

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

MAY 24—SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

4:30 pm *Choir Sat.* For All the People of Saint Sebastian Parish
 9:00 am Living & Deceased Members of FCSLA Branch 88—
 FCSLA Branch 88
 Liturgy of the Word for Children
 11:00 am (Birth) Joseph Kubitzka—Sister, Catherine Brachna

MONDAY, MAY 25—ST. BEDE the VENERABLE

Memorial Day

8:00 am (Anniv) Victoria Barnot—Son, John
 After Mass: Miraculous Medal Novena & Rosary

TUESDAY, MAY 26—ST. PHILIP NERI

No Morning Mass Today

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27—ST. AUGUSTINE of CANTERBURY

8:00 am (Anniv) Kay Wozniak—John & Joan Ciccarelli

THURSDAY, MAY 28

8:00 am (Birth) Robert Vogt—Darleen & Gemma Koury

FRIDAY, MAY 29

10:00 am Intention of Eighth Grade Graduates of St. Sebastian
 School

SATURDAY, MAY 30

11:30 am Sacrament of Penance

SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST

4:30 pm (Anniv) Bill Moody—Joe & Mary Louise Barger
Sacrament of Confirmation and First Eucharist

SUNDAY, MAY 31

9:00 am *Choir* For All the People of Saint Sebastian Parish &
 For All High School & College Graduates of Our
 Parish
 11:00 am John & Mary Semancik—Ciccarelli & Wozniak
 Families

Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist

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

Weekdays, May 25,27,28 8:00 am J. & J. Hartman
 Friday, May 29 10:00 am *8th Grade Graduation Mass*
 Saturday, May 30 4:30 pm H. Heilman—A. Osioł
 (MC)B. Antal
 Sunday, May 31 9:00 am M. Bury—G. McLaughlin
 (MC)E. Russell
 11:00 am T. & J. Beeler
 (MC) T. McCullough

LECTORS

Saturday, May 30

4:30 M. Patterson

COORDINATOR

S. Zolock

MINISTERS

J. Moody, L. Aul, S. Zolock
 J. Barger, M.A. Cialone, M. Moody

Sunday, May 31

9:00 B. Moskovitz

M. Pesì

G. Rush, S. Wawro, P. Morigi
 L. Keene, J. Krossoff, J. Russell

11:00 K. McLaughlin

M. Nogy

M. Blevins, M. Druciak, D.Stasko
 J. Santoro, C. Zoppetti, E. Studnicki

Second Collection this Weekend is for the **CATHOLIC ACCENT**,
 our diocesan newspaper.

SUNDAY COUTNERS

May 24—J. Ciccarelli, D. & G. Sepic, R. Ritson, R. Melnick

May 31—C. Shernisky, R. Nandor, M.A. & A. Cialone

**IN OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY, THE PARISH OFFICE
 WILL BE CLOSED TOMORROW, MONDAY, MAY 25. THE
 OFFICE WILL REOPEN TUESDAY, MAY 26 AT 9:00 A.M.**

PASCHAL CANDLE FLOWERS this weekend are given to
 the glory of God and in memory of the **DECEASED**
MEMBERS OF FCSLA Branch 88 by FCSLA Branch 88.

SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS Please remember in your
 prayers those who died last week: **STANLEY GATES**, our
 parishioner. We extend our sympathy to his family. May he
 rest in peace.

BAPTIZED IN CHRIST last Sunday: **ABIGAIL
 MARIE RUSSELL**, daughter of Ryan & Tracey
 (Rodriguez) Russell; and **MADDOX MICHAEL
 CECCARELLI**, son of Christopher & Kelly
 (Ruokonen) Ceccarelli. We welcome Abigail and
 Maddox into the Church and into our parish
 family. God bless their parents and families.

