

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

APRIL 26—THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

4:30 pm **Sat.** For All the People of Saint Sebastian Parish
 9:00 am *Choir* Sophia, Peg, BillyJo & Frances—Evangeline Niehaus
 Liturgy of the Word for Children
 11:00 am Deceased of the Zeli & Conti Families—Doris Zeli & Family
 (Birth) Peter Sopko, Jr.—Mom & Family

MONDAY, APRIL 27

No Morning Mass Today

Mass at Epiphany of Our Lord, Monessen at 8:00 am

TUESDAY, APRIL 28—ST. PETER CHANEL

No Morning Mass Today

Mass at Epiphany of Our Lord, Monessen at 8:00 am

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29—ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

9:30 am *School Mass* Andrew Senich—Wife, Loretta

THURSDAY, APRIL 30—POPE ST. PIUS V

No Morning Mass Today

Mass at Epiphany of Our Lord, Monessen at 8:00 am

FRIDAY, MAY 1—ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

No Morning Mass Today

SATURDAY, MAY 2—ST. ATHANASIUS

11:30 am Sacrament of Penance

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

4:30 pm Ray Frederick—Darlene & David Engel

SUNDAY, MAY 3

9:00 am For All the People of Saint Sebastian Parish
 Liturgy of the Word for Children
 11:00 am Joseph Lancas—Mike Capco

LITURGICAL MINISTERS—SERVERS & MASTER OF CEREMONIES

Wednesday April 29 9:30 pm *School Mass*
 Saturday, May 2 4:30 pm J. Couser—M. Lowe (MC) M. Couser
 Sunday, May 3 9:00 am G. & A. Iacoboni (MC) E. Russell
 11:00 am S. Pokol—C. Foglia (MC) K. Pokol

LECTORS

COORDINATOR

MINISTERS

Saturday, May 2

4:30 B. Moskovita S. Zolock S. Zolock, L. Aul, R. Couser
 M.A. Cialone, J. Wiggins, D. Atkinson

Sunday, May 3

9:00 L. Keene D. Seman S. & K. Rygiel, S. Wawro
 T. Gardner, G. Rush, S. Bagttaglia
 11:00 K. McLaughlin J. Morris D. Stasko, D. Cooper, J. Santoro
 J. Russell, C. Simboli, G. Klamerus

SUNDAY COUNTERS

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

May 3—B. Bury, R. Nandor, S. Wawro, R. Melnick

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

MARK YOU CALENDARS! 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 724-929-9558.

PASCHAL CANDLE FLOWERS this weekend are given to the glory of God and in memory of TOM COSTELLA by his wife and family.

SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS Please remember in your prayers those who died last week: MARY KATHLEEN MUCCINO, JAMES GUERRA, CHARLOTTE MALYS and JOHN MELVIN our parishioners and JEAN MOLLARD, sister-in-law of Shirley & George Fugo. We extend our sympathy to their families. May they rest in peace.

PARISH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Monday - Final Rel. Ed. Session for Grades 1—5, School, 6:15 pm
 - Valley of Hope, Hall, 8:00 pm
 Wednesday - Choir, Church, 6:30 pm
 - RCIA, Parish Center, 7:00 pm

BAPTIZED IN CHRIST last Sunday: ANDREW GENE BICKERTON, son of Kenneth and Stacie (Eversburg) Bickerton. We welcome Andrew into the Church and into our parish family. God bless his parents and family.

Stewardship of Treasure

	Sunday Stewardship	Needed for Budget	Over/Under + / -
Apr. 18/19	\$8,536.44	\$9,200.00	-\$663.56
Fiscal Year to Date	\$391,534.61	\$386,400.00	+\$5,134.61

UTILITIES & MAINTENANCE—\$1,869.25

DIOCESAN LENTEN APPEAL Week #6

	This Week	To Date
No. Families	20	275
Pledged	\$2,435.00	\$36,866.00

FINAL JUNIOR & SENIOR YOUTH GROUP MEETING, IS TODAY, SUNDAY, APRIL 26 AT EPIPHANY CHAPEL HALL FROM 4:00 PM—6:00 PM. Come and help to decide where we'll have our "Summer Outing" this year.

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, Ernie Ehlers, 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 your friends who are sick. Give them strength in body, courage in spirit, and patience in pain. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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: _____

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.

