

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

**SEPTEMBER 13 — 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

4:30 pm **Sat.** Deceased of Novinsky & Tretinik Families—Barb & Dave Moskovitz  
 9:00 am Anthony Kosykoski & Rev. Alfred S. Pepera—Family  
 11:00 am For All the People of Saint Sebastian Parish  
 Liturgy of the Word for Children

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14—EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS**

9:30 am *School Mass:* John & Mary Lesko—Family  
 After Mass: Miraculous Medal Novena & Rosary

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15—OUR LADY OF SORROWS**

*No Morning Mass Today*

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16—SS. CORNELIUS & CYPRIAN**

*No Morning Mass Today*

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17**

*No Morning Mass Today*

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18**

*No Morning Mass Today*

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19**

11:30 am Sacrament of Penance

**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

4:30 pm Mary & Zigmund Lewandowski—Rita & Ralph Mandarin

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20**

9:00 am For All the People of Saint Sebastian Parish  
 11:00 am (Choir) (Birth) Thomas Costella, Sr.—Picchiarini Family

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

*Weekdays, Sept. 14* 9:30 am *School Mass*  
 Saturday, Sept. 19 4:30 pm M. Lowe—H. Heilman (MC) B. Antal  
 Sunday, Sept. 20 9:00 am J. Rabe—E. Claybaugh (MC) D. Kossol  
 11:00 am S. & C. Necciai (MC) T. McCullough

**LECTORS**

**Saturday, Sept. 19**

4:30 D. Free

**Sunday, Sept. 20**

9:00 C. Rhodes

11:00 M. Patterson

**COORDINATOR**

M. Free

D. Seman

M. Nogy

**MINISTERS**

S. & S. Zolock, J. Moody

C. Farrier, J. Barger, J. Stringhill

P. Morigi, J. Krossoff, D. Stasko  
 E. Niehaus, C. Peterson, S. Raymond

D. Cooper, M. Druciak, G. Rush  
 M. Blevins, E. Studnicki, L. Keene

**Second Collection this Weekend** is the monthly UTILITIES & MAINTENANCE collection.

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

**SUNDAY COUNTERS:**

**Sept. 13—M & K. Ramsier, S. Schussler, M. & D. Free**

**Sept. 20—B. Bury, J. & B. Picchiarini, R. Nandor, R. Melnick**

**ALTAR FLOWERS** this weekend are given to the glory of God and in memory of the deceased of the NOVINSKY & TRETINIK FAMILIES by Barb & Dave Moskovitz.

**PARISH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK**

Monday -Religious Ed Staff Meeting, Parish Center, 7 pm  
 - Valley of Hope, Hall, 7:30 pm  
 Wednesday - Choir, Church, 6:30 pm

*Stewardship of Treasure*

	Sunday Stewardship	Needed for Budget	Over/Under + / -
<b>Sept. 5/6</b>	\$10,099.36	\$10,200.00	-\$100.64
<b>Fiscal Year to Date</b>	\$89,129.50	\$102,000.00	-\$12,870.50

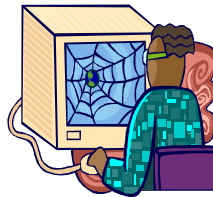
**PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER THE SICK OF OUR PARISH especially**

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 WEB SITE**

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



<http://www.saintsebastianchurch.org>

**Readings for the Week of  
September 13**

Sunday: Is 50:5-9a/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35  
 Monday: Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17  
 Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35  
 Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Lk 7:31-35  
 Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16/Lk 7:36-50  
 Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Lk 8:1-3  
 Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16/Lk 8:4-15  
 Next Sunday: Wis 2:12,17-20/Jas 3:16-4:3/Mk 9:30-37



**32nd  
ANNUAL  
SENIOR  
PARISHIONER  
DINNER  
THURSDAY,  
OCTOBER 8, 2009  
4:30 P.M.  
PARISH HALL**

**Our Annual  
Senior Parishioners Dinner,  
for members of our parish who are  
70 years of age and older  
and their spouses, is on Thursday,  
October 8, at 4:30 p.m.**

**Doors will not open until 4:00 p.m.**

**Reservations are a must!  
Please return this form to the Parish Office  
by Monday, October 5**

**SENIOR PARISHIONER DINNER  
Thursday, October 8, 2009**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER ATTENDING \_\_\_\_\_

DO YOU NEED TRANSPORTATION? \_\_\_\_\_

**PRAY FOR A PRIEST THIS WEEK**

**Some of Our Former Deacons now Priests**

- Mon: Father Gilbert Exumé, Diocese of Atlanta
- Tue: Father Mark Weiss, Diocese of Harrisburg
- Wed: Father Douglas Ondeck,  
Diocese of Wheeling/Charleston
- Thu: Father Charles McGinnis,  
Diocese of Wheeling/Charleston
- Fri: Father Eric Hill, Diocese of Atlanta
- Sat: Father Kevin Hargaden, Diocese of Atlanta
- Sun: Father William Berkey, Diocese of Greensburg

“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.”



