

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

AUGUST 30 — TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

4:30 pm **Sat.** (Birth) George Kizman—Dick & Louetta Hayden
 9:00 am For All the People of Saint Sebastian Parish
 11:00 am (Anniv) Robert Nelson, Sr.—Keith, Chris, Kacie, & Jacob Kubitzka

MONDAY, AUGUST 31

8:00 am James Bitonti—Joe & Mary Louise Barger
 After Mass: Miraculous Medal Novena & Rosary

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

No Morning Mass Today

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

8:00 am Rose Bitonti—John Merlo

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3—POPE ST. GREGORY the GREAT

8:00 am Paul Bitonti—Georgia

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

8:00 am Chet Strelinski—Wife, Ann

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

11:30 am Sacrament of Penance

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:30 pm For All the People of Saint Sebastian Parish

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

9:00 am (Anniv) Raymond (Benny) Ciferno—Family
 11:00 am (Anniv) Mary Korber—Son, James & Carol

LITURGICAL MINISTERS—SERVERS & MASTER OF CEREMONIES

Weekdays, Aug. 31, Sept. 2,3,4:00 am M. Fabean—S. Anderson
 Saturday, Sept. 5 4:30 pm R.J. Kozura—J. Hartman (MC) J. Hartman
 Sunday, Sept. 6 9:00 am G. & A. Iacoboni (MC) D. Kossol
 11:00 am J. & S. Pokol (MC) K. Pokol

LECTORS

Saturday, Sept. 5

4:30 C. Gorski

Sunday, Sept. 6

9:00 C. Williams

11:00 T. Verin

COORDINATOR

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

MINISTERS

S. Raymond J. Krossoff, P. Morigi, L. Keene
 C. Peterson, E. Niehaus, D. Koury
 M. Druciak M. Nogy, M. Blevins, E. Pokol
 G. Saladna, E. Studnicki, D. Cooper

Second Collection this Weekend 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.

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.

SUNDAY COUNTERS:

Aug. 30—T. Rodriguez, D. & G. Sepic, S. Wawro, F. Fundy
 Sept. 6—T. Rodriguez, B. & S. Monro, R. Ritson

ALTAR FLOWERS this weekend are given to the glory of God and in memory of SAM & MARY BITONTI & sons, PAUL, FRANK & SAM by Joe Bitonti, Georgia Bitonti and Anna Adametz.

SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS Please remember in your prayers those who died recently: ANDREW NINCHAK and ED DONLEY, our parishioners; and DAVID WINKLER, husband of Misty Winkler, our parishioner. We extend our sympathy to their families. May thy rest in peace.

PARISH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Monday - First Day of School for Grades 1 thru 8 for St. Sebastian Regional School.
 - Valley of Hope, Church/Hall, 7:30 pm

See **SEPTEMBER** calendar in today's bulletin.

BAPTIZED IN CHRIST: GINO FRANCESCO SCALISE, son of Joshua & Kimberly (Day) Scalise. We welcome Gino into the Church and into our parish family. God bless his parents and family.

Stewardship of Treasure

	Sunday Stewardship	Needed for Budget	Over/Under + / -
Aug. 22/23	\$8,759.26	\$10,200.00	-\$1,440.74
Fiscal Year to Date	\$71,187.03	\$81,600.00	-\$10,412.97

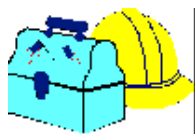
OUR PARISH FALL EVENT

As a result of collaboration between the committee and Father Lawrence, there will be a **HARVEST FEST** 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. Updates will be in future bulletins.

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.

SAINT SEBASTIAN CHURCH



September 2009



SAINT SEBASTIAN CHURCH, BELLE VERNON

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<p>6</p> <p>Donuts & Coffee Following 9:00 AM Mass</p> <p>23rd Sunday</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Parish Offices and School Closed in Observance of Labor Day</p>	<p>8</p> <p>10:00 AM Opening School Mass</p> <p>Nativity of Mary</p>	<p>9</p> <p>6:30 PM Choir 7:00 PM Baptism Preparation</p> <p>St. Peter Claver</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>11:30 AM Sacrament of Penance</p> <p>Holy Name of Mary</p>																																																	
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<p>27</p> <p>11:00 AM LWC 11:00 AM RelEd Pre-K 6:00 PM Senior Youth at Epiphany Chapel</p> <p>26th Sunday</p>	<p>28</p> <p>6:15 PM RelEd Grades 1-5 6:30 PM RelEd Prayer Service 8:00 PM Valley of Hope</p>	<p>29</p> <p>St. Michael & Archang...</p>	<p>30</p> <p>9:30 AM School Mass 6:30 PM Choir 7:00 PM RCIA</p> <p>St. Jerome</p>	<p>October</p> <table border="1"> <tr><td>S</td><td>M</td><td>T</td><td>W</td><td>T</td><td>F</td><td>S</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>3</td></tr> <tr><td>4</td><td>5</td><td>6</td><td>7</td><td>8</td><td>9</td><td>10</td></tr> <tr><td>11</td><td>12</td><td>13</td><td>14</td><td>15</td><td>16</td><td>17</td></tr> <tr><td>18</td><td>19</td><td>20</td><td>21</td><td>22</td><td>23</td><td>24</td></tr> <tr><td>25</td><td>26</td><td>27</td><td>28</td><td>29</td><td>30</td><td>31</td></tr> </table>			S	M	T	W	T	F	S					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31							
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PRAY FOR A PRIEST THIS WEEK

Some of Our Former Priests

- Mon: Father Charles Esposito, Church of the Good Shepherd
- Tue: Father Ronald Cyktor, St. Patrick
- Wed: Father George Saletrik, St. John the Baptist
- Thu: Father Thomas Federline, St. Paul
- Fri: Father William McGuirk, St. Florian
- Sat: Father Andrew Kaweck, SS. Cyril & Methodius
- Sun: Father John Cindric

“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.”

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.*

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.

PARKING WHEN SCHOOL IS IN SESSION

Please be reminded that with school beginning tomorrow, 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.



Y.E.S. OPENING MEETING—Our Junior & Senior Youth (Grades 6–12) 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. The first gathering of RCIA participants will be Wednesday, September 23 at 7:00 p.m. in our Parish Center. 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.

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.

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.

GREATFUL THANKS to parishioners who volunteered to distribute food from the Belle Vernon Ministerium Fresh Express last Monday! “Feed the Hungry” is a Work of Mercy. God bless.

From the kindness of your heart, please remember Saint Sebastian Parish in your will.