



# St. Sebastian Catholic Church

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A Parish of the  
Diocese of  
Greensburg



## Third Sunday in Ordinary Time January 27, 2019

801 Broad Avenue ~ Belle Vernon, PA 15012

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### Parish Telephone Numbers:

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| Faith Formation Office | 724-929-9300 |

**Parish Website:** [www.saintsebastianchurch.org](http://www.saintsebastianchurch.org)

### Weekend Masses:

Saturday 4:30 p.m.; Sunday 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

### Weekday Masses:

Monday—Friday 8:00 a.m.  
Holy Days, Holidays, call the Parish Office

### Sacrament of Penance:

Saturday 3:00—4:00 p.m.

### Parish Office Hours:

Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

### Saint Sebastian Regional School

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| Dr. Nina Zetty                 | Principal  |
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**Bulletin Deadline:** 9:00 a.m. on Monday. Please print or type all announcements.

**Ministry to the Homebound:** For the Sacraments of the Eucharist, Reconciliation or Anointing of the Sick, call the Faith Formation Office.. Extraordinary Ministers are available for Communion to the Homebound on Sundays.

**Catholic Charities:** Counseling is available through the Diocesan Catholic Charities Office. Call 724-929-4699.

**Religious Education/Formation:** Please call the Faith Formation Office at 724-929-9300.

**(RCIA) Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults:** Anyone interested in becoming a Catholic, please call the Faith Formation Office.

**Sacrament of Marriage:** Arrangements are to be made at least six months in advance. Couples must participate in Marriage Preparation sessions.

**Sacrament of Baptism for Infants:** Please call the Faith Formation Office to schedule Baptism and to register for the Baptism Preparation session held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. Parents must attend prior to their child's Baptism.

**MISSION STATEMENT** We the Parish Family of Saint Sebastian, Belle Vernon, serve people in Westmoreland and Fayette Counties. We are Roman Catholics of various ethnic backgrounds with strong family values demonstrating a variety of skills, trades and professions. The purpose of the parish is to glorify God by assisting the community on the "Journey of a Lifetime" through the Liturgy and Sacraments, teaching and preaching the Word of God, and witnessing to our faith. As a community of faith, we are committed to love of God and neighbor through worshiping together and serving others in caring for their spiritual, emotional and physical needs. Each of us is called to strengthen and reach beyond our parish through being responsible stewards of our time, talent and treasure in the spirit of our patron, St. Sebastian.

## Stewardship

Jesus not only calls people to Him but also forms them and sends them out in His service. He knows our personal histories, our strengths and weaknesses, our destinies; he has a purpose in mind for each one of us.

Becoming a disciple of Jesus Christ leads naturally to the practice of stewardship. These linked realities; discipleship and stewardship, then make up the fabric of a Christian life in which each day is lived in an intimate, personal relationship with the Lord.

*Excerpts from: Stewardship A Disciple's Response - United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Pastoral Letter Stewardship*

## Travel Group

There are 12 seats left for **the May 21-22** trip to Baltimore for "From Sea to Shining Stars". Call Sandy for more information, 724-938-0865.

### Additional 2019 Trips

★ In Jennerstown:

Mid Life 2—Aug. 8: Million Dollar Quartet—Oct. 10

★ Sweet Treats & Fancy Eats in York—July 31-Aug 1.

★ Ark Adventure in Kentucky—Oct. 16-17.

## Respect Life Quote

"Defend the cause of the weak and fatherless; maintain the rights of the poor and oppressed. Rescue the weak and needy; Deliver them from the hand of the wicked."

*Psalm 82:3-4*

## Contribution Records

for 2018 will be mailed to our parishioners by January 31, 2019.

## Second Collection

The second collection next weekend will be the yearly collection for Central and Eastern Europe.

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**@CatholicAccent and diocesan news at**

**[www.dioceseofgreensburg.org](http://www.dioceseofgreensburg.org)**

## Estate Planning

From the kindness of your heart, please remember Saint Sebastian Parish in your will.

