

# SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

**MARCH 1—FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

- 4:30 pm (Sat) John & Mary Chatlak—Granddaughter, Kim Garnic  
William Package—Son, Bill & Judy
- 9:00 am For All the People of Saint Sebastian Parish  
Liturgy of the Word for Children
- 11:00 am *Choir* (Anniv) Peter Bitonti, Jr.—Mom & Family

**MONDAY, MARCH 2**

- 8:00 am Guido Vitalbo—Joe & Ann Krossoff  
After Mass: Miraculous Medal Novena & Rosary
- 6:30 pm Stations of the Cross for Children

**TUESDAY, MARCH 3—ST. KATHERINE DREXEL**

*No Morning Mass Today*

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4—ST. CASIMIR**

- 9:30 am *School Mass:* In Thanksgiving—Susanne Schussler
- 6:30 pm Evening Prayer & Benediction

**THURSDAY, MARCH 5**

- 8:00 am Robert Nelson, Sr.—Josephine Fayak

**FRIDAY, MARCH 6**

- 8:00 am John Todaro—Joe Lazarz
- 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross and Benediction

**SATURDAY, MARCH 7—SS PERPETUA & FELICITY**

- 11:30 am Sacrament of Penance
- SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**
- 4:30 pm (Anniv) Charles Fields—Wife & Family

**SUNDAY, MARCH 8**

- 9:00 am *Choir* For All the People of Saint Sebastian Parish  
Liturgy of the Word for Children
- 11:00 am (Anniv) Cel Sadowski—St. Vincent dePaul Society

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS—SERVERS & MASTER OF CEREMONIES**

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| Weekdays, Mar. 2,5,6           | 8:00 am  | G. & A. Iacoboni                             |
| Wednesday Mar. 4               | 9:30 pm  | <i>School Mass</i>                           |
| <i>Evening Prayer</i>          | 6:30 pm  | <i>D. Kossol</i>                             |
| <i>Friday, Mar. 6—Stations</i> | 7:00 pm  | <i>S. K. J. Pokol</i>                        |
| Saturday, Mar. 7               | 4:30 pm  | D. & J. Columbus<br>(MC) M. Couser           |
| Sunday, Mar. 8                 | 9:00 am  | J. Hartman—L. Galiszewski<br>(MC) J. Hartman |
|                                | 11:00 am | S. Anderson—G. McLaughlin<br>(MC) B. Antal   |

**LECTORS COORDINATOR MINISTERS**

- Wednesday, Mar. 4**  
6:30 D. Free
- Saturday, Mar. 7**  
4:30 D. Free
- Sunday, Mar. 8**  
9:00 T. Verin
- 11:00 B. Anderson
- S. Zolock S. Zolock, J. Moody, M. Free  
J. Stringhill, J. Barger, Volunteer Needed
- D. Seman S. Wawro, M. Pesl, G. Rush  
M. Blevins, J. Krossoff, S. Raymond
- M. Druciak D. Cooper, K. Keene, J. Santoro  
L. Forbeck, E. Studnicki, J. Frederick

**Second Collection this Weekend** is for the HOME MISSIONS OF THE AMERICAS to assist the apostolate among the Blacks, Native Americans and Hispanics of our country and of Latin America. Our Sister-Diocese of Sicuani, Peru also benefits from this appeal. The American Board of Catholic Missions will also share in the benefits. Your donation to the Missions of the Americas Appeal on the First Sunday of Lent can be an expression of your faith this holy season of Lent.

**SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS** Please remember in your prayers those who died last week: MARY MITCHELL, our parishioner; WILLIAM ZDILLA, brother of Helen Palli, our parishioner; and ANTHONY SEMANCIK, brother of Joseph & Steve Semancik, our parishioners. We extend our sympathy to their families. May they rest in peace.

