



June 9, 2024



Today's readings

**10th 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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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 8 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Steve Major, Sr. by Dr Martin & Madeline Dudas

Sunday, June 9 — 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM † Victoria Dzurko by Husband, Ed

10:30 AM † Linda S. Chilzer by Patsi Fantauzzi

Monday, June 10

8:00 AM † Leo Janol by Sophia

Tuesday, June 11

8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

Wednesday, June 12

No Mass

Thursday, June 13

8:00 AM † Edward Fayak, USAF by Sisters, Dolores & Ruth

Friday, June 14

8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

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

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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 15 & 16

| | Lector | Eucharistic Minister | Altar Server |
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| 4:00 p.m. | R. Kozar | J. Elias S. Surdyn A. Punturiero | L. Asenat |
| 8:30 a.m. | K. Miller | S. Stein L. DeFelices F. Petrosky | T. Todd |
| 10:30 a.m. | M. Melvin | T. Mazzei P. Fantauzzi E. Yatchyshyn | C. Blatnik |

Money Counters

Monday, June 10 — Team #5 – M. Smith

The Original Sin

This week we return to Sundays in Ordinary Time. Simply speaking, Ordinary time is time that falls outside major holy seasons of the year such as Christmas, Easter and Advent. This does not mean however that Ordinary Time is just the absence of a major season any more than our lives are ordinary on days that are not holidays. It is the Ordinary time of the calendar that forms the foundation of the liturgical year it comprises almost two-thirds of the calendar.

During the Ordinary time for this year we will be hearing from the gospel of Mark. He tells his story with Jesus at the center encouraging us to follow. As with the other gospels, Mark wants to show how Jesus truly is the son of God with power over sin and death.



Our liturgy starts out by telling the familiar story of how Adam and Eve fell into sin. It is interesting to look at what is taking place in this story and relate the elements to our own lives. When Adam is confronted by God about his transgression he is afraid, ashamed and insecure about his actions. His immediate reaction is to justify the choice he made and blame his wife for his sin, even going so far as to blame God for giving him the woman as his wife. Eve for her part would take no responsibility for her actions rather she blamed the trickery of the serpent. Even though this transgression against God's law brought about shame and divisions among the humans leaving them feel alone, it is the love of God that ultimately reminds them that they are never alone and that His presence is always there. Although they had to suffer consequences for their action they are left with hope, the promise of Jesus.

Evil makes a return in the gospel when the leaders of the church accuse Jesus of working side by side with Satan. Mark shows Jesus working the crowd by asking how evil can work against evil. He then shows how it is the power of the Spirit that has the ultimate power over Satan, and refusal to accept this is the ultimate and unforgivable sin.

We can all relate to each of the characters in our readings today, for we are all guilty of falling into sin and leading others right along with us. Just like with Adam, it is far too easy to point a finger at another and cast blame for our shortcomings and mistakes; it is whole different matter to take responsibility for our actions. When we do fall into sin it does tend to make us feel alienated and alone, and like Adam we forget that the love of God is always there to offer forgiveness and comfort.

Daily Readings

Readings for the week of June 9



Sunday: Gn 3:9-15/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7bc)/2 Cor 4:13—5:1/Mk 3:20-35

Monday: 1 Kgs 17:1-6/Ps 121:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Mt 5:1-12

Tuesday: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3/Ps

98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Mt 5:13-16

Wednesday: 1 Kgs 18:20-39/Ps 16:1b-2ab, 4, 5ab and 8, 11/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: 1 Kgs 18:41-46/Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13/Mt 5:20-26

Friday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16/Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14/Mt 5:27-32

Saturday: 1 Kgs 19:19-21/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10/Mt 5:33-37

With Deepest Sympathy — Condolences are extended to the family of ANNE MARIE WOJTOWICH. May God grant her eternal rest, and comfort to her family. We commend her soul to rest in the peace of Christ.

