

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

MARCH 29—FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

- 4:30 pm **Sat** Deceased of the Mayerchak & Zucconi Families—Joan & Family
- 9:00 am *Choir* For All the People of Saint Sebastian Parish
Liturgy of the Word for Children
- 11:00 am John & Mary Semancik—Ciccarelli & Wozniak Families

MONDAY, MARCH 30

- 8:00 am (Birth) Alma Stevenson—Dion Jansante Family
After Mass: Miraculous Medal Novena & Rosary
- 7:00 pm *Lenten Penance Service*
Saint Sebastian Parish

TUESDAY, MARCH 31

No Morning Mass Today

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1

- 9:30 am *School* (Birth) Donald Wozniak—Wife, Children & Grandchildren
- 6:30 pm Evening Prayer & Benediction

THURSDAY, APRIL 2

- 8:00 am Sophie Lawrence—Helen & Irene
- 7:00 pm *Lenten Penance Service*
Church of St. Anne, Rostraver

FRIDAY, APRIL 3

- 8:00 am Ann Mazurek—Mom, Dad & Sean
- 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross and Benediction

SATURDAY, APRIL 4

- 11:30 am Sacrament of Penance
- PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY**
- 4:30 pm (Anniv) Mildred Sethman—Angie, Dara & Donnie Rinchuse

SUNDAY, APRIL 5

- 9:00 am For All the People of Saint Sebastian Parish
- 11:00 am *Choir* (Birth) Jay Stark—John & Lucille Micenko

LITURGICAL MINISTERS—SERVERS & MASTER OF CEREMONIES

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| Weekdays, Mar. 30, Apr. 2, 3 | 8:00 am | J. & J. Hartman |
| Wednesday Apr. 1 | 9:30 pm | <i>School Mass</i> |
| | 6:30 pm | <i>D. Kossol</i> |
| <i>Evening Prayer</i> | | |
| Friday, Apr. 3 | 7:00 pm | <i>D. Kossol, D. & J. Columbus</i> |
| Saturday, Apr. 4 | 4:30 pm | G. McLaughlin, J. Couser, M. Lowe (MC) M. Couser |
| Sunday, Apr. 5 | 9:00 am | M. Bury, D. & J. Columbus (MC) T. McCullough |
| | 11:00 am | C. Necciai, G. & A. Iacoboni (MC) D. Kossol |

LECTORS

Wednesday, Apr. 1

- 6:30 S. Raymond
- Saturday, Apr. 4**
- 4:30 S. Wawro
- C. Gorski

COORDINATOR

- L. Forbeck
- J. Barger, L. Aul, J. Moody
- M. Moody, R. Couser, J. Stringhill

MINISTERS

Sunday, Apr. 5

- 9:00 S. Raymond
- M. Pesi
- M. Nogy
- K. & S. Rygiel, P. Morigi
- J. Korsoff, D. Russell, T. Betters
- 11:00 J. Frederick
- C. Rhodes
- M. Druciak
- M. Blevins, Volunteer, D. Cooper
- G. Klamerus, S. Waldbaum, E. Studnicki

ATTENTION PARENTS: There will be No **Liturgy of the Word for Children** or **Religious Ed PreK/Kindergarten** next Sunday, April 5 or the following week, Easter Sunday, April 12. Both LWC and PreK/Kindergarten Class will resume on April 19.

SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS Please remember in your prayers those who died last week: CATHERINE KONYK, our parishioner; FLORENCE BARTOLOZZI, cousin of Judy Moody & Lou Ceccarelli, our parishioners, HELEN COSTELLA, sister of Nell Valdiserri, our parishioner; and SHIRLEY McKOSKY of Perryopolis. We extend our sympathy to their families. May they rest in peace.

PARISH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

- Monday - No Religious Education Classes tonight
- Valley of Hope, Hall, 8:00 pm

Please see the April Calendar in today's bulletin.