**PARISH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK**  
See March Calendar inside today's bulletin.

*Stewardship of Treasure*

	Sunday Stewardship	Needed for Budget	Over/Under + / -
Feb. 21/22	\$7,746.67	\$9,200.00	-\$1,453.33
Fiscal Year to Date	\$313,416.00	\$312,800.00	+\$616.00

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER THE SICK OF OUR PARISH especially** Leda Arrigoni, Sister Mary Vera Bartley, Joseph Beresik, Donna Biagini, Jenna Christner, Irene Colborn, Alex Danyi, Darlene Engle, Thomas W. Galley, Jr., Madison Marie Gardner, Stanley Gates, Rudy Halgas, Betty Jean Henderson, Philomena Iacovangelo, Barbara Kubik, Debbie Kurtis, Mary Ann Lenio, Ann Krossoff, Rev. Leonard McAlpin, Kathleen McCullough, Mike Mendicino, Janet Misenko, William Molnar, Sr., Mary B. Nagy, Joseph Naylor, Karen O'Neil, Eleanor Pidanich, Stella Povlick, Jemma Premus, George Rue, Mary Ann Rocco, Virginia Salko, Barbara Sedlak, Joseph Semancik, Steve Semancik, Loretta Senich, Guido Simboli, Afton Smereczniak, Joseph Smith, Patti Smith, Mary B. Snyder, Darla Staff, Chuckie Stringhill, Joseph Turcheck, Jim Webb, Helene Wozniak.

Lord, we ask that you bless our friends who are sick. Give them strength in body, courage in spirit, and patience in pain. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**FESTIVAL CHAIR PERSON NEEDED**

Every June our parish holds a festival to raise money for the church. This year we are once again in need of a volunteer/s to chair the festival. For the festival to be a success, we need to begin planning now! If you are interested, please fill out the form below and return it to the Parish Office.

**PARISH FESTIVAL 2009**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I am interested in serving as Festival Chairperson

\_\_\_\_\_ I am interested in serving on the Festival Committee

Best evening for a meeting \_\_\_\_\_

**BETTER BIRTHDAYS** is being organized to provide the opportunity for young children in need to celebrate their birthdays. Volunteers are needed to make this project successful. If you are looking for a way to help someone in need, this is your opportunity. An informational and idea sharing meeting will be held at the parish center on Thursday, March 12 at 7:00 pm. Questions? Call Justine Russell at 724-929-4954.

**MARRIAGE IS A JOURNEY** A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend can help you enrich your good marriage and add some pizzazz to your journey. Whether you've been married 1 year or 50, a Marriage Encounter Weekend may be just the thing you need to put a breath of fresh air into your relationship. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held March 20-22 at the Gilmary Retreat Center in Moon Township. For more information or to register call Mary & Lou Locante at 412-635-7775 or check out their web site: [www.me-pittsburgh.org](http://www.me-pittsburgh.org)

**SPAGHETTI DINNER**—The Belle Vernon American Legion Post 659 is having a Spaghetti Dinner next Sunday, March 8 from 12-Noon until 3:00 pm. Adults—\$6.00 and Children—\$4.00.

**LENTEN FISH FRY'S** Epiphany of Our Lord Parish, Monessen, offers a Lenten Fish Fry every Friday during Lent (except Good Friday) at the Main Church Hall from 11:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.

**St. Pius X Church, Mt. Pleasant** will offer **Fish and/or Pasta Dinners** on Friday's during Lent (except Good Friday) from 4:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m. For more information call 724-547-0950.

**Belle Vernon Volunteer Fire Dept #2** will have **Fish Dinners** every Friday during Lent from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. They will sponsor a **Spaghetti Dinner** today Sunday, March 1, from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. and, on March 15, they will have a **Pancake, French Toast and Scrambled Egg** breakfast from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. All at the Fire Hall at 10 Main Street, Belle Vernon.

**BINGO**—Holy Family Parish, on 2nd Avenue in West Newton, will hold a Bingo in their church hall next Sunday, March 8, at 2:00 pm. Admission is \$6.00.

**PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS, STUDENTS, PLEASE: CHECK THE ENVELOPES IN THE CHURCH VESTIBULE AND TAKE YOUR PACKET HOME. IT WILL SAVE US THE COST OF MAILING THEM TO YOU. THANK YOU!**

**NEXT WEEKEND  
IS OUR  
3rd ANNUAL WINTER  
INDOOR YARD SALE  
SAINT SEBASTIAN  
PARISH HALL**

**Saturday March 7,  
9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.  
&  
Sunday March 8,  
10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.**

**THERE ARE STILL TABLES  
AVAILABLE**

**Cost for a table Saturday & Sunday:  
\$15.00.  
second table is an additional \$10.00**

**Refreshments will be available.**

**For more information, or to rent a table,  
call Darleen Koury at 724-929-9300 or  
724-930-8504 to leave a message.**

**Please tell your friends and spread the word:  
ST. SEBASTIAN  
WINTER-INDOOR-YARD-SALE  
HAPPENING THIS MARCH 7 & 8, 2009**

