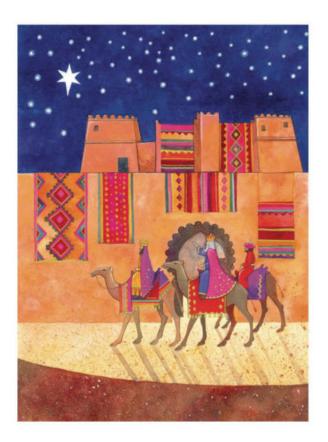
# EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



# Radiant Light

God our guiding light,
you illuminated the long path to our
Lord for the Magi.
Like the travelers,
we are overjoyed by your radiant
presence made known to us.
Though darkness blankets the world,
your glory shines upon us.
May we gather,
walk by your light,
and pay homage to you all the days
of our lives.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

# Sunday, January 5, 2025 Treasures for the Lord

Today's readings: Isaiah 60:1–6; Psalm 72:1–2, 7–8, 10–11, 12–13; Ephesians 3:2–3a, 5–6; Matthew 2:1–12. The Magi travel to pay homage to the Holy Family after Jesus is born, a fulfillment of the prophecy we hear in the first reading. Isaiah urges Jerusalem to "rise up in splendor," for the light has come. He tells of people who journey a long distance, "bearing gold and frankincense, and proclaiming the praises of the Lord." The Magi do just this and bring three gifts to honor baby Jesus: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. There is much symbolism in these gifts: gold identifies Jesus as a king; frankincense, used as incense for offerings, symbolizes prayer; myrrh, used in healing and embalming, foreshadows Jesus' death.

Though it may feel like Christmas is over as the world has moved on from celebrating the holiday season, the Church celebrates Christmas until the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (this year, that is next Sunday, January 12). In the spirit of Christmas, reflect on what treasures you possess to give to the Lord, on what gifts you can offer to your community and the Church. After your prayerful reflection, offer a gift to someone this week. A person in your community might appreciate the gift of quality time; an agency might welcome your volunteer hours; children in your family would appreciate the gift of faith through faith-sharing on the Epiphany; and organizations that serve families appreciate monetary gifts.

#### St. John Baptist de La Salle

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Saturday anticipated Mass 4:00 PM Sunday Mass 11:00 AM

#### Saint Mary, Our Lady of Lourdes

5900 Kennedy Avenue Export, PA 15632 (724) 327-0647

Sunday Mass 9:00 AM

#### **Mother of Sorrows**

4202 Old William Penn Highway Murrysville, PA 15668 (724) 733-8870

Saturday anticipated Mass 4:30 PM Sunday Masses 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 AM & 6:00 PM



# THIS WEEK AT HOME

# Monday, January 6 Consolation and Desolation

"Do not trust every spirit but test the spirits to see whether they belong to God," warns John the apostle. Indeed, it is critical to discern God's will. St. Ignatius of Loyola writes about the states of consolation (joy, peace, being settled) and desolation (fear, anxiety, being unsettled) in prayerful decision-making. Per St. John's encouragement to deepen our spiritual awareness, take time today to learn about Ignatian discernment. Consider how you can practice prayerful discernment. Today's readings: 1 John 3:22—4:6; Psalm 2:7bc-8, 10–12a; Matthew 4:12–17, 23–25.

## Tuesday, January 7 Abundance

Jesus takes five loaves and two fish to feed the vast crowd gathered to hear him preach. The disciples are skeptical as Jesus turns a small amount of food into an abundance that feeds five thousand people. Invite your family to reflect on the abundance with which God has blessed you. Gather at the end of the day and say a prayer of gratitude, naming some of those blessings. Today's readings: 1 John 4:7–10; Psalm 72:1–2, 3–4, 7–8; Mark 6:34–44.

# Wednesday, January 8

# Take Courage

In today's Gospel, Jesus walks on water during a storm to reach the disciples. They are terrified, but Jesus says to them: "Take courage, it is I, do not be afraid!" The wind dies down and the disciples are astounded. Their hearts are hardened, as they cannot comprehend Jesus' self-revelation as the Son of God. Find a church in your area that offers Eucharistic adoration. When you go to pray, consider how you can keep your heart from hardening. How can you surrender your fears? Today's readings: 1 John 4:11–18; Psalm 72:1–2, 10, 12–13; Mark 6:45–52.