## Very Grateful Thanks

Last weekend our good-bye receptions for Fr. Frank, in spite of the weather, was well attended. So many came to wish him farewell. He offered his good-bye to us with a song and asked us to "Smile."

Father was deeply touched by your kindness to him and your generosity.

We are blessed in this parish with so many parishioners who volunteer to help, no matter what is requested of them.

The amount of cookies donated was overwhelming. Thank you to all who helped, baked, set-up and tear-down. May God bless you for all that you do.

## Stewardship of Treasure

### January 20, 2019

**Regular Offertory: \$3,813.25 (186 envelopes out of 1292 families)**

**Youth: \$ 28.50**

**Loose: \$ 787.00**

**Total Offertory: \$ 4,628.75**

**Amount budgeted for weekly regular offertory \$7,986.31**

**Over/(under) budget: \$ (4,173.06)**

**Average adult donation this weekend \$10.00 per envelope**

Utilities & Maintenance: \$ 111.00

Votive Candles: \$ 141.40

AC Loan Debt Reduction: \$ 105.00

Monthly target: \$920.13 January Total: \$1,053.00

Solemnity of Mary: \$ 5.00

Catholic Accent: \$ 654.25

**Total January 19/20 collection: \$ 5,645.40**

Dear Parishioner of St. Sebastian,  
This Friday, February 1<sup>st</sup> I will officially become the Pastor of St. Sebastian as well as Epiphany of our Lord churches. I am looking forward to working with all of you and together I know we can accomplish many wonderful things. It has been almost 30 years since I was assigned as your parochial vicar, and since then many things have changed. Thirty years ago St. Sebastian's had two full time priests and Monessen had five churches! Today is an entirely different story, for everything has changed.

Although I cannot say definitively what tomorrow will bring, we are in it together and if we are to succeed we all need to work as one. I am hoping that the schedule of masses will remain untouched. We have a parochial vicar, Fr. Jerome Etenduk who comes from Nigeria, and he will be working with us. Fr. Jerome is finishing his Doctorate at Duquesne, and will reside at the rectory on Henry Street.

I am anxious to get reacquainted with many of you as well as meeting many new people. I am confident that together we will continue working to make our parish the vibrant presence it has always been to our community. I ask for your prayers as well as your patience as together we make this transition.

I remain faithfully yours,

Fr. Mike

### Support Group—"Deciding when Hospice is Needed"

If you are or a loved one are impacted with a terminal illness; join us to discuss what hospice is, dispel myths about hospice and discuss at what time hospice may be appropriate. Hospice is a way to manage symptoms of advanced lung disease, congestive heart failure and cancer near the end of life. All conversations are confidential and in a judgement free environment. All are welcome to come on Wednesday, **February 13** at 5:30 p.m. to our Parish Center. Any further questions please contact Amanda Minardi at Vitas Healthcare (724-831-3647).

## Liturgies of the Week

### January 26—Vigil

4:30 pm (Date of Birth) Liz McGinley—Family

### January 27—Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am For All the People of Saint Sebastian Parish

11:00 am (Date of Birth) Scott Sibula—Mother, Carol Boyle and Brother, Lou

**There is no daily Mass here this week.**

### Saturday, February 2

3:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

### Saturday, February 2—Vigil

4:30 pm Helen Palli—Dave & Carol Shernisky

### Sunday, February 3—4th Sunday of Ordinary Time

9:00 am (Death Anniv) John M. Nusser, Sr.—Wife, Jerry & Family

11:00 am For All the People of Saint Sebastian Parish

### Liturgical Ministers—Servers

Saturday, Feb. 2 4:30 pm A. & A. Peden

Sunday, Feb. 3 9:00 am Volunteers Needed

11:00 am E. & L. Baron

**Lectors Lit. Coordinators Ministers**

### Saturday, Feb 2

4:30 D. Free J. Barnot S. Wawro, C. Farrier, M. Grados  
M.. Free, M. Moody, T. Rodriguez, K. Rygiel

