26 - 27 - 28** from 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. VBS will be held on Epiphany parish grounds, if you still need to register you can go online at: <https://vbs2024registration.weebly.com/>

This is a nice way for our children to learn and grow in their faith. The days will be full of many activities and lots of fun. We do hope that your children or grandchildren are able to come and learn about God's goodness in their lives! If you have any questions, feel free to call either the church office or the Faith Formation Office at 724-929-9300.

Ascension App—Listen to Bible in a Year and follow along with text if you wish. Both are free for your smart phone or tablet, and available in Google Play Store of Apple Store.