# Thursday, January 9

# Liberty

Highlighting Jesus' mission of liberation, the Gospel proclaims that he will especially serve the marginalized and forgotten, bringing "glad tidings to the poor." From the first reading, we hear that "God is love." Further, "We love because he first loved us." Set time aside this week to serve someone who is afflicted or oppressed. While you serve, pray with John the apostle's words: whoever does not love another "whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen." Today's readings: 1 John 4:19—5:4; Psalm 72:1–2, 14 and 15bc, 17; Luke 4:14–22a.

# Friday, January 10 Withdraw to Pray

Jesus cleanses a leper and, while word of his ministry spreads and crowds gather to listen to him, he withdraws "to deserted places to pray." Amid his healing and preaching, Jesus models the importance of cultivating a prayer life. Spend time creating a prayer space in your home. This should be a space to which you can withdraw, like Jesus. Set time aside to pray in this space at least once every week. Today's readings: 1 John 5:5–13; Psalm 147:12–13, 14–15, 19–20; Luke 5:12–16.

## Saturday, January 11 Idols

Take John the Baptist's words to heart: "He must increase; I must decrease." To do so, "be on your guard against idols," as the first reading states, and consider what takes you away from God. Before going to sleep tonight, prayerfully review your day. How did you give glory to God? What "idols" distracted you from doing so? Today's readings: 1 John 5:14–21; Psalm 149:1–2, 3–4, 5, 6a and 9b; John 3:22–30.



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### **DONUT SUNDAY**



All are welcome to join us this **Sunday**, **January 5** after all

morning Masses for Donut Sunday in the Mother of Sorrows Parish Social Hall.

#### **FAMILY FAITH FORMATION**

The next Family Faith Formation sessions will take place **Sunday, January 5** at 4:30 PM or **Wednesday, January 8** at 6:30 PM.

#### WEDDING WORKSHOP

All engaged couples planning a 2025 wedding are encouraged to attend this year's Wedding Workshop on **Saturday, January** 11 from 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM in the Social Hall.

Information will be provided that is needed to plan a beautiful, sacramental wedding. Please RSVP to Brooke in the Parish Office at 724-733-8870 or

btognarina@dioceseofgreensburg.org.

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

We will celebrate the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick on Sunday, January 12 after the 11:30 AM Mass. If you are planning to have surgery, are experiencing health problems or facing the challenges of aging, you are welcome to celebrate the sacrament.

#### **CONFIRMATION RETREAT**

Confirmation students will participate in our annual Confirmation Retreat on **Saturday**, **January 18** at 9:30 AM with NET missionaries . Please contact Jacob at <code>jgindhart@dioceseofgreensburg.org</code> with any questions.

# MOS LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Saturday	1/4	
9:00 AM		Sacrament of Reconciliation
4:30 PM	*	Frank Smithula (Ministry of Care)
Sunday	1/5	The Epiphany of the Lord
7:30 AM	*	Lisette Rihn (Dennis & Karen Cadwell)
9:30 AM	*	Nancy Strussion (Jeanine Cosentino)
11:30 AM	*	Patricia May (Family)
6:00 PM		For the Parish
Monday	1/6	
8:00 AM	*	Nancy Straw (Victoria McGowan)
Tuesday	1/7	
8:00 AM	*	Matt & Mary Dorn (Dan & Joanne McDermott)
Wednesday	1/8	
8:00 AM	*	Christopher Stanley (Lori Stanley)
Thursday	1/9	
8:45 AM	*	Edward Kress, Sr. (MOSS Staff)
9:45 AM		Eucharistic Adoration
7:00 PM		Benediction and Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday	1/10	
8:00 AM	*	Larry Canobbio (Matilda Williams)
Saturday	1/11	
9:00 AM		Sacrament of Reconciliation
4:30 PM	*	Tom Sweeney (Linda & Jim Feczko)
Sunday	1/12	The Baptism of the Lord
7:30 AM		For the Parish
9:30 AM	*	Trish Koval (Ray Koval)
11:30 AM	*	Richard & Joanne Kirk (Giannangeli Family)
12:30 PM		Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick
6:00 PM		Auxiliary Members of the Legion of Mary (Legion of Mary)

#### **OUR WEEKLY NUMBERS**

Our numbers for December 21 and 22 will be available in next week's bulletin.

