

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

APRIL 19—SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

4:30 pm **Sat.** Todd Leoni—Donna Ault & Karen Thomas
Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist
9:00 am For All the People of Saint Sebastian Parish
Liturgy of the Word for Children
Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist
11:00 am (Birth) Jessie Brown—Jerry & Barbara Serrino
Sacrament of Baptism
Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist

MONDAY, APRIL 20

No Morning Mass Today
Mass at Epiphany of Our Lord, Monessen at 8:00 am

TUESDAY, APRIL 21—ST. ANSELM

No Morning Mass Today
Mass at Epiphany of Our Lord, Monessen at 8:00 am

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22

9:30 am Deceased of Klimo & Fedor Family—Fred & Betty Fundy

THURSDAY, APRIL 23

No Morning Mass Today
Mass at Epiphany of Our Lord, Monessen at 8:00 am

FRIDAY, APRIL 24

No Morning Mass Today

SATURDAY, APRIL 25—ST. MARK

11:30 am Sacrament of Penance

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

4:30 pm For All the People of Saint Sebastian Parish

SUNDAY, APRIL 26

9:00 am *Choir* Sophia, Peg, Billy Jo & Frances—Evangeline Niehaus
Liturgy of the Word for Children
11:00 am Deceased of Zeli & Conti Families—Doris Zeli & Family
(Birth) Peter Sopko, Jr.—Mom & Family

LITURGICAL MINISTERS—SERVERS & MASTER OF CEREMONIES

Wednesday, April 22 9:30 pm *School Mass*
Saturday, April 25 4:30 pm G. McLaughlin—H. Heilman (MC) M. Couser
Sunday, April 26 9:00 am M. Bury—L. Galiszewski (MC) B. Antal
11:00 am L. Perozzi—B. Pacy (MC) D. Kossol

LECTORS

Saturday, April 25

4:30 C. Gorski

COORDINATOR

J. Morris C. Farrier, J. Moody, R. Couser
L. Forbeck, J. Stringhill, J. Barger

MINISTERS

Sunday, April 26

9:00 C. Williams

M. Nogy P. Morigi, J. Krossoff, D. Russell
C. Peterson, E. Niehaus, S. Raymond

11:00 D. Free

S. Waldbaum M. Free, M. Blevins, M. Druciak
C. Zoppetti, J. Frederick, E. Studnicki

Second Collection this Weekend is the monthly **UTILITIES & MAINTENANCE** collection.

SUNDAY COUNTERS

Apr. 19—J. Ciccarelli, D. & J. Kerestan, S. & B. Monro

Apr. 26—M. & K. Ramsier, A. & M.A. Cialone

FINAL JR. & SR. YOUTH GROUP MEETING, NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 26 AT EPIPHANY CHAPEL HALL FROM 4:00 PM—6:00 PM. SPECIAL TREATS!

SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS Please remember in your prayers those who died last week: ROSE MELENZYER, and WILLIAM HARVEY, brother of Pearl Lyons, our parishioner. We extend our sympathy to their families. May they rest in peace.

PARISH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Monday - Rel. Ed., Grades 1—5, School, 6:15 pm
- Valley of Hope, Church/Hall, 8:00 pm
Tuesday - Girl Scouts, Parish Center, 6:00 pm
- Athletic Association, Parish Center, 6:30 pm
Wednesday - Choir, Church, 6:30 pm
- RCIA, Parish Center, 7:00 pm
Sunday - Youth Group Final Meeting, Epiphany Chapel Hall, 4:00 pm

Stewardship of Treasure

	Sunday Stewardship	Needed for Budget	Over/Under + / -
Apr. 11/12	\$10,970.87	\$9,200.00	+\$1,770.87
Fiscal Year to Date	\$382,998.17	\$377,200.00	+\$5,798.17

Easter collection—\$14,562.00
Good Friday collection—\$1,926.00
Holy Thursday collection—\$2,109.00

DIOCESAN LENTEN APPEAL Week #5

	This Week	To Date
No. Families	38	255
Pledged	\$3,091.00	\$34,431.00

Children's Stewardship Corner

Our children share their God-given talents of: Singing, piano, violin, cheer, hockey, dance, basketball, drawing, soccer, helping others, karate, and theatre. God bless



Sara Ann Buza, David Columbus, Kyle D'Alessio, Jacob Ehrensberger, Logan Kinsey, Sam Kovell, Grace & Jack LaCarte, Hunter Lias, Gianna Lorenzo, Brock & Shannon McCulloch, Josh Mima, Jamie Satryan, Sarah Sepesky, Morgan Sheehan-Hanula, and Jacob Taylor for sharing their gifts.

