

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

AUGUST 2—EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:30 pm **Sat.** (Anniv) Edward Drabik, Sr.—Lou & Nancy Gigliotti
Rose M. Package—Son, Bill & Judy
9:00 am For All the People of Saint Sebastian Parish
11:00 am (Anniv) Joseph Kubitzka—Frank & Sally Palya
Sacrament of Baptism

MONDAY, AUGUST 3

8:00 am (Anniv) George Fecsen—Daughter, Terri & Joe
After Mass: Miraculous Medal Novena & Rosary

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4—ST. JOHN MARY VIANNEY

No Morning Mass Today

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5—DEDICATION OF THE BASILICA OF ST. MARY MAJOR IN ROME

8:00 am Infant Son Biondo—Mom & Dad

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6—TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

8:00 am Joseph & Anna Bury and Deceased Family Members—Andy & Jeannette Bury

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7—POPE ST. SIXTUS II & HIS COMPANIONS and ST. CAJETAN

8:00 am (Anniv) Marilyn Swantek—Beverly & Sharon Niccolai

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8—ST. DOMINIC

11:30 am Sacrament of Penance

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:30 pm (Birth) Kay Wozniak—Joe & Judy Stringhill & Family

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

9:00 am William & Justine Sylvester—George & Doris Sepic
Liturgy of the Word for Children
11:00 am For All the People of Saint Sebastian Parish

LITURGICAL MINISTERS—SERVERS & MASTER OF CEREMONIES

Weekdays, Aug. 3,5,6,7 8:00 am J. & T. Beeler
Saturday, Aug. 8 4:30 pm M. Lowe—H. Heilman (MC) T. McCullough
Sunday, Aug. 9 9:00 am B. Pacy—E. Claybaugh (MC) B. Antal
11:00 am J. & S. Pokol (MC) K. Pokol

LECTORS

Saturday, Aug. 8
4:30 M. Patterson

Sunday, Aug. 9
9:00 C. Rhodes

11:00 C. Williams

COORDINATOR MINISTERS

Volunteer J. Barger, J. Moody, L. Aul
M. Moody, K. & S. Rygiel

S. Raymond S. Wawro, M. Pesl, J. Krosoff
Volunteer, S. Battaglia, P. Morigi
G. Klamerus D. Cooper, D. Stasko, M. Nogy
E. Studnicki, L. Keene, S. Waldbaum

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

SUNDAY COUNTERS:

Aug. 2—B. Bury, M. & D. Free, S. Schussler

Aug. 9—T. Rodriguez, S. Wawro, R. Ritson, S. Mavrakis, R. Nandor

ALTAR FLOWERS this weekend are given to the glory of God and in memory of YOLA NEIL by her family.

SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS Please remember in your prayers those who died last week: JOHN ERIK WINTERHALTER, infant grandson of Thomas and Mary Pesl. We extend our sympathy to his family. May he rest in peace.

PARISH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK
See August calendar in today's bulletin.

Stewardship of Treasure

	Sunday Stewardship	Needed for Budget	Over/Under + / -
July 25/26	\$9,426.00	\$10,200.00	-\$774.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$35,459.43	\$40,800.00	-\$5,340.57
Catholic Accent collection—\$995.50			
DIOCESAN LENTEN APPEAL Week #20			
	This Week	To Date	
No. Families	7	498	
Pledged	\$530.00	\$64,401.00	

A FEW NEIGHBORING SUMMER EVENTS

HOLY FAMILY PARISH, West Newton is sponsoring a Bingo today, Sunday, August 2 in their social hall. Admission is \$6.00 and includes 1 card, 1 set of specials, magic number and a luncheon. Cards for the visually impaired available.

EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD PARISH FESTIVAL Next Sunday, August 9, Epiphany Parish in Monessen will hold their annual Parish Festival. Festivities begin at 11:30 a.m. on the Epiphany of Our Lord Chapel grounds. All are invited to attend.

ITALIAN DAY FESTA—The Westmoreland Italian Day Festa will be at Idlewild Park on Friday, August 14. This event is sponsored by the Westmoreland Columbus 500 Group. For more information call 724-863-9348.

ST. FLORIAN SUMMER FESTIVAL will be held on Sunday, August 16 from 11:00 am til 10:00 pm. Games, kid games including a dunking booth, used book sale, and entertainment all day. The Festival will be held on their church grounds (4263 Route 981, United) rain or shine!

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, Angeline DeMarco, Edward Drotos, Ernest 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 Krossoff, Stanley Lubinski, Fr. Leonard McAlpin, Kathleen McCullough, Mike Medicino, 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, Clara Tonarelli, Joseph Turcheck, Henry Valko, 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.



CELEBRATING HIS ORDINATION

For the 40th Anniversary of Father Len McAlpin's Ordination to the Priesthood, our Parish had planned to hold a celebration. It was determined that in light of Fr. Len's health problems, we would not subject him to the strains of a gathering. We, as a Parish, however, would like to mark the occasion and present him with a monetary gift. All parishioners are invited to add to this. If you have not yet personally congratulated Father Len and would like to be included in the Parish gift, please send your contribution by tomorrow, August 3. Mark the envelope "Fr. Len"; any checks should be made payable to St. Sebastian Church so that one large amount may be presented to Fr. Len. Thank you.

THINGS IN THE PLANNING STAGES:

1. It has been 20 or more years since St. Sebastian Parish has put together a Cookbook. Look through your favorite recipes and think about two or three you would like to submit. More information in future bulletins. A committee meeting has been set for Monday, August 17.
2. This fall an OCTOBERFEST would be a fine way to celebrate with our Parish Family. We are looking for a person or persons to chair and form a committee to plan this event. This event will take the place of our Ethnic Fest. The date would be October 18, 2009 from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. in our Parish Hall. A meeting is planned for Wednesday, August 12 at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center.