PARISH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Monday - Memorial Day—Parish Office & School Closed
 Wednesday - Choir Pizza Practice, Church, 4:30 pm
 Sunday - Graduate Reception, Parish Hall, following 9:00 a.m.
 Mass

Stewardship of Treasure

	Sunday Stewardship	Needed for Budget	Over/Under + / -
May 16/17	\$7,830.62	\$9,200.00	-\$1,369.38
Fiscal Year to Date	\$426,639.58	\$423,200.00	+\$3,439.58

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS—\$839.75

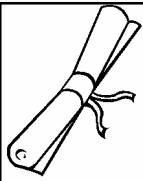
DIOCESAN LENTEN APPEAL Week #10

	This Week	To Date
No. Families	26	395
Pledged	\$2,560.00	\$49,651.00

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, Alex Danyi, Edward Drotos, Ernie Ehlers, Darlene Engle, Joan Eversburg, Margaret Foglia, Thomas W. Galley, Jr., Madison Marie Gardner, Rudy Halgas, Betty Jean Henderson, Anne Husovitz, 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, Mathew Russell, Virginia Salko, Barbara Sedlak, Joseph Semancik, Steve Semancik, Loretta Senich, Guido Simboli, 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.

ANNUAL JUNQUE SALE St. Sebastian Junque Sale has been
 set for Friday, July 31, and Saturday, August 1, from 9:00 until-
 3:00. Donations are now being accepted every Monday (not
 Memorial Day) and Wednesday from 10:00 am-12 Noon and
 6:00-8:00 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. For more
 information or to volunteer call Bonnie Halinka at 724-322-0355.



2009 GRADUATES

Next Sunday, May 31, 2009, all Seniors of the Class of 2009, who are members of Saint Sebastian Parish, are invited to participate at the 9:00 am. Mass. This will provide our Parish with the opportunity to pray with you and to ask God's blessing on you as you pursue your future endeavors.

This year 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.

A social for you and your family will follow in the Parish Hall. Graduates are asked to wear cap and gown (College Grads, too, if possible), and to meet in the Parish Hall at 8:30 am.

Please fill out the form below and return it to the Parish Office by Tuesday, May 26. May God continue to bless you.

**HIGH SCHOOL/COLLEGE GRADUATION
MASS - MAY 31, 2009**

HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS:

NAME



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JUNE 16—20

**9:00 A.M.—12-NOON
GRADES PRE-K thru 5**

AT

**ST. SEBASTIAN SCHOOL
& PARISH HALL**



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 Sainly 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 the 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.



SANDCASTLE WATER PARK FOR ALTAR SERVERS and YOUTH GROUP MEMBERS RESERVE YOUR TICKET!!

Each year our Parish Altar Servers are treated to a Fun Day in appreciation for their service to our parish. Such a good time was had past two years that once again we are treating the Altar Servers to **A Day at Sandcastle Water Park on Wednesday, June 24 from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m.**

Mark your calendars for this date. Letters have been sent to all Altar Servers. Please fill out the form and return it to the Parish Office via the mail, collection basket, or drop box in the breezeway of the Office.

Youth Group members may also attend **A Day at Sandcastle Water Park** along with the Altar Servers for the discounted price of \$20.00. Please make out your check to Saint Sebastian Church.

A bus will be provided and all those attending must ride the bus to and from Sandcastle.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION "Magdalene" by Alabaster Productions will be presented in St. John's Church, Perryopolis on Saturday, May 30 at 7:00 p.m. Glorifying God through live performing arts. Free admission. A free-will offering will be accepted.

SAINT SEBASTIAN CHURCH

2009 PARISH FESTIVAL—SUNDAY, JUNE 14

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, 9:30 a.m.
Cook/Serve of Indoor Food, Sunday, June 14, 12:00 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)
11:30-2:30 pm 2:30-5:30 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

Better Birthday Project -Sponsored by: Saint Sebastian's Better Birthday Committee

Children delight in celebrating their birthdays and in these hard times, our goal is to help those less fortunate by providing Birthday gifts for children ages 1-12. Please provide the following information for the child you are recommending for a gift with a suggested \$20 value. Gifts will be distributed on a monthly basis based on birth dates. However, we will solicit names on an ongoing basis saving the child's name until the month of their birthday.

Having a name on the Birthday Cake DOES NOT GUARANTEE A GIFT. The success of the program relies on the generosity of the parish and community to provide gifts.

ONLY ONE NAME PER FORM

Child's Name: Birth Date: Gender

Parent's Name: Parent's Phone

Street Address: City, State, Zip:

Current Age (cannot be older than 11): Likes and sizes:

Code No. Submitted by: Name:

Address Phone

Would you be picking up and delivering the gift to the child? Yes No

The delivery of gifts to be announced. You will be notified if a gift is available for the person you registered.

ALL INFORMATION IS KEPT CONFIDENTIAL

Please return this form to: Saint Sebastian Church, 801 Broad Avenue, Belle Vernon, PA 15012 It may also be placed in the collection basket in a sealed, envelope marked "Birthday Project."