Stewardship

Weekly Collection May 26

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| Votive Candles: | 132 |
| Utility & Energy: | 57 |
| Accent: | 12 |
| St. Anthony: | 33 |
| Children & Adult | |
| Collection: | \$4,922 |
| Online Collection: | \$709 |
| Total Collection: | \$5,865 |
| Peter's Pence: | 10 |
| Total Collection: | \$5,875 |

Weekly Collection June 2

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| Votive Candles: | 156 |
| Utility & Energy: | 317 |
| Accent: | 15 |
| St. Anthony: | 65 |
| Children & Adult | |
| Collection: | \$6,716 |
| Online Collection: | \$1,511 |
| Total Collection: | \$8,780 |
| Peter's Pence: | 35 |
| Media: | 35 |
| Total Collection: | \$8,850 |

Groups

Epiphany Ladies will meet on Tuesday, June 11 at 6:00 p.m. in the church hall. Members are reminded that this is our covered dish dinner and they are to bring their favorite covered dish. All women of the parish are invited to join the organization.

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.

Save the Date

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/

Farewell Gathering

Although we are saddened to see Fr. Mike leave us, we are planning to send him off to his new assignment with our well wishes. In typical Mon Valley style, that means we are gathering at Epiphany Church Hall on Thursday evening, June 13. We will have an open house from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Plan to stop by and wish him well.

Scholarship Awards

The following members of FCSLA (First Catholic Slovak Ladies Assoc.) Senior Branch 88 were winners of this year's scholarships: Casey Allshouse, Victoria Bergstedt, Mason Sepesky, **Tristan Todd**, Abigail Yatsko and Alyvia Yatsko. Junior Branch 157 winners were: Callie Kane and Kara Kane for elementary school and high school.

Last week, Tristan Todd was inadvertently listed as a graduate of Monessen High School; it should be Belle Vernon Area.

Catholic school tuition assistance available

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Faith

St. Anthony

We celebrate St. Anthony Feast Day on June 13. Traditionally, people bread is baked, brought to church to be blessed and shared with others. **I will be blessing bread at 8:00 a.m. Mass on Thursday, June 13.**

Saint Anthony often has a loaf of bread extending from his outstretched hand. The charity called "Saint Anthony's Bread" was formalized in the 1890s by Louise Bouffier of Toulon, France. Louise managed a small bakery and, one morning, she could not open the shop door with her key. Neither could the locksmith, who advised Louise that he would have to break the door open. While he went to get the tools, Louise prayed to St. Anthony that she would give some of her bread to the poor if the door could be opened without force.

When the locksmith returned, he tried the lock again and was easily able to let Louise in to her shop. True to her word, Louise made sure that the poor of Toulon received their due. Promising the gift of alms to the poor for prayers answered by St. Anthony has been a custom ever since this incident of Louise Bouffier and the locked door.

National Eucharistic Pilgrimage – Greensburg

The Diocese of Greensburg is thrilled to welcome the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage to **our area Tuesday, June 11 and Wednesday, June 12**. The pilgrimage is the first of its kind, with pilgrims planning to walk 6,500 miles city to city, coast to coast. **The Diocese of Greensburg is on the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Route, one of the pilgrimage's four procession routes.** Please join us for the many family-oriented activities. To see the complete list of events and to **sign up**, visit dioceseofgreensburg.org/evangelization/eucharistic-revival.



VBS

Vacation Bible School

It is never too late to sign up for our Vacation Bible School. Our VBS this year 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/>

Vacation Bible School is a nice opportunity to help our children 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!

Parish Picnic

On **Sunday June 30**, we will have our Parish Picnic at our pavilion. Sometimes we do not appreciate the opportunities that are available to us. As I think back on all of the picnics we have had here at the parish, **we certainly did share some wonderful times, and created many memories which will last forever.** Well, we have yet another opportunity to create some 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! **I will have signup sheets in the church over the next few weeks so that you can indicate how many people you will be bringing.**