Stewardship of Treasure

	Sunday Stewardship	Needed for Budget	Over/Under +/-
Mar. 21/22	\$9,458.95	\$9,200.00	+\$258.95
Fiscal Year to Date	\$352,420.00	\$349,600.00	+\$2,820.00

DIOCESAN LENTEN APPEAL

	This Week	To Date
No. Families	95	145
Pledged	\$13,685	\$21,645

EASTER SCHEDULE ADDITION

Due to the large volume of parishioners, family members and guests expected to attend our Masses on Easter Sunday, April 12, 2009, an additional Mass has been added to our regular schedule. There will be a Mass at 7:00 a.m. on Easter Sunday morning.

If you:

1. serve as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Lector or Altar Server
2. are not scheduled for another Easter Mass
3. plan to attend the 7:00 am Mass on Easter

Then please complete the form below and return it to the Parish Office by Thursday, April 2, or call the Parish Office to volunteer.

Our Easter Schedule is as follows:

Sat. April 11—8:30 pm

Sun. April 12—7:00 am, 9:00 am, & 11:00 am

EASTER SUNDAY VOLUNTEER FORM

_____ I wish to serve the 7:00 am Mass on Easter Sunday.

Name _____ Phone _____

Additional Volunteers Needed:

A Master of Ceremonies and one Altar Server are still needed for the 9:00 am Mass on Easter; also one Altar Server is needed for the 11:00 am Mass on Easter. If you would like to volunteer please call the Parish Office.

HOLY THURSDAY PILGRIMAGES

April 9, 2009

CHRISM MASS On Holy Thursday, April 9, we will continue the tradition of parishioners participating in the Chrism Mass at 10:00 a.m. at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral in Greensburg. The Bishop blesses the oils for the celebration of the Sacraments and the priests renew their commitment to priestly service. A bus will be provided, at no charge, for those who would like to attend this Mass. The bus will leave at 8:45 a.m. and return around 12:00 Noon. If interested please fill out and return the form below.



CHRISM MASS PILGRIMAGE

I will ride the bus to the Cathedral:

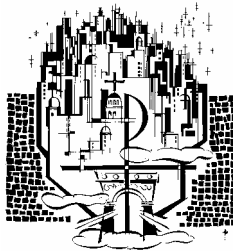
NAME _____

PHONE _____

Please return this form by Monday, April 6.

PILGRIMAGE TO AREA CHURCHES

On Holy Thursday evening, after the Mass of the Last Supper, Catholics are encouraged to spend time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament of the Eucharist. That night we will visit area Catholic Churches for prayer. Locally, this pilgrimage was started by the Knights of Columbus and now we are involved as a Parish. We will leave at 8:30 p.m. from our parking lot and return at approximately 11:00 p.m. to our Church. Our Parish will provide a bus free of charge. Please fill out and return the form below.



PILGRIMAGE TO AREA CHURCHES

I will ride the bus on this pilgrimage:

NAME _____

PHONE _____

Please return this form by Monday, April 6.

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 30—No Stations

Friday, April 3—No Afternoon Stations

Friday, April 3, 7:00 P.M.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Followed by

BENEDICTION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT

LENTEN EVENING PRAYER

Evening Prayer is 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 is a Prayer Basket for your special intentions. We 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.



2009 DAY by DAY LENTEN BOOKLETS

The LITTLE BLACK BOOK for adults and the LITTLE PURPLE BOOK for young people are again 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.

AREA LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES

Monday, March 30—7:00 p.m.
Saint Sebastian, Belle Vernon

Thursday, April 2—7:00 p.m.
Church of St. Anne, Rostraver



STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be prayed at Sacred Heart Cemetery, in Charleroi near the YMCA, on Saturday, April 4 at 12:00 Noon. Sponsored by the Charleroi Knights of Columbus, Council 956.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER THE SICK OF OUR PARISH especially

Leda Arrigoni, Sister Mary Vera Bartley, Joseph Beresik, Donna Biagini, Peter Carrozza, Jenna Christner, Irene Colborn, Neil Cope, 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. 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.

