

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

MARCH 8—SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

- 4:30 pm **Sat** (Anniv) Charles Fields—Wife & Family
 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
 Rite of Sending for Candidates & Catechumens
 3:00 pm Rite of Election & Call to Continuing Conversion
 (Blessed Sacrament Cathedral)

MONDAY, MARCH 9—ST. FRANCES OF ROME

- 8:00 am Rose Niccolai—Joe & Janet Ciferno
 After Mass: Miraculous Medal Novena & Rosary

TUESDAY, MARCH 10

No Morning Mass Today

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

- 9:30 am *School Mass*: Frank Plevel—St. Sebastian 8th Grade
 6:30 pm Evening Prayer & Benediction

THURSDAY, MARCH 12

- 8:00 am Peter Sopko, Jr.—Wife, Kate & Family

FRIDAY, MARCH 13

- 8:00 am Ronald Grandstaff—Mary Jane & Frances Sobek
 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross and Benediction

SATURDAY, MARCH 14

- 11:30 am Sacrament of Penance

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

- 4:30 pm Ray Frederick—Joe & Nancy Walko

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

- 9:00 am *Choir* For All the People of Saint Sebastian Parish
 Liturgy of the Word for Children
 11:00 am *Choir* Jennie Ciferno—Joe & Irene Muccino

LITURGICAL MINISTERS—SERVERS & MASTER OF CEREMONIES

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| Weekdays, Mar. 9,12,13 | 8:00 am | S. Anderson—E. Claybaugh |
| Wednesday Mar. 11 | 9:30 pm | <i>School Mass</i> |
| <i>Evening Prayer</i> | 6:30 pm | <i>S. Pokol</i> |
| <i>Friday, Mar. 13—Stations</i> | 7:00 pm | 3 Volunteers Needed |
| Saturday, Mar. 14 | 4:30 pm | M. Lowe—J.Couser
(MC) M. Couser |
| Sunday, Mar. 15 | 9:00 am | M. Bury—B. Pacy
(MC) E. Russell |
| | 11:00 am | T. & J. Beeler
(MC) D. Kossol |

LECTORS

Wednesday, Mar. 4

6:30 D. Free

Saturday, Mar. 14

4:30 B. Moskovitz

Sunday, Mar. 15

9:00 D. Staff

11:00 C. Rhodes

COORDINATOR

J. Morris

S. Wawro

S. Waldbaum

MINISTERS

C. Farrier, K. & S. Rygiel
 M. Moody, D. Koury, R. Couser

T. Betters, P. Morigi, D. Russell
 E. Niehaus, C. Peterson, S. Battaglia

L. Keene, D. Stasko, D. Cooper
 C. Zoppetti, G. Klamerus, J. Russell

Second Collection this Weekend is for the monthly UTILITIES & MAINTENANCE COLLECTION

SUNDAY COUNTERS:

March 8—B. Bury, M. & D. Free, S. Wawro, R. Ritson

March 15—T. Rodriguez, S. & B. Monro, S. Schussler, F. Fundy

PARISH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

- Monday - Rel. Ed., **GRADE 2 ONLY**, School, 6:15 pm
 - Valley of Hope, Church/Hall, 8:00 pm
 Wednesday - Choir, Church, 7:00 pm
 - RCIA, Parish Center, 7:00 pm
 - Baptism Prep, Epiphany Chapel Hall, 7:00 pm
 Thursday - Better Birthday's Committee Meeting, Parish Center,
 7:00 pm
 Friday - Parish School No Classes
 Sunday - Youth Group Lenten Retreat, Parish Hall, 1:00 pm—
 4:00 pm

Stewardship of Treasure

	Sunday Stewardship	Needed for Budget	Over/Under + / -
Feb. 28/Mar. 1	\$10,646.24	\$9,200.00	+\$1,446.24
Fiscal Year to Date	\$324,062/24	\$322,000.00	+\$2,062.24
Home Missions Collection—\$1,344.42			

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 Krosoff, 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. 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.

BETHLEHEM CHRISTIAN FAMILIES will be selling Crucifixes, religious art work, and rosaries—all made of olive wood which is native to Israel and Bethlehem the weekend of March 21 & 22 after all Masses. Since tourism has greatly depleted, Christian families in the Holy Land, who depend on tourists, have been greatly affected. Sale of these goods will help them and give you the opportunity to have "something" authentic from the Holy Land. Please browse and buy some articles. It is for a good cause and also a help to your personal devotion.

WINTER INDOOR YARD SALE final day, today, March 8, from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 pm. Stop in after Mass and browse. Crafts, specialty items and flea market treasures are to be found and refreshments are available.

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

MARK YOUR CALENDAR—Boy Scout Troop 1543 will hold a Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, March 29 from Noon til 4:00 pm in our Parish Hall. Adults—\$6.00; Children—\$3.00.

VISIT THE ST. SEBASTIAN WEB PAGE During the first week of Lent, our parish web site had over 220 visitors with 485 page loads! Please be sure to visit our web site: www.saintsebastianchurch.org. There you will find liturgy and minister schedules, information about parish events, and a comprehensive photo gallery!

RITE OF SENDING and RITE OF ELECTION

At the 11:00 A.M. Mass today we will celebrate the Rite of Sending for our Catechumens and Candidates. On this 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: 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 HOPE ANGEL WILLIAMS, 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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross are prayed 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 9 and Friday afternoon, March 13

No Stations

This Friday, March 13, 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

YOUTH GROUP RETREAT

Our Parish Youth (Grades 6—8) are invited to a Lenten Retreat next Sunday, March 15.

“Celebrating a Fulfilling Lent:

Looking at How We Live the Gospel.”

How is our relationship with God and others?

Call the Faith Formation Office to sign-up.

724-930-8504

PRAYER, FUN & FOOD!

CATHOLIC SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE will meet on Thursday, April 16 at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center. Please mark your calendars for this event.

OUR ANNUAL PARISH FESTIVAL will be held on SUNDAY, JUNE 14. Anyone who wishes to help with this event are asked to please call Tom Rodriguez at 724-929-9300. A planning meeting will be hold soon.

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. There will be a Prayer Basket for your special intentions. We will place these 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.

MEN: A LENTEN DAY OF PRAYER & RECOLLECTION

The Office for Clergy Vocations of the Diocese of Greensburg will be offering a special Lenten Day of Prayer and Recollection entitled “How is God Calling Me to Serve?” on Saturday, March 21 from 1:00 to 6:00 pm at the Bishop William G. Connare Center, Greensburg. The day is open to any single Catholic male between 14 and 40 years of age. The day will include prayer, presentations, discussions and a questions and answer session. It will conclude with Mass and Dinner. There is no charge for this event. Please contact Fr. Larry Kulick to register at 724-837-0901, ext. 332.

OUR CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL EVENTS

Geibel Catholic High School is holding a Spaghetti Dinner at Geibel Cafeteria on Sunday, March 22, from 11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Adults: \$6.00—Children: \$3.00. Also there will be a Car Wash if weather permits.

Geibel Catholic High School will present “Sweet Charity” at the State Theatre in Uniontown on March 27, 28 and 29. For ticket information call 724-628-5600.

Greensburg Catholic High School Parents’ Club will host “Making a Bid for Our Future” Auction Gala on Saturday, March 28. Tickets are \$35...and \$40 at the door. For more information call 724-834-0310, ext. 234.

Greensburg Central Catholic presents Lerner and Lowe’s “Brigadoon” on March 20 & 21 at the Palace Theatre in Greensburg. For ticket information call 724-836-8000.