## STEWARDSHIP NOTES

"... They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh."

#### - MATTHEW 2:11

What gifts do you give to the Lord? Pope St. Gregory said that these three gifts represent what we should give God every day. Gold — we should reflect Christ's wisdom in all our relationships. Frankincense — represents our daily prayer and adoration to God. Myrrh — is a symbol of our daily sacrifices that we unite with Jesus for the sake of others.



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place at Mother of Sorrows on Thursday, January 9 from 9:45 AM until 7:00 PM.

Eucharistic Adoration at St. Mary will take place on **Tuesdays** from 12:00 NN until 6:00 PM.

#### ROSARY RALLY

Our next outdoor Rosary Rally sponsored by America Needs Fatima will be held on **Saturday, January** 11 at noon in the lower MOS church parking lot.

It will be held outdoors rain or shine. Please call Mary Rita Turka at 412-848-5105 with any questions.

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4:00 PM SJ	<b></b>	Margaret & Eugene Marley (Dean & Kathy Tortorice)
Sunday	1/5	The Epiphany of the Lord
9:00 AM SM	*	Joseph Mediate (Rose, Lou & Frankie)
11:00 AM SJ	*	Amil DiPadova (Trish & Rusty Fiore)
Monday	1/6	
8:30 AM SM	*	
Tuesday	1/7	
8:30 PM SJ	•	Lemuel Bell (Family)
12:00 NN SM	[	Eucharistic Adoration
5:00 PM SM		Sacrament of Reconciliation
6:00 PM SM		Benediction and Reposition
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#### **EPIPHANY**

In the church year, the feast of Epiphany, which means manifestation, is the climax of the twelve days of

Christmas, with readings focused on God's gift of light to the entire world.

When we listen to Matthew's story, what strikes us is that the light appeared, but it was up to the Magi to interpret the sign and move toward it.

Signs of the presence of God appear in many disguises. Some people dream; some have visions. Some are able to look at the wonders of creation and know that God is with them.

The second thing that strikes us is that their journey did not end at the manger, but at the place where they began. The encounter with God does not end with the travelers laying gifts before the newborn king.

Rather, it manifests itself in the change that comes afterward. The Magi returned home by a different way. They had been warned not to go back to Herod, but these different roads also stand for the change that occurs when we encounter the divine.

We cannot go back the way we came because we are now different people. We do not see the world in the same way; we do not see ourselves the same way.

Like the Magi, when we lay our gifts at the feet of God, we come away infinitely richer. We change direction. We move ahead on the path that God opens up before us.

# A PEEK AT THE WEEK...

Sunday		January 5
8:30 AM	MOS	Faith Formation for those with special needs, Ave Maria Room
10:00 AM	SM	Faith Formation, St. Mary Social Hall
4:30 PM	MOS	Family Faith Formation, Social Hall
6:45 PM	MOS	OCIA, Ave Maria Room
Tuesday		January 7 - Food Pantry
10:00 AM	MOS	Staff meeting, Conference Room
Wednesday	y	January 8
9:00 AM	MOS	Women's Bible Study Ave Maria Room
6:30 PM	MOS	Family Faith Formation, Social Hall
Friday		January 10
Friday 9:00 AM	MOS	January 10 Legion of Mary, Ave Maria Room
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#### PASTORAL CARE IN THE HOSPITAL AND AT HOME

In an attempt to provide the comfort of prayer and sacraments for our parishioners who are homebound, in care facilities, or admitted to a hospital, we ask people to notify us of these situations. We regularly bring the Eucharist to parishioners at home or local or out of area nursing homes. We do make every attempt to see parishioners when they are admitted to a local hospital or to all Pittsburgh hospitals.

Please call the Parish Office to notify us of upcoming hospitalizations. We are not informed of hospital admissions so we rely on the patients or family to call us.