**SAINT SEBASTIAN SCHOOL  
P.T.G. CASH BASH  
Saturday, March 7, 2009  
6:30 pm til 11:00 pm  
(doors open at 5:30 pm)  
at the  
North Belle Vernon Fire Hall.  
The cost is \$20.00 per ticket  
(includes cash drawings,  
food & beverages).  
For more information call  
Amy Zakrzwski at 724-872-4516 or  
email at  
[amyscrip@comcast.net](mailto:amyscrip@comcast.net)  
Over \$13,000 in prize money awarded  
All proceeds help Saint Sebastian School.**

SAINT SEBASTIAN CHURCH



# MARCH 2009



SAINT SEBASTIAN CHURCH, BELLE VERNON

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday																																																																																		
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<p><b>8</b></p> <p>9:00 AM LWC 11:00 AM Rite of Sending 3:00 PM Rite of Election at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral</p> <p><b>Indoor Winter Yard Sale 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM</b></p> <p><b>Lent 2</b></p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>8:00 PM Valley of Hope</p> <p><b>St. Frances of Rome</b></p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>9:30 AM Parish School Mass 6:30 PM Evening Prayer and Benediction 7:00 PM Baptism Preparation at Epiphany Chapel 7:00 PM Choir 7:00 PM RCIA</p> <p><b>St. Joseph</b></p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>9:30 AM Parish School Mass 6:30 PM Evening Prayer and Benediction 7:00 PM Baptism Preparation at Epiphany Chapel 7:00 PM Choir 7:00 PM RCIA</p> <p><b>St. Joseph</b></p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>7:00 PM "Better Birthdays" Committee Meeting</p> <p><b>St. Joseph</b></p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>7:00 PM Stations of the Cross and Benediction</p> <p><b>St. Joseph</b></p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>11:30 AM Sacrament of Penance</p> <p><b>St. Joseph</b></p>																																																																																		
<p><b>15</b></p> <p>9:00 AM LWC 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Youth Ministry Lenten Retreat</p> <p><b>Lent 3</b></p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>6:15 PM RelEd Grades 1-5 8:00 PM Valley of Hope</p> <p><b>St. Patrick</b></p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>6:00 PM Girl Scouts 6:30 PM Athletic Association</p> <p><b>St. Patrick</b></p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>6:30 PM Evening Prayer and Benediction 7:00 PM Choir 7:00 PM Finance Council 7:00 PM RCIA</p> <p><b>St. Joseph</b></p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>9:30 AM Parish School Mass <b>7:00 PM Lenten Penance Service at St. John the Baptist, Perryopolis</b></p> <p><b>St. Joseph</b></p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>2:15 PM Stations for Children 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross and Benediction</p> <p><b>St. Joseph</b></p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>11:30 AM Sacrament of Penance <b>Bethlehem Religious Items Sale</b></p> <p><b>St. Joseph</b></p>																																																																																		
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<p><b>29</b></p> <p>9:00 AM LWC <b>Boy Scouts' Spaghetti Dinner Noon - 4 PM</b></p> <p><b>Lent 5</b></p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p>6:15 PM RelEd Grades 1-5 <b>7:00 PM Lenten Penance Service at St. Sebastian</b> 8:00 PM Valley of Hope</p> <p><b>Lent 5</b></p>	<p><b>31</b></p> <p><b>Lent 5</b></p>	<p>February</p> <table border="1"> <tr><td>S</td><td>M</td><td>T</td><td>W</td><td>T</td><td>F</td><td>S</td></tr> <tr><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>3</td><td>4</td><td>5</td><td>6</td><td>7</td></tr> <tr><td>8</td><td>9</td><td>10</td><td>11</td><td>12</td><td>13</td><td>14</td></tr> <tr><td>15</td><td>16</td><td>17</td><td>18</td><td>19</td><td>20</td><td>21</td></tr> <tr><td>22</td><td>23</td><td>24</td><td>25</td><td>26</td><td>27</td><td>28</td></tr> </table>		S	M	T	W	T	F	S	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	<p>April</p> <table border="1"> <tr><td>S</td><td>M</td><td>T</td><td>W</td><td>T</td><td>F</td><td>S</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>3</td><td>4</td></tr> <tr><td>5</td><td>6</td><td>7</td><td>8</td><td>9</td><td>10</td><td>11</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>12</td><td>13</td><td>14</td><td>15</td><td>16</td><td>17</td><td>18</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>19</td><td>20</td><td>21</td><td>22</td><td>23</td><td>24</td><td>25</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>26</td><td>27</td><td>28</td><td>29</td><td>30</td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr> </table>		S	M	T	W	T	F	S					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11		12	13	14	15	16	17	18		19	20	21	22	23	24	25		26	27	28	29	30			
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**LENTEN EVENING PRAYER**

Evening Prayer will be prayed each Wednesday during Lent at 6:30 p.m. in Church, followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Evening Prayer is part of the Liturgy of the Hours, the official prayer of the Church. It is prayed at various hours of the day by priests, deacons and men and women in many religious communities.