**AUTUMN FEST**—On Sunday, November 1, in our Parish Hall from 3:00 pm until 7:00 pm, we will celebrate God’s bountiful gifts with a Parish Autumn Fest. During the month of October, a limited number of tickets will be sold following all Masses for \$5.00 each for adults and \$2.50 for children ages 5-10. Children 5 and younger are free. Tickets will also be available at the Parish Office in October. Activities planned are: Music by “*The Townsman + One*”, children’s games, 50/50 tickets, followed by a delicious buffet-served dinner. Join your fellow parishioners in our Parish Hall for a day of celebration. This is a **PARISHIONER ONLY EVENT!**

**CAKE BAKERS, DESSERT MAKERS &  
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

The annual dinner for the senior members of our parish will be held on Thursday, October 8. Please call Betty Fundy at 724-929-9300 if you can help with the dinner. **DESSERTS NEEDED:** YELLOW CAKE is needed for the Senior Dinner.

**COMING UP IN NOVEMBER**—ANY TYPE OF DESSERT is needed for the reception which follows the All Souls Mass on Monday, November 2; and GELATIN SALADS are needed for the reception following the Anointing Mass on Wednesday, November 11. Please call Betty Fundy if you can help with any of these desserts.

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION—724-930-8504

**LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN**

Every other Sunday during the 11:00 a.m. Mass, 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 Fall of 1994. 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).

**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.

**PHANTOM FRIGHT NIGHT**



Members of our Y.E.S. (**Y**outh of **E**piphany & **S**ebastian Parishes) Youth Group and their friends are eligible to come to Kennywood Park on Sunday,

October 11 for Phantom Fright Night.

Park events begin at 7:00 p.m. Members planning to attend must be 13 years of age. Chaperones are needed and a bus will leave our Parking Lot at 6 p.m.. Tickets are \$15.00 for members, \$20.00 for guests. Call the Faith Formation Office (724-930-8504) to request a registration form and permission slip. **DEAD**line to return forms and money is Monday, October 5.

**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. 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. Come and bring a friend. The Rock Wall will be there to be mastered. Refreshments will be served. Registration forms are available in the church pamphlet racks.

**Y.E.S. JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP** Education Sessions take place on the first Monday of the month and second Sunday of the month. **The first class will be held Monday, October 5 for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students** in the Parish Center from 6:30 p.m. til 7:30 p.m. The second Junior Youth meeting will take place on Sunday, October 18 in the Parish Hall from 6:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. (*The regular meeting would have been October 11, but that night we're going to Kennywood for Fright Night!*) All Youth in Grades 6 thru 8 are invited and encouraged to attend.

**Y.E.S. SENIOR YOUTH GROUP** usually meets the first Sunday of every month in Saint Sebastian Parish Hall from 6:30-8:00 pm. **In October** there will be a joint meeting of Y.E.S. on October 18 and **in November** (*due to the Autumn Fest, on November 1*) there will be a joint meeting on November 8. A list of meetings and activities will be distributed at the opening Rock Wall event on Sunday, September 27 at Epiphany Chapel Hall.



**Next Sunday is CATECHETICAL SUNDAY**

This year Catechetical Sunday will be celebrated at all Masses next weekend, September 19/20. Every year the church designates a special Sunday to honor and bless Catechists. Catechist literally means "one who echoes God's Word." Through the ministry of teaching children and youth, or leading Liturgy of the Word for Children, God's message reaches the ears of His people.

This year, Catechetical Sunday, September 20, 2009, will focus on the theme, "Catechesis and the Proclamation of the Word." Those who have been designated by the community to serve as catechists will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect upon the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith. Those who teach God's Word will be invited to come forward and be commissioned for the 2009/2010 school year. Pray for our Catechists as they prepare to share their Faith with others.

**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](http://www.lightthenight.org) or call the Faith Formation Office at 724-930-8504 to learn how our group has participated.

**AS OF TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, ONLY ONE FAMILY HAS SIGNED UP TO ATTEND. PLEASE, IF YOU PLAN ON ATTENDING "LIGHT THE NIGHT," CALL THE FAITH FORMATION OFFICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**



**A PARISH COOKBOOK**

We are planning a new Parish Cookbook for Spring of 2010. All parishioners are invited to share their favorite recipes by printing/typing them on the forms available in the church pamphlet racks. You may drop your recipes off at the Parish Office, place them in the collection or send them in the mail, or you may email your recipe to:

[dkoury@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:dkoury@dioceseofgreensburg.org).

Please include your name and phone number for recipe verification if needed. Deadline to accept recipes is Friday, October 16.

**BAPTISM PREPARATION** is offered every other month on the second Wednesday of the month, alternating between Epiphany of Our Lord Parish and Saint Sebastian Parish. The next Baptism Prep class will be held at Epiphany Chapel Hall on Wednesday, November 11, at 7:00 pm.

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION CLASSES** are offered here at Saint Sebastian several times a year. Couples planning to be married should contact Father Lawrence at least one year prior to the wedding date. Couples will be notified of upcoming Marriage Prep Classes. These should be attended at least 6 months before the wedding. The next Marriage Prep classes will be held in our Parish Center on Friday and Saturday, November 13/14.

**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.