

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

AUGUST 23—TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:30 pm **Sat.** Walter & Helen Fryske—Daughters
 9:00 am Steve & Mary Tkachik—Granddaughter, Kim Garnic
 Liturgy of the Word for Children
 11:00 am For All the People of Saint Sebastian Parish

MONDAY, AUGUST 24—ST. BARTHOLOMEW

8:00 am Todd Leoni—Donna Ault & Karen Thomas
 After Mass: Miraculous Medal Novena & Rosary

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 25—ST. LOUIS OF FRANCE and
ST. JOSEPH CALASANZ**

No Morning Mass Today

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26

8:00 am (Birth) Ted Spirko—Sister, Patti Smith & Family

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27—ST. MONICA

8:00 am Anthony Semancik—Holy Spirit Rosary Society

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28—ST. AUGUSTINE

8:00 am (Birth) John Ross, Sr.—Wife & Sons

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29—MARTYDOM of JOHN the BAPTIST

11:30 am Sacrament of Penance

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:30 pm (Birth) George Kizman—Dick & Louette Hayden

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30

9:00 am For All the People of Saint Sebastian Parish
 11:00 am (Anniv) Robert Nelson, Sr.—Keith, Chris, Kacie, Jacob
 Kubitzka

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

Weekdays, Aug. 24,26,27, 28 8:00 am A. Kutcy—E. Claybaugh
 Saturday, Aug. 29 4:30 pm H. Heilman—M. Lowe
 (MC) M. Couser
 Sunday, Aug. 30 9:00 am J. Rabe—M. Bury
 (MC) D. Kossol
 11:00 am D. & J. Columbus
 (MC) T. McCullough

LECTORS COORDINATOR MINISTERS

Saturday, Aug. 29
 4:30 M. Patterson S. Rygiel L. Aul, S. Battaglia, K. Rygiel
 C. Farrier, R. Couser, J. Stringhill

Sunday, Aug. 30
 9:00 C. Rhodes M. Nogy S. Wawro, J. Morris, M. Pesl
 T. Rodriguez, D. Atkinson, D. Seman
 11:00 G. Klamerus L. Wilson D. Stasko, K. Keene, G. Rush
 J. Frederick, C. Zoppetti, M. Strickland

ATTENTION MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS

In an effort to save mailing costs, all Altar Servers, Masters of ceremonies, Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, who serve at weekend Masses, are asked to pick up the new Ministry schedules in the sacristy.

SUNDAY COUNTERS

August 23—J. Ciccarelli, R. Melnick, D & J. Kerestan
 August 30—T. Rodriguez, D. & G. Sepic, S. Wawro, F. Fundy

Second Collection next Weekend is for the CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY and our CATHOLIC SCHOOLS.

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

PARISH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Monday - Volunteers help “Fresh Express”, church parking lot, 3:00 pm
 - Valley of Hope, Church/Hall, 7:30 pm
 Wednesday - Parish HarvestFest meeting, Parish Center, 7 pm
 Saturday - MV YMCA Car Wash, parking lot, 10:00 am

NOTICE: Volunteers are needed for the “Fresh Express” produce distribution sponsored by the Belle Vernon Ministerium tomorrow, Monday, August 24 from 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. in our parking lot. If you are able to help, please call the Parish Office at 724-929-9300.

Stewardship of Treasure

	Sunday Stewardship	Needed for Budget	Over/Under + / -
Aug. 15/16	\$7,785.91	\$10,200.00	-\$2,414.09
Fiscal Year to Date	\$62,427.77	\$71,400.00	-\$8,972.23
Assumption collection—\$1,461.00			
DIOCESAN LENTEN APPEAL Week #23			
	This Week	To Date	
No. Families	3	501	
Pledged	\$190	\$65,666.00	

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, Michael Fenyar, Margaret Foglia, Thomas W. Galley, Jr., Madison Marie Gardner, Mary Gira, Rudy Halgas, Betty Jean Henderson, Janice Hill, Ann Husovitz, Philomena Iacovangelo, Barbara Kubik, Debbie Kurtis, Ann Krossoff, Stanley Lubinski, Fr. Leonard McAlpin, Kathleen McCullough, Mike Mendicino, Janet Misenko, William Molnar, Sr., Mary B. Nagy, Joseph Naylor, Karen O’Neil, Stella Povlich, George Rue, Mary Ann Rocco, Mathew Russell, Barbara Sedlak, Steve Semancik, Loretta Senich, Guido Simboli, Joseph Smith, Patti Smith, Mary B. Snyder, Darla Staff, Chuckie Stringhill, Clara Tonarelli, 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.

MINISTERS RE-COMMISSIONING—

Letters regarding re-commissioning were mailed earlier this month to all Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Please take the time to complete and return the Re-Commissioning Ministry form to the Parish Office by September 1. If you currently serve as a Eucharistic Minister and did not receive a letter, please call Michele at the Parish Office.

OUR PARISH FALL EVENT

As a result of collaboration between the committee and Father Lawrence, there will be a HARVEST FEST (new name) held on Sunday, November 1, in our Parish Hall from 3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

This is a PARISHIONER ONLY event. There will be music, games, and much, much more. The next “Harvest Fest” committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 26, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center.

