

**SCHEDULE OF MASSES
AND SERVICES FOR THE WEEK**

JUNE 28—THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:30 pm **Sat.** Geno Tonarelli—Bob & Mary Ann Frantz
 9:00 am Deceased of the Doty & Paytas Families—Charles & Dorothy Urbanowicz
 Liturgy of the Word for Children
 11:00 am For All the People of Saint Sebastian Parish

MONDAY, JUNE 29—Ss. PETER & PAUL

8:00 am Michael Kobaly—M/M Andy Lache
 After Mass: Miraculous Medal Novena & Rosary

TUESDAY, JUNE 30

No Morning Mass Here Today

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1—BLESSED JUNIPERO SERRA

No Morning Mass Here Today

THURSDAY, JULY 2

No Morning Mass Here Today

FRIDAY, JULY 3—ST. THOMAS

No Morning Mass Here Today

SATURDAY, JULY 4—ST. ELIZABETH OF PORTUGAL

11:30 am Sacrament of Penance

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:30 pm (Birth) Blanche Sabo—Bernadette Zunic & Annette Trenk

SUNDAY, JULY 5

9:00 am For All the People of Saint Sebastian Parish
 11:00 am Chales Fields—Wife

LITURGICAL MINISTERS—SERVERS & MASTER OF CEREMONIES

Weekdays, Jn. 29, July, 1,2,3 8:00 am S. & J. Pokol
 Saturday, July 4 4:30 pm RJ Kozura—H. Heilman
 (MC) T. McCullough
 Sunday, July 5 9:00 am G. & A. Iacoboni
 (MC) E. Russell
 11:00 am A. Osioł—C. Necciai
 (MC) K. Pokol

LECTORS COORDINATOR MINISTERS


Saturday, July 4
 4:30 M. Patterson Volunteer S. & S. Zolock, S. Wawro
 D. Atkinson, S. Battaglia, J. Wiggins

Sunday, July 5
 9:00 D. Free D. Seman M. Free, K. Keene, J. Russell
 E. Niehaus, C. Peterson, T. Rodriguez
 11:00 D. Staff G. Klamerus M. Blevins, J. Morris, D. Stasko
 C. Zoppetti, J. Frederick, D. Russell

Second Collection this Weekend is for the Peter's Pence & Support of the Holy See collection.

SUNDAY COUNTERS:

JUNE 28—C. Shernisky, D. & J. Kerestan, S. Schussler, R. Ritson



THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED THIS FRIDAY, JULY 3, IN OBSERVANCE OF INDEPENDENCE DAY. THE OFFICE WILL RE-OPEN ON MONDAY, JULY 6 at 9:00AM.

For those wishing to attend morning Mass this week, there is an 8:00 a.m. Mass at Epiphany of Our Lord Parish, Monessen, Monday thru Thursday and at the Church of St. Anne, Rostraver on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday.

ALTAR FLOWERS this weekend are given to the glory of God and in memory of the **DECEASED MEMBERS** of the DOTY and PAYTAS FAMILIES by Charles & Dorothy Urbanowicz.

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

PARISH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Monday - Junque Sale collection, Parish Hall Entrance, 10—12 and 6—8 pm.
 - Valley of Hope, Hall, 7:30 pm

See July Calendar in Today's Bulletin

BAPTIZED IN CHRIST last Sunday: **ANDREW JOHN SICH**, son of Sara Sichi. We welcome Andrew into the Church and into our parish family. God bless him and his family.

Stewardship of Treasure

	Sunday Stewardship	Needed for Budget	Over/Under + / -
June 20/21	\$7,491.51	\$9,200.00	-1,708.49
Fiscal Year to Date	\$471,622.96	\$469,200.00	+\$2,422.96

DIOCESAN LENTEN APPEAL Week #15		
	This Week	To Date
No. Families Pledged	7	444
	\$1,230.00	\$58,711.00

PLEASE GIVE BLOOD TODAY
SUNDAY, JUNE 28,
9:00 A.M. until 2:30 P.M.
PARISH HALL

GIVE SO MORE WILL LIVE!