YOUR VOICE IS NEEDED MORE THAN EVER! At this time of serious national challenges, Americans should unite to serve the good of all, born and unborn—not single out the most defenseless human beings for an expanded attack on their lives.

Please urge your federal elected officials to oppose FOCA or any similar measure, and to retain laws against the federal funding and promotion of abortion.

FOCA embodies the public policy goals of pro-abortion groups. These groups will promote the bill's passage directly, and advance its agenda by working to reverse pro-life laws one at a time.

Please add these names to the post card addresses: Senator Bob Casey Jr., Senator Arlen Specter, Congressman John Murtha. Please see the inserts in today's bulletin.

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.

WALK-A-THON FOR SAINT SEBASTIAN REGIONAL SCHOOL

will take place this 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.



MRS. "M'S" CHARITY Our school students have been selling purple bracelets in honor, but now in memory, of Mrs. Kathy Muccino and her battle with pancreatic cancer. The money collected will go to Mrs. M's favorite charity. That charity is a Scholarship for one of our eighth grade Saint Sebastian Regional School students who wishes to attend a Catholic High School. This scholarship will be funded yearly through various service project. A wonderful way to remember a teacher who has been a part of St. Sebastian family and given so much of herself.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM Elementary Grades

Tomorrow, Monday, April 27, is the final class of the 2008/2009 Religious Education Program. The classes include Grades 1 through 5, for students of Saint Sebastian and Epiphany of Our Lord Parishes. An Ice Cream Social will take place in our Parish Hall and attendance certificates will be distributed.

Special thanks to SCOTT MARTIN, the Director of Faith Formation; DARLEEN KOURY, Faith Formation Secretary; VERONICA DAVIS, Religious Education Assistant to Mr. Martin; and to all the Religious Education teachers and aides:

Grade 1-A—CAROL RHODES

Grade 1-B—LAURIE LORENZO and LISA SASSAK;

Grade 2-A—SYLVIA STULOCK

Grade 2-B—DARLEEN KOURY & GEMMA KOURY

Grade 2-C—SHELLY LaCARTE & GRACE LaCARTE

Grade 3—MICHELE MARTIN

Grade 4—SHANNON RABE

Grade 5—STELLA WALDBAUM

(Although some of the teachers were able to help for 1/2 the year due to scheduling conflicts, their service to our young people is greatly appreciated.)

Also grateful thanks to all who volunteer their time and talents to this Ministry by sharing their Catholic Faith with the young people of these parishes.

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

Today, Sunday, April 26, is the final Religious Education class for children ages 4 thru 6. 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.

SECOND GRADE STUDENTS RECEIVE SACRAMENTS

Continuing the weekend of May 9 and May 10, our 2nd grade parishioners will be receiving their Sacraments during this Easter Season. Please keep our 2nd grade parishioners in your prayers as they prepare to receive these outward signs of God's gift of grace.

HELP YOURSELF— VOLUNTEER!

“Faith is the common denominator and you need to speak about faith in terms that people understand.” ~ Bishop Lawrence E. Brandt, JCD, PhD

The nature and purpose of evangelization and faith formation is to proclaim the Gospel of Christ to arouse the faith, examine the reasons for belief, experience Christian living, celebrate the sacraments, integrate into the faith community and serve Christ through others.

These words, taken from the Faith Formation portion of the Diocese of Greensburg Web Site give us the best reasons for volunteering in a parish.

Volunteers are needed in so many areas of Faith Formation, some of which include:

Baptism Preparation

Marriage Preparation

RCIA—Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Religious Education for PreK/Kindergarten

Religious Education for Grades 1 through 5

Junior Youth Group Grades 6,7,8

Senior Youth Group Grades 9 through 12

Liturgy of the Word for Children

Vacation Bible School

All these areas need lay people to volunteer to share their faith in God. All of these areas are now lacking in sufficient volunteers. Some require weekly commitments, some require a monthly commitment, some are seasonal and yet another requires only one week per year. And if you ask any of the present volunteers why they do what they do, they will tell you that not only do they help others grow in their faith, but also they themselves grow closer to God by sharing their Gift of Faith. For more information call Mr. Scott Martin at 724-930-8504.

HELP YOURSELF, WHILE YOUR HELPING OTHERS, BE A FAITH FORMATION VOLUNTEER!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS This year Vacation Bible School will take place June 16 thru June 20 here at Saint Sebastian's in our Parish Hall. This year's theme is "The Life & Times of Sassy Saul otherwise known as Saint Paul."