2009 BOY SCOUT & GIRL SCOUT RELIGIOUS RETREAT

The Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting is planning this fall’s Scout Retreatoree the weekend of September 25-27 at Camp Conestoga in Bakersville (the camp is located on Route 31 between Donegal and Somerset in Laurel Hill State Park). Scouts of all faiths are welcome! This retreatoree is open to all Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Venture Scouts, Explorers, Camp Fire Boys & Girls and Webelo Scouts Grades 5 & up. The theme for the retreat is “Living Life in the Holy Spirit.” The total cost per person is \$20 (if registered by September 15) which includes all meals, snacks, patch, and the program. The weekend will end with Mass on Sunday morning at 9:00 am. Scouts may register either as a troop or as individuals. Individuals will be teamed up with existing troops. Scout Troops and Individual Scouts attending are asked to provide their own tents for the weekend. Check-in begins Friday, September 25 at 6:00 pm and the program begins at 8:00 pm. A current annual Health & Medical Record Form is required for all participants. Pre-registration deadline is September 15. Late registration fee is \$25 per person. The annual Adult Scouter Development Program will also be held on Saturday, September 26 at 9:00 am. The cost is \$10 for program materials if not attending the Retreatoree. For registration forms, please contact Glenda at 724-446-5179 or email gskerchak@dioceseofgreensburg.org. Forms may also be downloaded from the Diocesan Website at www.dioceseofgreensburg.org.

ITALIAN FOOD FAIR Saint Rita Christian Mothers will sponsor an Italian Food Fair on **Friday, September 4** from 11:00 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. in the Saint Rita Social Hall, Connellsville. Spaghetti dinner will be \$6.00; also Manicotti, Cavatelli, Eggplant Parmesan, Pizza, Bake Sale and more. For take-out orders call 724-628-5119. All are welcome.

PRAY FOR A PRIEST THIS WEEK

- Mon: Father Ronald Simboli, Church of St. Anne
- Tue: Father David Nazimek, Epiphany of Our Lord Church
- Wed: Father Leonard McAlpin, former pastor of suppressed Holy Spirit Parish
- Thu: Father Robert Lubic, St. John the Baptist Church
- Fri: Father Vince Gigliotti, St. Peter Church
- Sat: Father John Sweeney, Holy Family Church
- Sun: Father Lawrence Manchas, St. Sebastian Church

“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.”

St. MONICA (Aug. 27) and St AGUSTINE (Aug. 29)

Saint Monica (322-387) was a wife and mother whose tireless and patient prayers brought her family to God. She lived to see both her husband and her beloved son, Augustine baptized as Christians. In his *Confessions*, Augustine tells of the holiness of Saint Monica’s life. Just before she died, she said, “Bury my body wherever you will; let not care of it cause you any concern. The only thing I ask you, that you remember me at the altar of the Lord wherever you may be.” (*Office of Readings, 1353-1354*). The Opening Prayer recalls the tears she shed in praying for the conversion of her wayward son. **Saint Augustine (354-430)** has had a profound impact on the Church. Through his voluminous writings, he has shaped Catholic thought on just about every subject. His *Confessions* is not only one of the greatest spiritual autobiographies, but it is quite simply one of the greatest works in Western literature.

UNIONTOWN ITALIAN HERITAGE FESTIVAL will be held on **Saturday, August 29** from 3:00 p.m. until 11:00 pm. offering food, crafts., live entertainment children’s activities and a car show. On **Sunday, August 30** there will be an outdoor Mass at Storey Square at 8:00 a.m. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Anthony Bosco. Following Mass vendors will open at 10:00 a.m. Included in the festivities will be a Little Miss Italy Pageant, wonderful food and exciting Italian entertainment. The closing ceremony will be at 8:00 p.m. Admission and parking are free both days.

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.

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 Hodgkin'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.



Y.E.S. OPENING MEETING—Our Junior & Senior Youth will have their opening meeting on Sunday, September 27, at the Epiphany of Our Lord Chapel grounds from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. Once again there will be the challenging **ROCK WALL** to climb. Refreshments will be served. Come to the opening meeting and bring a friend.

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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CATECHISTS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to fill the role of Catechist for our Religious Education Program for the 3rd and 4th grades. 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) to apply for this volunteer position. 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!

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP Saint Theresa Bereavement Support Group is sponsoring a ten session bereavement group for the newly bereaved. It will meet on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. beginning September 1, at their Parish Center, 124 Morgantown Street in Uniontown. Each session will be a combination of presentations and opportunities for discussion and sharing.

If you have experienced the loss of a loved one through death and wish to attend, call Program Coordinator, Lydia Gentile (724-438-9373) who will facilitate the group. This program is open to anyone who can benefit from these discussions.

PARISH COOKBOOK—Don't forget to send in two or three of your favorite recipes, typewritten with your name and phone number included!

OFF TO SCHOOL

Some of our parishioners have already gone off to college; others will be leaving soon. Most students in elementary school and high school begin classes next week. Summer has again flown by and here we are beginning a new school year. Best wishes are extended to all of our parishioners who are students in college, high school and grade school. Remember that God loves you and is always there for you; please take the time to grow in your relationship with Him. Our prayers and love go out to all of you.

PARKING WHEN SCHOOL IS IN SESSION

Please be reminded that with school beginning next week, Monday, August 31, the Parish Parking Lot behind the Church is not to be used for parking on the days school is in session. **For safety reasons this lot is to remain empty until after 3:30 p.m. on school days.** School buses and parents bringing children to school need access to this lot and the children use it for recreation at lunchtime. Please use the lot below Henry Street or the lot along Fayette and Henry Streets to park your vehicle for daily Mass when school is in session.

ANNUAL COLLECTION Next Sunday, August 30, is the annual collection for The Catholic University of America as well as for the Catholic Schools of our Diocese. Twenty-five percent of this collection will be used to aid the Catholic schools in the Diocese of Greensburg. Our Catholic schools are an asset of the community that prepare future leaders for the Church and the nation.

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.

From the kindness of your heart, please remember
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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.