### MANY THANKS!

The beginning of a new year is a time to look ahead to all that the future holds in store. It is also a time to look back on the past with gratitude for the many blessings we have received, especially in this season:

Catechists, Teachers, & Faith Sharing Leaders - for their faithful commitment which ensures that the light of faith will be passed on to future generations;

Christian Mothers & Ladies Guild - for support to the parish and outreach to the parish community;

Food Pantry Workers and those who made a donation to the Parish Food Pantry - for their dedication and their ongoing ministry to feed the hungry in our midst;

**Hospitality** - for assisting with Donut Socials/intergenerational events, and other parish-sponsored activities that involve preparing and serving food;

Knights of Columbus - for empowering men to live their faith at home, in the parish, at work, and in the community;

**Legion of Mary** - for drawing members closer to God through Eucharistic Adoration and devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary;

**Liturgical Ministers** - for the faithful and dedicated service as readers, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, sacristans, servers, greeters, and ushers in our Sunday and daily celebration of the Eucharist, and for the dedicated service of our funeral ministers;

M.O.S.E.S. group - for their dedication in assisting with larger parish mailings;

Ministry of Care - for their faithful companionship with those who are separated from the parish community due to illness or age and those who are grieving;

MOS Outreach Ministers - for their commitment as doers of God's word to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, and assist our brothers and sisters in need;

Musicians - for their hours of practice, and for helping the entire assembly sing a joyful song to the Lord;

**Parish Helpers** - for helping with small projects and gardening on the MOS campus and for offering their services on a regular basis as money counters, gardeners, maintenance and office help;

**Pastoral Council and Finance Council Members** - for their commitment to honor the past as we work in the present to vision for the future;

**Summer Community Festival Volunteers** - for organizing the many festival activities and overseeing the two-day event;

Tech Crew - for operating the audiovisual equipment to assist in the online livestream of Masses;

Youth Ministry Team - for their dedication to walk beside the youth as we support the future generations of this parish and our church;

And finally, to ALL OUR FAITHFUL PARISHIONERS - whose presence and support during this holy season and throughout the year bear witness to the abundance of God's love in our midst.





#### SUPPORT MINISTRY

Support Ministry is about widows coming together to share conversation, life stories and support each other. All widows are welcome.

The next luncheon will take place **Tuesday, January** 14 at 1:00 PM at Fortune Kitchen; located in the Shop n Save Plaza in Murrysville, Please RSVP by January 9 to Sandy Martin by calling 724-787-9305 or emailing *sandymartin112@gmail.com*.

In need of material assistance? Contact the St. John St. Mary St. Vincent DePaul Conference. Call (724) 575-9888

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www.stjohnstmary.net

# CALLING ALL PARISHIONERS!

We need your help to enrich our liturgical celebrations! Consider signing up to serve in one of these vital ministries:

- Sacristans: Help prepare the altar and sacred vessels for Mass.
- **Lectors**: Proclaim the Word of God during the liturgy.
- Eucharistic Ministers:
  Assist with distributing Holy
  Communion.
- Altar Servers: Children in 3rd grade and above are invited to assist the priest during Mass.

Training will be provided for all roles. This is a wonderful way to serve the parish community and grow in your faith. To sign up or learn more, please contact Joann at 724-327-0647 or e-mail Jgiuffre@dioceseofgreensburg.org.

# **ATTENTION!**

# LITURGICAL MINISTERS

The January and February schedules have been e-mail. If you did not receive a copy, please contact Joann with your correct e-mail address.







As we reflect on the many ways our parish community has come together in service, faith, and fellowship, we want to take a moment to express our deepest gratitude to everyone who has contributed their time, talent, and treasure to support our mission.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the following groups and individuals for their incredible dedication:

**Arts and Environment Committee** - Thank you for beautifying our parish and enhancing our liturgical spaces with your creative talents.

**Building and Grounds Team** - Your care and dedication keep our church and surrounding grounds beautiful year-round.

**Catholic School House** - Thank you for your commitment to teaching our children and being an integral part of our parish life.

**Community Outreach Volunteers** - Your service to those in need within our parish and beyond is a powerful witness to God's love.