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, Edward Drotos, Darlene Engle, Joan Eversburg, 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, Fr. 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.



PASCHAL CANDLE FLOWERS

Each week during the Easter Season, flowers are placed at the base of the Paschal Candle. If you would like to have Paschal Candle flowers in memory of a deceased loved one please contact the parish office. Several Sundays are still available this Easter Season.

PRE-K/KINDERGARTEN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FINAL CLASS OF 2008/2009 SCHOOL YEAR

Next Sunday, April 26, will be the final Religious Education class for children ages 4 thru 6. Grateful thanks to their catechists, JENNIFER CATERINI and TERRA BETTERS who share the Gospel with our young parishioners each Sunday during the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Classes will resume in the Fall.

LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN In recent months the LWC program (which takes place during the 9:00 am Mass) has lost volunteers and young participants. Possibly this is due to the Mass Schedule changes in our diocese. Therefore, beginning with the May schedule, Liturgy of the Word for Children will take place twice a month, on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the each month.

VOLUNTEERS are needed as leaders, cantors and keyboardists. If you can help in any way, please contact Scott Martin in the Faith Formation Office, 724-930-8504.

DAY BY DAY EASTER BOOKLET FOR 2009

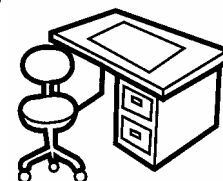
LITTLE WHITE BOOK. This Easter booklet, with prayers and reflections for the Easter season, is available for \$1.00 at the entrances to the Church. Please place your offering in the envelope provided. Envelopes may be placed in the collection basket or brought to the Parish Office, or placed in the breezeway drop box.

SPECIAL SCHOOL COMMUNITY SERVICE—The students of St. Sebastian Regional School are selling purple wristbands (that symbolize a cure for pancreatic cancer). Mrs. Muccino "Mrs. M," who taught at our school since 1979, has been fighting pancreatic cancer for the past few years. Proceeds from the sale will benefit a charity or organization of Mrs. M's choice. A minimum donation of \$3 per bracelet is required. Students will be selling wristbands following all Masses this weekend. Additional donations are welcome.

WALK-A-THON FOR ST. SEBASTIAN REGIONAL SCHOOL will take place on Friday, May 1. With your support, this annual Walk provides for programs not available with state funding. In particular, new and exciting math and reading programs for the 2009-2010 school year. Would you care to serve as a sponsor? For more information regarding being a patron for this event please call the School Office at 724-929-5143.

VISIT OUR WEB PAGE—Relive Holy Week through our photo galleries on the parish web site at <http://www.saintsebastianchurch.org> ! Many thanks to Susan Raymond and Scott Moody for taking pictures during all of the liturgies!

NOTES FROM YOUR PARISH SECRETARY



MASS INTENTION REQUESTS FOR 2010

Mass requests are being accepted for the year 2010. Due to the large number of requests for Masses, we must limit the request for Masses to one (1) per family. We also must limit the request to one per deceased. (If several family members plan on scheduling Masses for the same person (s) - parents, siblings, etc.—please check with each other; these WILL NOT BE DUPLICATED.) You may want to consider combing several deceased family members into one intention. (*Example: Deceased Family Members OR Deceased Members of Smith and Jones Family.*)

If we have Mass intentions from the Funeral of the deceased, they are to be scheduled first. If the family does not want to schedule Masses from the Funeral, then these Masses will be sent to other priests and to missionaries to be satisfied. According to Canon Law, we are not to hold Masses for more than a year.

To avoid any confusion or misunderstandings, Mass requests are being accepted **ONLY IN WRITING**. Please complete the form found in the pamphlet racks at the church entrances and send it to the Parish Office via the collection basket or mail, or bring it in person. Parish Office hours are 9:00 am - 12:00 Noon and 12:30 pm - 5:00 pm., Monday through Friday.

REQUESTS CANNOT BE ACCEPTED OVER THE TELEPHONE!

The offering (\$10.00) for each intention is to be submitted with the Mass request.

MASS FOR 2009 GRADUATES

This year, during the Senior Graduation Mass held on Sunday, May 31, at 9:00 a.m. we are expanding our celebration to include members of Saint Sebastian Parish who are graduating from college, along with parishioners who are receiving Post-Graduate degrees. If you or a member of your family are graduating from college this year or receiving post-graduate degrees please watch future bulletins for additional information and a reservation form to be completed.

REMINDER: Lectors, Altar Servers, Master of Ceremonies, and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: your Ministry forms with Mass preferences are due May 4.

SAINT SEBASTIAN CHURCH

WELCOME TO OUR NEW PARISHIONERS

We would like to welcome those who have joined our parish in recent months. Today we offer gracious welcome to those who have registered between August 1, 2008 up to and including March 31, 2009.