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER THE SICK OF OUR PARISH especially
 Leda Arrigoni, Sister Mary Vera Bartley, Joseph Beresik, Donna Biagini, Greg Brooks, 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, Mary Gira, Rudy Halgas, Betty Jean Henderson, Ann Husovitz, Philomena Iacovangelo, Barbara Kubik, Debbie Kurtis, Ann Krosoff, Stanley Lubinski, Fr. Leonard McAlpin, Kathleen McCullough, Mike Mendicino, Janet Misenko, William Molnar, Sr., Mary B. Nagy, Joseph Naylor, Karen O'Neil, Stella Povlick, George Rue, Mary Ann Rocco, Mathew Russell, 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

Please remember St. Sebastian Parish in your will.

CATHOLICS AND THE 4TH OF JULY

July 4th, Independence Day, is an American national holiday. This holiday gives us time to thank God for the birth of our nation, and give thanks for gift of life and petition God to preserve our country and rid it of its evils.

Our July Fourth, Independence Day, is a great national holiday but is not connected with the feast of a saint (as is Saint Andrew's Day in Scotland and Saint George's in England), or with a festival of the Church. And yet can it be said that the anniversary of the birth of a nation is ever an entirely secular affair? In this case we do not believe it is so. In man's aspirations for freedom, there is always a spiritual element, and this was especially true in the thinking of the American signers of the Declaration of Independence at Philadelphia on July 4, 1776. On Thanksgiving Day we give thanks to God that He has provided our citizens with food for the body; at this other particularly American celebration we give thanks that He has allowed our spirit to live.

Activity Source: *Feast Day Cookbook* by Katherine Burton and Helmut Ripperger, David McKay Company, Inc., New York, 1951



AN INDEPENDENCE DAY STORY

On July 4, 1864 Abraham Lincoln had much to pre-occupy his mind. Grant's drive on Richmond had bogged down into a stalemated siege to the south of Richmond around the city of Petersburg. Grant, due to the appalling Union casualties of the campaign, was routinely denounced as a butcher in Northern newspapers, a charge echoed privately by Mary Todd Lincoln. On June 27 Sherman had been bloodily repulsed at Kennesaw Mountain, and his campaign against Atlanta appeared to be very much in doubt. Lincoln suspected that he would not be re-elected and that the Union might very well lose the war. So what did he do on July 4? He, along with Mrs. Lincoln and most of his cabinet, attended a fundraiser held on the White House lawn to build a Catholic church!

In June of 1864, a group of black men, residents of Washington, knocked on the White House door and asked to present a petition to President Lincoln. In those simpler times they were ushered in after a short wait to see Mr Lincoln. Their spokesman, Gabriel Coakley, told the President that they were Catholics and that they wished to obtain permission to hold a lawn party on the white house lawn in order to build a Catholic church in Washington to serve the black Catholic population in the capital. Lincoln agreed immediately and told them to go to see General French, the commissioner of public buildings, and to tell him that he had given his permission for the function. A permit was issued by General French on June 30, 1864. It required the signature of the President, and Gabriel Coakley waited outside a cabinet meeting for several hours until the President came out. Lincoln saw him, was advised that the permit needed his signature, signed it, and told Coakley that he hoped the event would be a success.

Lincoln helped ensure the event was a success on July 4, by attending. The event raised over \$1,000.00, a very large sum at a time when a private soldier earned \$14.00 per month. With the funds the church was constructed, the Blessed Martin De Porres Chapel, with the foundations hand dug by parishioners. The church quickly attracted a large number of black Catholics, but also a sizable number of white Catholics. In 1876 the church was replaced by Saint Augustine church. In 2009 Saint Augustine Parish is still going strong.

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



ANNUAL JUNQUE SALE

Featuring UNIQUE—ANTIQU—JUNQUE
FRIDAY, JULY 31 & SATURDAY, AUGUST 1
9:00 A.M. UNTIL 3:00 P.M.