Contact Justine Russell at 724-929-4954 for information or to volunteer. Additional forms can be found in our pamphlet racks.

Y. E. S. Members and Parents

Youth of Epiphany & St. Sebastian Parishes UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE JUNIOR & SENIOR YOUTH GROUP

Youth Rise and Shine Mass
And Continental Breakfast

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 8:00 A.M.

A morning Mass at Saint Sebastian's to start our summer off right. Please join us in prayer and worship, followed by a light breakfast at the Parish Center.

Sand Castle Water Park—Wednesday June 24 (Return form previously sent)

Our annual trip to Sandcastle.
Fee: \$20.00—Check to St. Sebastian

Fundraisers

In order to help the parish cover the expenses of our fun events, supplies for meetings, food, and trips, we have planned several fund raisers.

Parish Festival June 14th Y.E.S. Lemonade Stand

Make and sell delicious refreshments at the Parish Festival.
All proceeds go to the Youth Group.

Vacation Bible School June 16th—20th

We have determined that if enough youth help with Bible School (Set up, Crafts, Teaching, and Skits Etc.) we will save money; therefore we can put some of the funds from the Bible School fee into the Youth Ministry Fund.

Fathers Day Breakfast, June 21

We are planning to have a breakfast in Saint Sebastian Parish Hall after Masses on Father's Day. We really need parents and youth to help with set-up, cooking, serving and clean-up.

Car Washes - July 15th & July 29th
With hot dog, cookies and pop sale

Diocese of Greensburg presents Catholic Youth Day at Idelwild and Soak Zone

All High School & Middle School Students
their Families & Friends

Friday, July 24, 2009

10:00 am to Close of Park. Cost: \$27.00

Includes entrance to park and catered picnic dinner served in Pavilion D 1

from 5:00 pm-7:00 pm.

Join youth from around the diocese for a day to remember! Register by June 15 at diocese website

Please remember St. Sebastian Parish in your will.

SAINT SEBASTIAN MILITARY PRAYER LIST

Please pray for the safety of the following men and women who have been called to active military service:

- PFC. DERRICK AUSTIN
- PFC. CHRISTOPHER BRUCE
- MJR. BRIAN BENDER
- LT. BRETT BOYLE
- PFC. PHILLIP DENITTI
- CPT. MARK S. GOMBO
- SPC. ALLISON GEE JACKSON
- 1LT. TOM KAPOLKA
- SGT. STEPHEN T. KAUTZ
- SPC. MATTHEW KELLER
- SSGT. MATTHEW KOMLOS
- SPC. DANIEL LAMA
- SSGT. DAVID G. MIKULA
- SPC. JOHN A. MORRISON
- SGT. MICHAEL J. PALLO
- PFC. DREW PRATT
- CPL. JEREMY ROSE
- LT. BRIAN SCARAMUCCI
- SR. AIRMAN ALBERT SEGHI
- MSGT. CHRISTOPHER SCHMELTZ
- SSGT. LORA SCHMELTZ
- SPC PATRICK TRILLI



MEMORIAL DAY Originally called Decoration Day, Memorial Day is a day of remembrance for those who have died in our nation's service. Memorial Day was officially proclaimed on May 5, 1868, by General John Logan, National Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, and was first observed on May 30, 1868, when flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery. The first state to officially recognize the holiday was New York in 1873. By 1890 it was recognized by all of the northern states. The South refused to acknowledge the day, honoring their dead on separate days until World War I (when the holiday changed from honoring just those who died fighting in the Civil War—to honoring Americans who died fighting in any war). It is now celebrated in almost every state on the last Monday in May. Remember all who have in the past and are today defending our country in your prayers today and everyday.

SECOND GRADE STUDENTS RECEIVE SACRAMENTS AS THE EASTER SEASON COMES TO A CLOSE, SEVERAL OF OUR 2ND GRADE PARISHIONERS WILL RECEIVE THE SACRAMENTS OF CONFIRMATION AND FIRST EUCHARIST NEXT WEEKEND, MAY 30 AND MAY 31. PLEASE KEEP OUR 2ND GRADE PARISHIONERS IN YOUR PRAYERS AS THEY PREPARE TO RECEIVE THESE OUTWARD SIGNS OF GOD'S GIFT OF GRACE.

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.