SAINT SEBASTIAN CHURCH



April 2009



SAINT SEBASTIAN CHURCH, BELLE VERNON

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SCRUTINIES

"In every community that will baptize adults or older children at the Easter Vigil, special rites known as the 'scrutinies' are celebrated at liturgy on the third, fourth and fifth Sundays of Lent. On these Sundays, the gospel readings are from the Gospel of John:...the woman at the well...the man born blind...the raising of Lazarus. These readings have been used for centuries to prepare the elect and the church for baptism." Please remember to pray for all of our RCIA participants: HOPE ANGEL, MICHAEL, AMBER, AMANDA, JILL and VANESSA.

PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY

Next Sunday, April 5, marks the beginning of Holy Week. We will commemorate the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem at all Masses next weekend. We are asking all to gather outside the main doors of the Church on Broad Avenue to process into the Church together. Palm will be blessed at all Masses. (In case of bad weather, we will gather in the church for the Solemn Entrance).

At all Masses: Take your palm before you gather outside; you are to hold the palm as we bless it and commemorate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

SPRING CLEANING THE CHURCH



We have the buckets; we have the rags; we also have the various cleaning solutions! But what we don't have and what we need. . .is you and your time!

So, won't you come and help to clean our church. The cleaning dates are this Tuesday, March 31

and Thursday, April 2.

Cleaning will begin at 9:00 a.m. If there is a funeral on any of these days, other arrangements will be made.

SALT & LIGHT AWARDS DINNER Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg will host their 11th Annual Salt and Light Awards Dinner on Thursday, April 23, 2009 at Stratigos Banquet Centre in North Huntingdon. A table of ten seats has been purchased in Saint Sebastian Parish's name. Anyone interested in attending this recognition and fundraising dinner is asked to call the Parish Office.

CONGRATULATIONS to our parishioner, Terry Susick, who be honored by the Loyal Order of Moose with the Pilgrim Degree, the highest honor a member can receive, for his years of volunteer work and community service. God bless you, Terry. Your faithfulness is an example to all.

2ND GRADE STUDENTS On Saturday, April 4, the 2nd Grade Retreat will take place in our Parish Hall beginning 9:00 a.m. All 2nd grade students preparing for their Sacraments are to attend this Retreat.

SPAGHETTI DINNER
 Sponsored by
BOY SCOUT TROOP 1543
TODAY SUNDAY,
MARCH 29, 2009
From 12-Noon until 4:00 pm
St. Sebastian Parish Hall
Adults—\$6.00 and
Children—\$4.00
Menu includes: Spaghetti, meat balls,
bread/butter, salad, drink & dessert.
Take-out available,
bring your own container.

BETTER BIRTHDAYS provides the opportunity for young children in need to celebrate their birthdays. If you are looking for a way to help this is your opportunity. Application forms for those in need are in the pamphlet racks of the church. Questions? Call Justine Russell at 724-929-4954.

OUR CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL EVENTS

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 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.

PREPARE YE THE WAY OF THE LORD! Brownsville Area High School presents their spring musical GODSPELL. Shows are April 3 & 4 at 7:00 pm and on Sunday, April 5 at 2:00 pm. For tickets call 724-785-8200.

SOUPER SUNDAY Today, Sunday, March 29, from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. the Church of the Seven Dolours will offer Endless Soup Refills (12 varieties of soup), Sandwiches, Dessert & Beverage at Rogers Hall on Center Street in Yukon. Adults—\$6.00 and Children—\$3.00. Sponsored by the Seven Dolours Christian Mothers & Ladies.

FISH FRY Epiphany of Our Lord Parish (main church) in Monessen holds a Fish Fry each Friday in Lent (except Good Friday) from 11:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. Dinners as well as ala carte menu offered. For take-out call 724-684-9199.

PANCAKE & SAUSAGE BREAKFAST will be held at Immaculate Conception Church in Connellsville today, Sunday, March 29 from 7:30 a.m. until 12:00 Noon in their church social hall. Adults—\$4.00 and Kids under 12—\$1.00.

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.