**Cooking Crew** - Your willingness to prepare meals whenever needed is a true gift to our parish family.

**Cradle of Love Ministry** - Thank you for supporting women and babies in need within our community.

**Delmont Pilgrimage Team** - Your warm welcome, hard work cooking, cleaning, setting up, and providing entertainment makes this event a true celebration of our faith and community.

**DLA Ambassadors** - Your dedication to supporting the diocesan appeal has helped us grow and thrive as a community of faith.

**Donut Sunday Crew** - Thank you for fostering community and connection through this sweet tradition.

**Faith Formation Catechists** - We are so grateful for your tireless dedication to teaching our young parishioners about Jesus and His Church.

**Food Bank Volunteers** - Your commitment to feeding the hungry is an incredible act of love and compassion.

**Knights of Columbus** - We appreciate your unwavering support, from cooking for Faith Formation to your outreach, prayers, and support of family life.

**Lenten Lunch Crew** - Thank you for preparing delicious meals and fostering ecumenical fellowship. **Liturgical Ministers, Cantors, and Choirs** - Thank you for enriching our Sunday liturgies through your service.

**Parish Picnic Volunteers** - Your work brings joy and connection to our parish families during this special event.

**Pastoral and Finance Councils** - Your ongoing support of our parishes ensures that we continue to flourish in faith and service.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry** - Your lovingly crafted shawls bring comfort and remind recipients of God's embrace.

**Secular Franciscans** - We are grateful for your prayerful support of our faith community.

**Spaghetti Dinner Volunteers** - Your efforts make this cherished event a wonderful opportunity for parish fellowship.

St. Vincent de Paul - For your unwavering dedication and generous support throughout the year, brining hope and help to our parish and to those in need.

Finally, to **all of our parishioners**, thank you for your presence and support as we journey together, growing closer to Christ in the Eucharist. May God bless each and every one of you for your generosity and love.

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#### THANK YOU

The St. John Pilgrimage Committee wishes to thank all those who helped make our 52nd Delmont Pilgrimage a success. Many thanks to:

- Turner's Dairy for providing the jugs to make the luminarias
- Denni and Bill Grassell for providing candles
- Alice and John Heasley for donating sand
- Rob Weisser and Phil Brown for lighting the luminarias each night
- Bob and Anna Marie Stackiewicz for transporting luminarias and pine branches and assembling and decorating the Advent wreath
- Dee Caldwell for setup, decorating and cleaning
- Stanley Oslosky for playing the part of St. Nicholas
- Marybelle and David Weber for setting up the Advent calendar
- Our volunteers: bus and pathway guides, bus loaders, greeters, hostesses, and kitchen crew volunteers
- Our talented entertainers: St. John and St. Mary Bell Choir, the DeStella Dance Centre, The Delmont Community Concert Band, Bob Yuska, The Woodwind Gypsy and the Westmoreland Performing Arts from Greensburg.
- Mimi Jobe Kaufman for the wagon wheel red cake
- All parishioners who displayed crafts and baked or donated baked goods
- John Wilt for his knowledge
- Walmart, Lamplighter and Eat 'n Park for the dessert donations
  - Joan Chiea and Georgie Paluselli

#### **BOOMERS AND BEYOND**

Join us on **Tuesday, January 14** at 11:30 AM in the Mother of Sorrows Parish Social Hall for a presentation on "Positivity" presented by Dennis C. Daley, PhD.

In recent years, the fields of Psychology and Psychiatry have expended their focus beyond mental disorders and psychological distress to *positivity*. This presentation will discuss positive emotions, behaviors and relationships and their impact on our well-being. The presenter requests that you wear a hat associated with something positive in your life.

Boomers and Beyond is a ministry serving the 'baby boomers' and all adults of Mother of Sorrows Parish and the surrounding communities. Lunch and learn sessions are held on the second Tuesday of each month. Participants are encouraged to bring a 'brown bag' lunch and a friend.





### The Three Wise Men: Share Your Gifts | Drawing Closer to God | Episode 6

Ms. Kim explains the Solemnity of the Epiphany and the importance of the wise men's gifts by teaching students how to draw the three magi. She challenges kids to do an act of kindness for someone, offering it as a gift to Jesus.