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES IN 2009

Bishop Brandt invites all couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary during the calendar year 2009 to participate in a special Golden Jubilee Mass to be held at the Blessed Sacrament Cathedral on Sunday, September 20, 2009 at 3:00 p.m. The Jubilarians, their children, relatives or friends should contact our Parish Office (724-929-9300) to register couples for this celebration.

If some couples may not be able to attend the Mass, they will still receive a scroll signed by the Bishop commemorating their anniversary.

PRAY FOR A PRIEST THIS WEEK

Retired Priests

Mon: Rev. Msgr. Lino Ramellini
 Tue: Rev. Louis W. Cheatham
 Wed: Rev. Harry J. Murphy
 Thu: Rev. Msgr. Donald J. Mondello
 Fri: Rev. James F. Bump
 Sat: Rev. Patrick J. O'Connor
 Sun: Rev. Donald P. Trexler

"O Jesus, Eternal High Priest, live and act in him, speak in and through him. Think your thoughts in his mind, love through his heart. Teach, lead and guide him always. Correct, enlighten and expand his thoughts and behavior. Possess his soul; take over his entire personality and life. Let him live in you. Amen."

TAKING STEPS TOWARD CURES The Annual Light the Night Walk will take place on Saturday, September 26 at Uniontown High School. Registration begins at 5:30 p.m. and refreshments are provided. Our Youth Group has attended this walk for several years now and raised funds toward the cure of Leukemia, Lymphoma, Myeloma and Hodgkins's Disease.

This year our youth will participate once again, but **all in our parish** are invited to join us. It is not a difficult walk and is an inspiration to all who attend as they see survivors and fighters of these forms of cancer. For more information you may visit the site www.lightthenight.org or call the Faith Formation Office at 724-930-8504 to learn how our group has participated.

TRAVEL PLANS—The Belle Vernon Golden Agers is planning a trip to Pittsburgh on September 22, 2009. Join them and travel with the "Just Ducky Tours" to visit Pittsburgh's Strip District and dine at the Grand Concourse Restaurant. For more information or to register for this trip call Shirley Fugo at 724-929-6659.

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 worshipping 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.


SAINT SEBASTIAN CHURCH



August 2009



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OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS

RCIA: WHAT IS IT?

The **R**ite of **C**hristian **I**nitiation of **A**dults is a program for those who wish to become Catholic. It can also benefit those who wish to learn more about their Catholic Faith. Have you been baptized a Catholic, but never received Confirmation or First Eucharist? The RCIA program can help you to receive your Sacraments. Call our Director of Religious Education, Mr. Scott Martin, for information and help regarding the steps you need to take to participate in the RCIA program. Call 724-930-8504.

LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

Every other Sunday during the 11:00 a.m. Mass, (*Please note the new time*) the children in the congregation are called forth to hear the Word of God in language they can understand. Here at Saint Sebastian Parish this program began in November of 1995. Back then LWC took place every Sunday and there were four different teams that shared the Word of God with our young parishioners. However with changes in the Mass schedule and volunteers retiring or moving on, the LWC has declined.

The purpose of Liturgy of the Word for Children (LWC) is to lead the children into a deeper relationship with God through reflection on the Word. It is part of the Eucharistic Liturgy that takes place in our Parish Center. A variety of ministries are necessary for this program: leader, reader, musician. **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR THIS PROGRAM TO CONTINUE TO BE A VIABLE PART OUR PARISH.**

If you feel called to help with this Ministry please call Mr. Scott Martin, Director of Faith Formation (724-930-8504).

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CATECHISTS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to fill the role of Catechist for our Religious Education Program at several levels. If you would like to share your faith with the young people of our parish, please call Mr. Scott Martin at the Faith Formation Office 724-930-8504. Catechist training will be available through the Diocese of Greensburg at no cost to you. Only your time and faithfulness are needed to fill the role of Catechist!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Classes for public school students in **Grades 1 thru 5** will begin on Monday, September 21 from 6:15 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. in the school building. Registration forms are available in the church pamphlet racks. **Children in the program for the first time** need to include a copy of their Baptismal Certificate with their registration form. If your child was baptized at St. Sebastian, Epiphany of Our Lord, or the former Holy Spirit Parish, you need not bring a Baptism Certificate.

Pre-K and Kindergarten classes for children ages 4 thru 6 years of age begin on Sunday, September 27. The classes take place in the Kindergarten classroom during the 11 am Mass (*Notice time change*). Registration forms are available in the church pamphlet racks.

Students in Grade 6—12 in Public and Parochial School are invited to join Y.E.S. Youth of Epiphany and Sebastian Youth Group will have its opening meeting on Sunday, September 27 at Epiphany Chapel Hall, Monessen, from 4:00 til 6:00 p.m. Registration forms have been mailed to students already in the program and those who now qualify for Y.E.S. Additional registration forms are available in the church pamphlet racks.

BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSIONS

Parents wishing to have their child baptized must attend a Baptism Preparation Class. These sessions are held every other month, alternating between Epiphany of Our Lord Parish and Saint Sebastian Parish. The next class will be held on Wednesday, September 9 at 7:00 p.m. at the Epiphany of Our Lord Chapel Hall in Monessen. Please call the Faith Formation Office to register for this program.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION SESSIONS

Couples wishing to be married in the Catholic Church must first speak with their priest at least one year before the ceremony. Secondly, arrangements should be made to attend Marriage Preparation classes. These classes are offered here at Saint Sebastian several time a year. For more information call Mr. Scott Martin at 724-930-8504.