M/M E. Bagay, Donora; P. Fedarko, West Newton; R. Galiotto, Greensburg; B. Hager, Belle Vernon; M/M J. Hill, Belle Vernon; M/M W. Hoffman Jr., Belle Vernon; M/M T. Janci, Belle Vernon; M/M J. Kopanic, Belle Vernon; D. Konyk, Belle Vernon; M/M R. Leonetti, Charleroi; M/M A. McDivitt, Fayette City; M/M J. Porter, Belle Vernon; Reppert/Griffin Family, Belle Vernon; M/M J. Rankin, Monessen; M/M R. Rossi, Monongahela; C. Swick, Belle Vernon; E. Stanchik, Smithton; M/M J. Stawovy, Smithton; A. Strelinski, Belle Vernon; M/M A. Adametz, Belle Vernon; M/M G. Aul, Belle Vernon; M/M J. Baker, Belle Vernon; M/M L. Baron, Perryopolis; R. Baron, Perryopolis; M/M C. Battaglia, Belle Vernon; S. Bednarczyk, Fayette City; M/M Benicky, Belle Vernon; A. Blatnik, Fayette City; M/M J. Booley, Belle Vernon; M. Capco, Fayette City; M/M B. Chorba, Belle Vernon; B. Coffee, Belle Vernon; M/M M. DeFrancesco, Fayette City; M/M E. Ehrensberger, Monessen; D. Emelo, Fayette City; M/M J. Frameli, Belle Vernon; M/M G. Grados, Fayette City; D. Hazelbaker, Fayette City; M/M J. Heck, Fayette City; K. Hutchison, Fayette City; D. Johnson, Belle Vernon; E. Krivda, Belle Vernon; A. Kukler, Jr., Fayette City; M/M J. Lahti, Belle Vernon; M/M J. Laird, Belle Vernon; M/M R. Ledgerton, Belle Vernon; S. Levandowski, Belle Vernon; E. Lofink, Belle Vernon; C. Malys, Fayette City; M. Mast, Belle Vernon; R. McFall, Belle Vernon; M. McMillen, Fayette City; M/M W. Molnar, Fayette City; M/M W. Molnar, Jr., Fayette City; P. Morigi, Belle Vernon; S. Ledgerton, Belle Vernon; M/M R. Nalevanko, Belle Vernon; E. O'Toole, Fayette City; M/M W. Package, Jr., Fayette City; L. Pankiewicz, Belle Vernon; M. Pollack, Fayette City; M/M R. Raymond, Belle Vernon; S. Rihtarcik, Fayette City; M/M S. Rygiel, Fayette City; M/M T. Sabolek, Fayette City; T. Sabolek, Belle Vernon; M/M T. Sabolek, Fayette City; C. Sabolek, Belle Vernon; L. Sabolek, Charleroi; V. Salko, Fayette City; M/M T. Sebetich, Belle Vernon; M/M J. Senko, Fayette City; E. Skibo, Fayette City; M/M B. Solomon, Belle Vernon; A. Sopko, Fayette City; V. Strychalski, Belle Vernon; C. Summers, Coal Center; Z. Tiernan, Belle Vernon; M/M L. Toth, Fayette City; J. Toth, Charleroi; H. Trenk, Belle Vernon; L. Turcheck, Fayette City; M/M J. Vargo, Fayette City; M. Vargo, Fayette City; M/M J. Wiggins, Belle Vernon; M. Worry, Belle Vernon; M/M J. Zadrozny, Belle Vernon.

We extend a warm welcome to our new families who have become a part of our Saint Sebastian Family.

SALT & LIGHT AWARDS DINNER You are invited!

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 by tomorrow, Monday, April 20.

MARK YOU CALENDAR'S! On May 16/17 we will be making Perogie for the parish festival. If you have never made perogie before, now is the time to learn. We encourage our parishioners, young and old to participate in this task! Exact times will be announced later or for more information contact Susan Raymond at 724-929-9557.

BELLE VERNON LIBRARY will hold a used book and bake sale on Saturday, April 25 from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm. Donated books may be dropped off at the Library (505 Speer Street) during library hours or call 724-929-6642.

SUPER BINGO—The Sunshine Club of St. Edward, Herminie, will sponsor a Super Bingo and Luncheon today, Sunday, April 19 at 3:00 pm in their church hall. Package cost \$25 and includes 20 games (9 cards per game) and lunch as well as Quickie 1/2 the take and "Must Go Jackpot." Must be 18 years of age to attend.