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Scan the QR code to download the FORMED app to your phone



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# HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

All High School Youth are invited to join us on **Sunday**, **January 12** from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM in the MOSS gym for our New Year kick-off. There will be Moe's, nine-square-in-the-air, good music and get-to-know-you bingo. Please bring a friend!

#### WISH LIST



Our Youth Ministry is alive and well and our students have been good this year! If you would like

help make Youth Ministry even more successful, check out our Christmas Wish List! You can make a purchase from the wish list by scanning the QR code above, or by mailing a contribution to MOS Parish at 4202 Old William Penn Highway, Murrysville, PA 15668.



#### MARCH FOR LIFE

The 2024 March for Life in Washington D.C. will take place on **Friday, January 24, 2025.** The bus will leave Mother of Sorrows Parish at 5:30 AM. The trip will include Mass at the National Basilica in the Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel at 10:30 AM celebrated by Bishop Larry Kulick. A quick stop will be made on the way to Washington D.C. and a stop will be made on the way home for dinner at the Valley Mall in Hagerstown, MD. The bus should arrive back to MOS around 11:00 PM.

Register soon, as the bus fills up quickly! Email Barb Koury at *barbkoury@gmail.com* with your name and a your cell phone number. The cost is \$25 for adults and \$20 for students and is payable on the bus or in the Parish Office.

#### WOMEN'S RETREAT

All women of MOS, St. John and St. Mary Parishes are invited to the annual Women's Retreat **January 17-19, 2025** at St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center in Pittsburgh. This year's theme is Pilgrims of Hope. For more information, please contact Barb Hantz at hantzbf@gmail.net or Sherri Tollari at sherritollari@yahoo.com.

To register, visit our website at otherofsorrowschurch.org and click on the image of the brochure on our homepage.



# MOTHER OF SORROWS CATHOLIC SCHOOL









MOSS second-graders were honored to present the Nativity Play during the school Christmas concert.



## GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

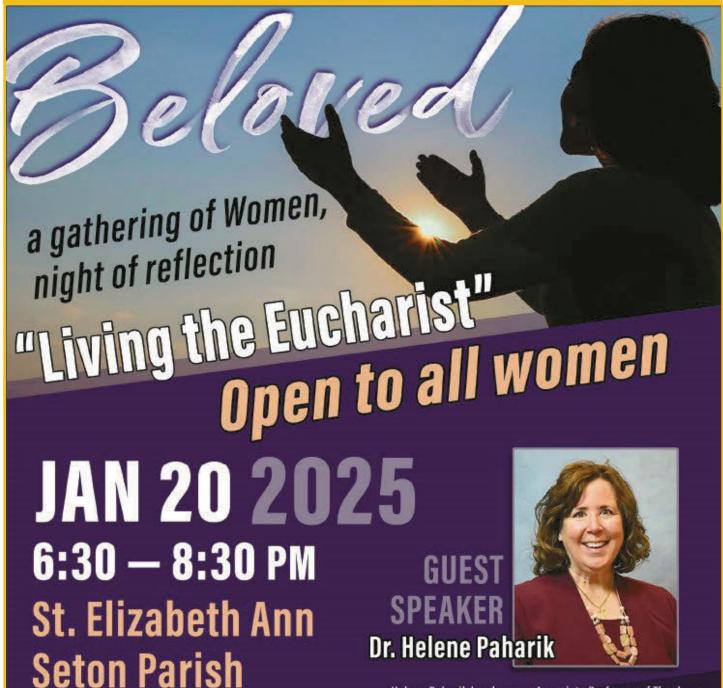
Registration for Girl's Volleyball for grades 3-8 will be open until **January 6, 2025**. Practices will begin in February with the regular CYO season games starting in March. Parishioners of MOS, St. John,



St. Mary and St. Regis are eligible to play.

Any parents or guardians interested in coaching should contact MOSS Athletic Director, Melissa Boreman, at *mboreman@dioceseofgreensburg.org*. To register, please scan the QR code above.

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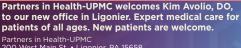
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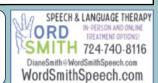
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