



SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

MAY 3—FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

4:30 pm **Sat.** Ray Frederick—Darlene & David Engel
 9:00 am For All the People of Saint Sebastian Parish
 11:00 am *Choir* Joseph Lancas—Mike Capco

MONDAY, MAY 4

8:00 am Joseph Herman—Aunt, Jody & Larry Callaway
 After Mass: Miraculous Medal Novena & Rosary

TUESDAY, MAY 5

No Morning Mass Today

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

9:30 am *School Mass* Frank Plevel—Ray & Rosemary Iacoboni & Daughters

THURSDAY, MAY 7

8:00 am Lloyd Amprim—M/M Don Ivill

FRIDAY, MAY 8

8:00 am (Anniv) Joseph Mendicino—Brother, Mike Mendicino

SATURDAY, MAY 9

11:30 am Sacrament of Penance

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

4:30 pm *Choir* For All Mothers
Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist

SUNDAY, MAY 10

9:00 am For All Mothers & All the People of Saint Sebastian Parish
 Liturgy of the Word for Children
 11:00 am For All Mothers
Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist

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

Weekdays, May 4,7,8 8:00 am A. & G. Iacoboni
 Wednesday May 6 9:30 pm *School Mass*
 Saturday, May 9 4:30 pm A. Osiol—R.J. Kozura (MC) B. Antal
 Sunday, May 10 9:00 am J. & D. Columbus (MC) E. Russell
 11:00 am G. & C. Necciai (MC) T. McCullough

LECTORS

COORDINATOR

MINISTERS

Saturday, May 9

4:30 M. Patterson D. Koury J. Moody, M.A. Cialone, J. Barger
 J. Stringhill, C. Farrier, M. Moody

Sunday, May 10

9:00 M. Pesi S. Raymond P. Morigi, K. Keene, T. Betters
 E. Niehaus, C. Peterson, T. Rodriguez
 11:00 T. Verin S. Waldbaum M. Druciak, M. Blevins, M. Nogy
 J. Frederick, E. Studnicki, L. Forbeck

Second Collection next Weekend is the monthly UTILITIES & MAINTENANCE collection.

SUNDAY COUNTERS:

May 3—B. Bury, R. Nandor, S. Wawro, R. Melnick
 May 10—T. Rodriguez, B. Forbeck, F. Fundy, S. & S. Zolock

PASCHAL CANDLE FLOWERS this weekend are given to the glory of God and in memory of DENNIS ZUCCONI by his wife, Joan and Family.



SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS Please remember in your prayers those who died last week: LINDA SALVINO, our parishioner. We extend our sympathy to her family. May she rest in peace.

PARISH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Monday - Pastoral Council, Parish Center, 7:00pm
 - Valley of Hope, Hall, 7:30 pm
 Tuesday - Girl Scouts, Parish Center, 6:00 pm
 Wednesday - Choir, Church, 6:30 pm
 Thursday - Third Order, Parish Center, 5:00 pm
 Friday - Marriage Prep, Parish Center, 7:00 pm
 Saturday - Marriage Prep, Parish Center, 10:00 am
 - PJAS Car Wash, Parking Lot, 11:00 am
 Sunday - Youth Group Carnation Sale, following the 9 am & 11 am Masses

Stewardship of Treasure

	Sunday Stewardship	Needed for Budget	Over/Under + / -
Apr. 25/26	\$7,113.94	\$9,200.00	-\$2,086.06
Fiscal Year to Date	\$398,648.55	\$395,600.00	+\$3,048.55

DIOCESAN LENTEN APPEAL Week #7

	This Week	To Date
No. Families	16	291
Pledged	\$1,890.00	\$38,756.00

A second letter regarding the Annual Diocesan Lenten Appeal has been sent to parishioners who have not yet responded this year to the Appeal. Several returns were received last week. Please try to pledge by next weekend, May 9/10. Thank you for your continued support of our Parish and Diocese.

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

COFFEE & DOUGHNUTS ARE BACK

Please join us following the 9 a.m. Mass today for Coffee, Doughnuts and Conversation in our Parish Hall. All are most welcome to attend.



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) on **MONDAY, MAY 18 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE PARISH CENTER** 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: _____

SECOND GRADE STUDENTS RECEIVE SACRAMENTS

CONTINUING NEXT WEEKEND, 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.

LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN Beginning next week, Liturgy of the Word for Children will take place twice a month, on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month during the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

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.

NALC FOOD DRIVE The National Association of Letter Carriers in conjunction with the U.S. Postal Service, the AFL-CIO and your local United Way, will be collecting non perishable food items on Saturday, May 9 for distribution to local food banks in the community. Please place a food donation by your mailbox on Saturday, May 9. Your Letter Carrier or a designated volunteer will pick up your donation for distribution to a local food bank. Thank You!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! On Friday, May 15 at 5:00 p.m. and Saturday, May, 16 at 9:30 a.m. 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! For more information contact Susan Raymond at 724-929-9558.

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 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

2009 PARISH FESTIVAL—SUNDAY, JUNE 14

Volunteers are needed for our parish festival. We need your help the day before, the day of, and the day after the festival. So even if you are unavailable on Sunday, you can still help. If you are able to give of your time and talents to help make this festival a success, please fill out the form below and drop it in the collection basket or bring it to the Parish Office.