Donations are being accepted every Monday and Wednesday from 10:00 am-12 Noon and 6:00-8:00 pm **in the Parish Hall entrance**. Also, we are always looking for volunteers. Feel free to call Bonnie to sign up to help. For more information or to volunteer call 724-322-0355.

LIFE LINE SCREENING will perform a variety of different health screenings here at Saint Sebastian Parish on July 2 from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. The screenings available that day are:

- 1) *Stroke/Carotid Artery Screening*—60 people every hour suffer from stroke—1/3 of them are fatal.
- 2) *Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm* test
- 3) *Ankle Brachial Index*—Peripheral Arterial Disease is a strong predictor for heart disease—This is the #1 cause of Diabetic amputation.
- 4) *Atrial Fibrillation* test—Having Afib increases your risk of stroke
- 5) *Bone Density screening*—Detection of osteoporosis.

You must pre-register by calling 1-888-653-6441. Please give the Priority Code: ISC-5536.

If you have a concern about sexual abuse of a child or young person by anyone in a parish or diocesan position - clergy, volunteer or paid staff - please contact Bishop Brandt's delegate for matters of sexual misconduct. He may be reached at 724-837-0901, Ext. 221.

SAINT SEBASTIAN CHURCH



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SAINT SEBASTIAN CHURCH, BELLE VERNON

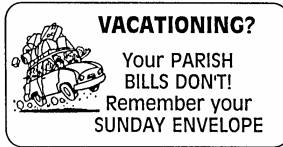
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<p>5</p> <p>14th Sunday</p>	<p>6</p> <p>7:30 PM Valley of Hope Junque Sale Collection 10:00 AM - NOON 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Junque Sale Collection 10:00 AM - NOON 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9:30 AM Staff Meeting</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>11:30 AM Sacrament of Penance</p> <p>St. Benedict</p>
<p>12</p> <p>9:00 AM LWC</p> <p>15th Sunday</p>	<p>13</p> <p>7:30 PM Valley of Hope Junque Sale Collection 10:00 AM - NOON 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM No Morning Mass Here</p>	<p>14</p> <p>BVA Community Day at Kennywood - - Parish Offices Close at Noon. No Morning Mass Here</p> <p>Bl. Kateri Tekawitha</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Junque Sale Collection 10:00 AM - NOON 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM No Morning Mass Here</p> <p></p> <p>YES Youth Group Car Wash 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM in our Parking Lot</p> <p>St. Bonaventure</p>	<p>16</p> <p>No Morning Mass Here</p> <p>Our Lady Mt. Carmel</p>	<p>17</p> <p>No Morning Mass Here</p>	<p>18</p> <p>11:30 AM Sacrament of Penance</p>
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<p>26</p> <p>9:00 AM LWC 6:00 PM Junque Sale Set-up</p> <p>17th Sunday</p>	<p>27</p> <p>9:00 AM Junque Sale Set-up</p>	<p>28</p> <p>9:00 AM Junque Sale Set-up</p>	<p>29</p> <p>9:00 AM Junque Sale Set-up</p> <p>St. Martha</p>	<p>30</p> <p>9:00 AM Junque Sale Set-up</p>	<p>31</p> <p>9:00 AM - 3:00 PM Junque Sale</p> <p>St. Ignatius of Loyola</p>	

PARISH FESTIVAL THANKS

Very grateful thanks to co-chairpersons, JON WASCIEK and SUSAN RAYMOND and their Festival Committee: Ed & Denise Stasko, Carol Walkush & Terry Gardner, for all their dedication and hard work which made Festival 2009 a great success. Facts and figures will be published in an upcoming bulletin.

SUNDAY OFFERINGS

Summertime, vacation time, time to travel, relax and enjoy the sun. We all take some time off in the summer, but the Church doesn't. Our Parish Church is still open every day for Mass. Our Sunday Mass schedule continues. The air conditioning is on for our comfort during these hot, humid days. The parish priests and staff continue to work during the summer (although each gets some vacation time of their own) to meet your needs and answer your questions. Therefore, we ask you: please remember to send in your Sunday Offering Envelope before or after your vacation. The bills still have to be paid, even when we're on vacation! Thank you, and God bless you for your continued generosity.

**PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION & SUPPORT FOR THE HOLY SEE**

Today's second collection enables the Holy Father to respond to world emergencies with assistance to those who suffer as a result of war, oppression and natural disaster. The worldwide Peter's Pence began as a "pence" in 9th century England, when King Alfred the Great collected monies from English landowners as financial support for the pope. Pope Pius IX formally instituted the modern Peter's Pence in the 1860's. Special appeals have since been held in many countries on the Sunday closest to June 29, the Feast of Saints Peter & Paul, which is today. The tradition of an annual collection continues today for the charitable works of the Holy Father.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

This year's VBS, "THE LIFE & TIMES OF SASSY SAUL OTHERWISE KNOWN AS SAINTLY PAUL," took place here at Saint Sebastian Parish from June 16-20. Thanks to Scott Martin and all the volunteers who helped to make this year's Vacation Bible School a success. Next year's Vacation Bible School will be held at Epiphany of Our Lord Chapel Hall in Monessen.

FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

Just ask any one of the 72 people who enjoyed the Father's Day Breakfast and they will tell you it was delicious and the portions were very generous. Grateful thanks to Bobbie Jo Fordanich and Dominic Betters, Jr., the Youth Group members and their families who set-up, cooked, served and cleaned up afterward. Great job everyone and thank you for your dedication.

**SAINT SEBASTIAN WEB SITE**

Don't forget to check our web site for the latest information and pictures of parish events.

<http://www.saintsebastianchurch.org>

COAR PEACE MISSION, INC.

Today, Mr. John Hannon will speak at all Masses on behalf of COAR. He is a layman in the Diocese of Cleveland, Ohio and an early supporter of COAR. He is involved at his parish of St. Rita where he co-founded the Men's Prayer Group, is a member of the Formation Team for the Renew Program, and is a teacher for Junior Achievement in the parish school. Recently retired from Chrysler, he teaches public speaking as a part-time faculty member at the University of Akron and John Carroll University and volunteers to speak on behalf of COAR.

COAR Children's Village was founded in 1980 by Rev. Ken Myers, a Catholic priest from Cleveland, Ohio, serving on the Cleveland Diocese mission team in Zaragoza, El Salvador. El Salvador's civil war (1977-1992) created large numbers of refugees and orphans. On his visits to the crowded refugee camps in San Salvador, Fr. Ken saw children with no supervision, no one to make sure they were fed, no one to make sure they had a safe place to sleep in the camps.

He decided to bring a few children back to his parish where they fixed up a spare room. Sr. Dorothy Kazel, OSU, and Jean Donovan, fellow Cleveland Mission Team members at Zaragoza, helped him care for the children. A few children became 30 in a few weeks and more came every day.

Within a few months Fr. Ken realized that the need was permanent and hired helpers and bought some property near-by. Earlier that same year Monseñor Romero, Archbishop of San Salvador and an outspoken critic of the war, had been assassinated. Because of Fr. Ken's admiration for the man and his message of peace he named the growing community, Comunidad Oscar Arnulfo Romero (COAR).

There are envelopes attached to today's bulletin. Please return them next Sunday with your donation to COAR Peace Mission, Inc. Thank you and God bless you for your help.

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 take a form from the table in the church vestibule and provide the 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.*

CATHOLIC YOUTH DAY AT IDLEWILD PARK & SOAK ZONE The Office for Evangelization and Faith Formation will be hosting Catholic Youth Day at Idlewild Park and Soak Zone in Ligonier on Friday, July 24. Youth in sixth through twelfth grades along with their family and friends are invited to attend this day of fun. The cost of the event is \$27.00 and includes a Park Fun Day Pass and Catered Picnic Dinner served in Pavilion D-2 from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. To register for the event contact the diocesan youth ministry office at 724-552-2548.