### Sunday, Feb 3

9:00 B. Moskovitz L. Kibler B. Mallonee, M.A. McMillen  
J. Russell, D. Seman, B.A. Linskens, D. Stasko, L. Kibler

11:00 M. Patterson H. Baron J. Cannizzaro, G. Klamerus  
G. Rush, M. Strickland, E. Studnicki, R. Messick, H. Baron

Choir—S. Messick

*Daily Mass is celebrated at 8:00 a.m. at Epiphany of Our Lord, Monessen (44 Pennsylvania Blvd) and the Church of St. Anne, Rostraver on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.*

### Sympathy and Prayers

Please remember in your prayers those who have died: Shirley Tiernan. We extend our sympathy to her family. May she rest in peace.



## Confirmation Parent Meeting

There will be a meeting for the parents of 7th grade students who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on November 7. The meeting will take place Monday, **February 11** at St. John the Baptist Hall at 6:30 p.m. For your convenience, this event will also take place on Monday, **February 25** at St. Sebastian Parish Hall at 6:30 p.m. **You may attend either workshop.**

## First Eucharist Parent/Child Workshop

A workshop for the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist will be held on,



**Saturday, February 16**, from 9—11 a.m. in our Parish Hall. For your convenience, this workshop will also take place at St. John the Baptist Church in Perryopolis, on **Saturday, February 23** from 9—11 a.m. **You may go to either workshop.** All parents and students who will receive the Sacrament of First Eucharist are to attend this workshop.

## Jeremiah Days vocations discernment events for boys in grades 6-8

The Office for Priestly Vocations is hosting vocations discernment sessions, Jeremiah Days, for boys in **grades 6-8** and their parents February 9 and April 13, 9:30-11:30 a.m. at St. Barbara Parish, Harrison City. Contact [vocations@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:vocations@dioceseofgreensburg.org) to register.

## Melchizedek Project high school students

The Melchizedek Project days for young men in **grades 9-12** will be held at Greensburg Central Catholic Junior-Senior High School from 6:30-8 p.m. Feb. 17, March 10, April 14 and May 12. To register, email [vocations@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:vocations@dioceseofgreensburg.org).

## Melchizedek Project vocations discernment sessions for men

The Melchizedek Project evenings for men to discern a vocation to the priesthood will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the rectory at Holy Family Parish, Latrobe, Feb. 10, Feb. 24, March 17, March 24, April 7 and April 28. The gathering is for men who have completed high school. Contact Fr. Daniel Mahoney at [dmahoney@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:dmahoney@dioceseofgreensburg.org) to register.

## School News

Thank you for helping the elementary school in El Valle, an impoverished city in the Dominican Republic. Thank you, also, for listening to our students share their Catholic Education experience at SSRCS. We hope to see you at Open House, **January 27, Noon-2:00 pm.** Also, please send the name of anyone you would like the children to pray for to: [nzetty@sssbv.org](mailto:nzetty@sssbv.org). We will add them to our prayer list.



## Evening for Teens and Parents with Bishop Malesic

Bishop Malesic will lead an evening for teens and parents "How do I make my faith a priority in this culture?" on **February 10** at Our Lady of Grace Parish, Greensburg. The event is open to students in grades 6-12 and their parents or guardians. For information, or to respond, call Katrina Coleman at 724-838-9480.

## Evening for Home- school Families with Bishop Malesic

The Office of Faith, Family, and Discipleship invites homeschool families from the diocese to an evening of prayer, faith, spirituality and fellowship with Bishop Malesic **February 20** at St. Bruno Parish from 6-9 p.m. Mass is at 6 p.m. and will be followed by a potluck reception. Register at [www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/EFHF](http://www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/EFHF).

## Do You Knit or Crochet? Our Prayer Shawl Minis-



try invites you bring your knitting or crocheting needles with you and come to the Parish Center on **February 4, 2019** from 6—7:30 p.m. Your works will be a blessing to many.