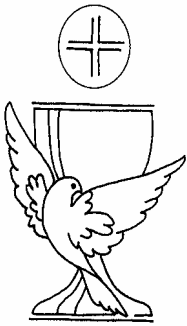
FLEA MARKET—The Rosary Altar Society of Our Lady of Grace Parish, Greensburg, is sponsoring a flea market on Saturday, April 25, 7:00 am until 1:00 p.m. Table space is \$15 per table or \$25 for 2 tables. If you are interested in renting a space call 724-219-3948.

EVENING OF REFLECTION The Church of the Seven Dolors, Yukon, is holding an Evening of Reflection with guest speaker, Fr. Angelus Shaughnessy this Thursday, April 23 from 5:00 pm until 9:00 pm. The conference theme will be "Why Stay Catholic?" There will be Mass at 5:00 pm, refreshments at 6:00 pm, a conference at 7:00 pm and Holy Hour and conference at 8:00 pm. Those planning to attend are asked to call Louise Dinardo at 724-872-4860. There is no cost for this event.

BREAKFAST—Belle Vernon Volunteer Fire Co. #2 is holding a "Pancake, French Toast, Scrambled Egg Breakfast" today, Sunday, April 19 from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm in the Main Street Fire Hall. All are welcome.

ALL YOU CAN EAT BREAKFAST—St. Florian, United, is holding an All You Can Eat Breakfast, Sunday, April 26, from 8 am -1 pm in St. Florian Hall. The menu: pancakes, eggs, sausage, ham, home fries, bread, coffee, tea & juice. Adults: \$6.00; Children: \$4.00. Two and under are free.

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.



**SECOND GRADE
PARISHIONERS
RECEIVE
SACRAMENTS**

Our 2nd grade parishioners will be receiving their Sacraments during this Easter Season. This weekend, April 18/19, the following students will receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist:

Saturday, April 18—4:30 pm Mass

Katie *GRACE* Babirad
Anthony *ANTHONY* Bertram
Sara Ann *SARAH* Buza
Jade *BRIGID* Coyne
Sean *MATTHEW* Gargan
Logan *THOMAS* Kinsey
Stephen *JOSEPH* Palli
Collin *JOSEPH* Schragl
Jacob *JOHN* Sepesky
Tyberius *PAUL* Washinski

Sunday, April 19—9:00 a.m. Mass

Kaitlyn *MARIE* Hill
Madelyn *MADELYN* Miller

Sunday, April 19—11:00 a.m. Mass

Benjamin *BENJAMIN* Bamford
Aaron *MICHAEL* Brown
Paige *MARIE* Costa
Jacob *FRANCIS* Ehrensberger
Benjamin *JOSEPH* Filak
Kayla *ELIZABETH* Heilman
Caitlin *MARIE* Major
Melina *VICTORIA* Perozzi
Erik *THOMAS* Pietrantonio
Lauren *MICHELLE* Popovich
Tatum *MARIE* Rodriguez
Morgan *BRIGID* Sheehan-Hanula
Morgan *MORGAN* Susick
Jacob *ANDREW* Taylor
Kyla *ANN* Williams

Megan Michele Martin

(Confirmed at Baptism, Megan will receive First Eucharist today)

(Confirmation names are in italics. If their first name is repeated it is because the child chose to reaffirm his/her baptismal name.)

Please keep our young parishioners in your prayers as they prepare to receive these outward signs of God's gift of grace.

**ADULT
CONFIRMATION**



Catholics who have been Baptized and received First Eucharist, but have not been Confirmed, are invited to call the Faith Formation Office to inquire about the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Adults, high school students and children in grades 3 through 8 may be Confirmed the weekend of Pentecost on Saturday, May 30 during the 4:30 p.m. Mass and on Sunday, May 31, during the 11:00 a.m. Mass. There will be one preparation class (age appropriate) for those wishing to be Confirmed. Please call the Faith Formation Office for more information at 724-930-8504 or fill out and return the form below.

Adult Confirmation

May 30/31, 2009

I wish to be confirmed Pentecost weekend, May 30/31, 2009.

Name _____

Phone _____

Mass Date/Time _____

Adult ____ **Youth** ____ **Child Gr. 3-8** ____

If child, parent's name: _____

A SPECIAL THANK YOU Every year a group of ladies from our Parish take it upon themselves to make gifts for the 2nd grade students who receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist during the Easter Season. Once again we would like to thank Ann Husovitz for making rosaries, Jo O'Hara for making scapulars. Also, special thanks to the ladies who helped our young people make their Sacrament banners at the 2nd Grade Retreat: Helen Palli, Jean Ambrose, Judy Mitchell, and Betty Fundy. Thank you ladies, one and all, and God bless you for your devotion and faithfulness.

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.