Its origins were many centuries ago in monasteries and convents, and consists of public recitation of psalms of the Old Testament, scripture readings and prayers. There will be a Prayer Basket for your special intentions. If you are in need of prayer, know someone who is, or if you have a special intention, simply write the person's name or the intention on a piece of paper and place it in the Prayer Basket. We will place these names and intentions before the altar and make intercession for them each Wednesday throughout the season of Lent. All are invited to join in this "sanctification" of the hours of our daily lives during these weeks of Lent.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Stations will be prayed on Mondays and Fridays during Lent. All are invited to attend these services. Please check the bulletin for changes in the schedule. If there is no school, the children's Stations of the Cross will be cancelled. The schedule is as follows:

**Monday, March 2, 6:30 P.M.**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR CHILDREN**

**This Friday, March 6**

**No Afternoon Stations**

**This Friday, March 6, 7:00 P.M.**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Followed by

**BENEDICTION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT****AREA LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES**

**Thursday, March 19—7:00 p.m.**

**Saint John the Baptist, Perryopolis**

**Monday, March 23—7:00 p.m.**

**Epiphany of Our Lord, Monessen  
(Main Church)**

**Thursday, March 26—7:00 p.m.**

**Holy Family Church, West Newton**

**Monday, March 30—7:00 p.m.**

**Saint Sebastian, Belle Vernon**

**Thursday, April 2—7:00 p.m.**

**Church of St. Anne, Rostraver**

**RITE OF SENDING and RITE OF ELECTION**

At the 11:00 A.M. Mass next Sunday, March 8, we will celebrate the Rite of Sending for our Catechumens and Candidates. On the Second Sunday of Lent at 3:00 pm, they will gather at the Blessed Sacrament Cathedral in Greensburg with others from across the Diocese to celebrate the Rite of Election and the Call to Continuing Conversion. **Our Catechumens celebrating the Rite of Election are: HOPE ANGEL WILLIAMS, AMBER POWELL, JILL HARTMAN and VANESSA DiCIANNA.** They have never been baptized in any church. They will be presented to Bishop Brandt and become part of the elect, that is, those who have been chosen by the Church to celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist) this Easter Vigil. **Our candidates celebrating the Call to Continuing Conversion are MICHAEL SVEDA and AMANDA NESPOLI.** They have been baptized in another Christian Church and will be presented to the Bishop who will recognize them as candidates for Reception into the Church, Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. Let us pray for our elect and our candidates and those of all parishes of our Diocese in this Lenten Season.

**2009 DAY by DAY LENTEN BOOKLETS**

The LITTLE BLACK BOOK for adults and the LITTLE PURPLE BOOK for young people will again be offered this year. These Lenten booklets, with prayers and reflections for this Lenten season, are available for \$1.00 each at the entrances to the Church. Please place your offering in the envelope provided. Envelopes may be placed in the collection basket or brought to the Parish Office or dropped in the night deposit box.

**LENTEN EVENING OF RECOLLECTION** sponsored by the Greensburg Diocesan Council of Catholic Women and the Catholic Business and Professional Women's Association, will be held this Thursday, March 5 at St. Emma's Retreat Center, Greensburg. The Reverend Larry J. Kulick will present "From the Cross to Glory, Our Lenten Journey to Easter." The evening includes: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Confessions, Rosary, Conference, Benediction, Dinner, Mass and 2nd Conference. The evening registration begins at 3:30 pm. The cost is \$20. To make reservations call 724-834-3060.

**FAST/ABSTINENCE: Day; of Abstinence-Ash Wednesday & Friday; in Lent.** All persons 14 years and older are not to eat meat on these days. **Day; of Fast-Ash Wednesday & Good Friday.** All between the ages of 18-59 are to eat only one full meal and not eat between meals.

**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, Saint Sebastian.