## Reality Tour—Getting “Real” About Drugs

Reality Tour (RT) is a national parent and child drug education and prevention program held at the Belle Vernon High School.

**The next scheduled program is on February 11. Preregistration is required.** For more information, go to [realitytour.org](http://realitytour.org) or call 724-797-0955.

## Roast Beef Dinner

St. John the Baptist, Perryopolis is holding a Roast Beef Dinner on Saturday, February 16, from 3:00 to 7:00 pm. The dinner includes: Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Vegetable, Salad, and Desert. *Eat In or Take Out*  
Adults—\$12; Children (4-10)-\$6.  
Kids 3 and under FREE.

## Shoe Drive

Faith Healy, a parishioner, is doing a Shoe Drive. All donated shoes will then be redistributed throughout the Funds2Orgs network of micro-enterprise (small business) partners. Shoes are being collected in a box in the church vestibule.

For more information, call 724-929-2569.

This drive ends **February 10.**

## 2019 Summer Pilgrimage

On Wednesday June 12th we are taking a pilgrimage to the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception Basilica and St. John Paul II National Shrine in Washington, D.C. The motor coach departs from St. Paul's parking lot at 6:00 am and returns at

11:30 pm. The cost of the trip is \$120 per person which includes the motor coach, taxes, dinner and admissions. We will attend the noon mass at the Basilica and lunch is on your own at the Basilica Cafe. This trip will take the place of the Sights and Sounds theater trip. **A deposit of \$50 is due by Sunday, February**

**10th.** Please make checks out to Scholastica Travel, Inc. and mail them to Sharon Highberger 15 Northmont Street Greensburg. For more information contact Sharon at 724-989-6034.

## Natural Family Planning instruction February 4

Natural Family Planning CM-BBT instruction will be February 4 at 6:00 p.m. in the Catholic Charities office in Greensburg. Please call at least one week prior to the instruction date to preregister. Call 724-837-1840, ext. 1658 for additional information, or to register for this or an upcoming class.

## *Lord, please remember the sick, the homebound and those in nursing homes from our parish and community:*

Doreen Abler, Minerva Albert, Donna Biagini, Sally Biava, Anthony Boyle, Dane Breakwell, Brennan Breakwell, Tricia Pelissero Bruenn, Adam Canigiani, Jr., Elizabeth Cannizzaro, Ron Carson, Eric Cecchetti, Josie Cekinovich, Jenna Christner, Albert Cialone, Joe Ciferno, Sr., Elaine Costello, George L. Cowan, Bernadette Dayner, Frank Delia, David Dubinsky, Darlene Engel, Jean Ferreri, Autumn Fields, Betty Fisher, John Fisher, Dolores Frazier, John Gira, Mary Gira, Wayne Granchai, Michael J. Hazy, Betty Jean Henderson, Maureen Jenkins, Avery Kazakewicz, John Kelemen, Jr., Bronson Keller, Sr., Jared Konsugar, Terry Krolik, Lilian Laird, Cole Layhue, Catherine Lennex, James Litterini, Lori, Marjorie, Lopez, Marge Marek, Stephen McCulloch, Brandon Morris, David Moskovitz, Tricia Pelissero Narus, Val Novak, Paul Novakovich, Melissa O'Brien, Julia Paholski, Shirley Patten, Jack Pesl, Joy Pozum, Barbara Riffle, Joel Rivera, Dorothy Rodgers, Mary Ann Rocco, Matthew Ross, George Rue, Betty Savarino, Patricia Senko, Betty Smereczniak, Ralph Swantek, William Tansmore, Joseph P. Trenk, Debra Vaden, Christopher Valerio, Arlene Vargo, Melvin Walkush, Sr., Jack Welshans, Helene Wozniak, John & Nina Zetty. Lord, give them strength in body, courage in spirit, and patience in pain. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Please Note: If you know of someone who has recovered from his/her illness, or perhaps has passed away, please contact the Parish Office. Thank you.**