Sincere thanks from,
The Festival Committee

Please indicate the first name of family member volunteering for any of the following:

_____ Food preparation, Parish Hall, Saturday, June 13 at 9:30 a.m.

_____ Set up Booths/Tents on Saturday, June 13, 11:00 a.m.

_____ Set-up Games/Food in Booths, Sunday, June 14, 10:00 a.m.

_____ Cook/Serve of Indoor Food, Sunday, June 14, 1:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.
Please specify time available _____

_____ Working Outdoor Food Booth, Sunday, June 14
Please specify time available _____

_____ Work Beer Cart, Sunday, June 14, 5:00-10:00 p.m.
Please specify time available _____

_____ Runner for Outdoor Food Booth (bring supplies from kitchen to outdoor booth)

_____ Cook BBQ Chicken on, Sunday, June 14, 3:00-8:00 p.m.
Please specify time available _____

_____ Working Game Booth on Sunday, June 14 (Circle Time Available)
12:30-3:00 pm 3:00-5:30 pm 5:30-8:00 pm 8:00-close

_____ Assist with Bake Sale, Sunday, June 14
Please specify time available _____

_____ Clean-up Sunday, June 14

_____ Inventory of Remaining Prizes on Monday, June 15 (Counting & Repackaging)

_____ Tear Down Booths/Tents on Monday, June 15, 7:00 a.m. (Removal of chairs/tables)

FAMILY NAME _____ PHONE _____

MOTHER'S DAY Next Sunday, May 10, is Mother's Day. We will observe the Blessing of Mothers at all Masses next weekend. At the end of Mass all Mothers will be invited to come forward and gather around the altar to receive a special blessing and to receive a memento of their special day.

Kids of All Ages, buy your Mom a carnation for \$1.00 from a Youth Group member next Sunday following Mass. Help the youth with their fundraiser and show Mom you appreciate her by giving her a traditional Mother's Day flower.

SUNDAY REFLECTION FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is sometimes called Good Shepherd Sunday because in all three years of the Lectionary cycle, passages of the Gospel according to John are read, in which Jesus is seen as a loving shepherd. The liturgy today is full of consolation. Though aware that we often walk in the valley of darkness, our prayers and readings today look to the Lord with hope and trust.

Our first reading continues the story we began last week. After the healing of the crippled beggar at the temple's beautiful gate, Peter and John are brought before the very people who condemned Jesus: Annas, Caiphas and other elders, priests, and scribes. When Jesus was arrested, Peter fled, denying that he knew Jesus, denying even his own identity as a Galilean. Now Peter speaks fearlessly, even citing the scriptures to these learned men. The Resurrection changes everything. Peter is "filled with the Holy Spirit" (Acts 4:8), filled with a wisdom that is not his own.

In the second reading we continue to read passages from the 1st letter of Saint John. Today's reading is especially wonderful. It all comes down to love. We know God loves us, because God calls us his children. This is *all* we know. That is enough.

In the Gospel, Jesus, the good shepherd, cares for his own. He is not like a hireling who runs away at the first sign of danger; rather, "I know mine and mine know me" (John 10:14). This is a mutual relationship, a relationship of love. In the midst of this discourse comes a prediction of Jesus' approaching Passion and Resurrection: "I lay down my life in order to take it up again" (10:17). In the Gospel, the Passion of Christ is seen as part of a pattern of this good shepherd's recklessly generous love, which longs to gather all together "one flock, one shepherd" (10:16).

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
ST. SEBASTIAN SCHOOL &
PARISH HALL
JUNE 16—20
9:00 A.M.—12-NOON
GRADES PRE-K thru 5**



This year Vacation Bible School will take place Tuesday, June 16 thru Saturday, 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 Saintry Paul." Learn how Jesus touched the heart of Saul the Pharisee helping him to see, though now blind, the error of his ways and become PAUL the APOSTLE to GENTILES (that's us)!

VBS is offered to Grades Pre-K through Grade 5 from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 Noon. Registration forms are available in the church pamphlet racks or by calling the Faith Formation Office at 724-930-8504.

PJAS CAR WASH The students of our regional Saint Sebastian School will hold a car wash on Saturday, May 9 in the school parking lot from 11:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Proceeds will benefit those students attending the Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science at Penn State University. Monies remaining after PJAS expenses will be applied to the "Kathy Muccino Scholarship Fund." Thank you for your support.

ANNUAL JUNQUE SALE

St. Sebastian Junque Sale has been set for Friday, July 31, and Saturday, August 1, from 9-3.

Beginning May 1, if you would like to donate by appointment, you can call contact Marianne Best at 724-929-8539 or Bonnie Halinka at 724-322-0355.

Beginning May 11, donations are being accepted every Monday and Wednesday from 10 am-12 Noon and 6-8 pm at the church garage. After June 3, items will be collected in the parish hall entrance.

Also, we are always looking for volunteers. Feel free to call Bonnie to sign up to help. The commitment is earthly, the reward is heavenly.

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.

Please remember St. Sebastian Parish in your will.