

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

OCTOBER 4—27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 4:30 pm **Sat.** (Birth) Margaret Fabian—Dom & Martha Mazzei
For All the People of Saint Sebastian Parish
11:00 am *Choir* (Anniv) Thomas Costella, Sr.—Elizabeth Mendola
Sacrament of Baptism

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5

- 8:00 am Deceased of the Bridge & Kellaway Families—Bob & Marge Bridge
After Mass: Miraculous Medal Novena & Rosary

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6—ST. BRUNO

- 8:00 am Joseph Muccino—Arthur & Nancy Trilli

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7—OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

- 9:30 am *School Mass:* (Anniv) James Weir—Jay Walters

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8

No Morning Mass Today

- 6:30 pm Rosary and Benediction

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9

- 8:00 am (Birth) Dorothy Winn—Domenic & Mary Galilei

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

- 11:30 am Sacrament of Penance
2:00 pm *Sacrament of Marriage*
Karen Marie Bilsky & John Michael Avolio

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 4:30 pm *Choir* (Birth) Marilyn Swantek—Gail Closkey
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11
9:00 am For All the People of Saint Sebastian Parish
11:00 am (Birth) Robert Nelson, Sr.—Mary Ann Toth
Liturgy of the Word for Children

LITURGICAL MINISTERS—SERVERS & MASTER OF CEREMONIES

- Weekdays, Oct. 5,8,9 8:00 am S. Necciai—E. Claybaugh
Wednesday, Oct. 7 9:30 am School Mass
Saturday, Oct. 10 4:30 pm H. Heilman—M. Lowe
(MC) T. McCullough
Sunday, Oct. 11 9:00 am G. & A. Iacoboni
(MC) D. Kossol
11:00 am L. Kutcy—S. Anderson
(MC) E. Russell

LECTORS COORDINATOR MINISTERS

- Saturday, Oct. 10**
4:30 J. Barnot S. Waldbaum J. Moody, L. Aul, J. Wiggins
S. Battaglia, D. Atkinson, M.A. Cialone

- Sunday, Oct. 11**
9:00 C. Rhodes D. Seman D. Koury, K. Keene, D. Stasko
S. Raymond, T. Rodriguez, E. Niehaus
11:00 B. Anderson M. Nogy D. Cooper, G. Rush, M. Blevins
L. Keene, M. Druciak, E. Studnicki

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

SUNDAY COUNTERS:

- Oct. 4—C. Shernisky, D. & G. Sepic, F. Fundy
Oct. 11—D. Lisovich, D. & J. Kerestan, B. & S. Monror

CONGRATULATIONS to JOHN & JOAN CICCARELLI on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary which they celebrated on September 26, 2009.

SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS Please remember in your prayers those who died last week: RALPH IACOBONI, our parishioner; HELEN PAGESH, grandmother of Jeffrey Morris, our parishioner; and RALPH RUBACHKO of Charleroi. We extend our sympathy to their families. May they rest in peace.

PARISH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

- Monday - Rel. Ed. Classes, Gr. 1-5, School Bldg., 6:15 pm
- Jr. Youth Classes, Gr. 6-8, Parish Ctr., 6:30 pm
- Valley of Hope, Church/Hall, 8:00 pm
Wednesday - Choir Practice, Church, 6:30 pm
- RCIA, Parish Center, 7:00 pm
Thursday - Senior Parishioner Dinner, Parish Hall, 4:30 pm
Sunday - Pre-K/Kindergarten, Rel. Ed. Class,
Kindergarten Room, 11:00 am
- YES Group, Fright Night, Kennywood, 6:00 pm

Stewardship of Treasure

	Sunday Stewardship	Needed for Budget	Over/Under + / -
Sept. 26/27	\$8,038.72	\$9,800.00	-\$1,491.44
Fiscal Year to Date	\$105,097.93	\$117,600.00	-\$12,502.07
Seminary/Clergy collection—\$1,881.42			

Coffee, Doughnuts & Conversation
Parish Hall Following the 9:00 a.m. Mass
Today, Sunday, October 4, 2009

OCTOBER COUNT Every year in our diocese all parishes are required to take a "head count" of people attending each parish weekend Mass. This year the numbers obtained will be derived from Mass attendance from this weekend thru the weekend of October 31/ November 1. The final count will then be sent to the pastoral center of our Diocese.

Naturally, people are free to attend Mass wherever they wish, and obviously it is important to attend a Mass regardless of the location. However, if all of our parishioners do their very best, especially during this time frame to attend this parish, our parish count will reflect our true and hopefully strong numbers.

The count is taken by our ushers, and they literally are asked to count "heads". In counting heads there isn't a distinction made between parishioner and visitor. If we have any visitors here during the weekends counted, they will simply increase our numbers.

Conversely, if any of our parishioners attend another church during those weekends, that will only ensure an increase in their number and a decrease in ours. If the day arrives when these numbers are looked at for this parish in order to make a priestly or parish adjustment, we will wish that all of our parishioners had been here rather than somewhere else since we all might wind up somewhere else rather than here.

Rosary and Benediction

Our Lady of the Rosary—October 7



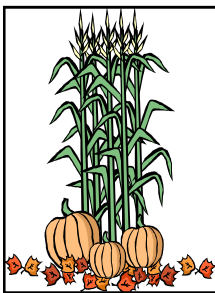
The feast of the Holy Rosary was established by Saint Pius V on the anniversary of the naval victory won by the Christian fleet at Lepanto, October 7, 1571. The victory was attributed to the help of the holy Mother of God whose aid was invoked through praying the Rosary.

The celebration of this day invites all to mediate upon the mysteries of Christ, following the example of the Blessed Virgin Mary who was so singularly associated with the incarnation, passion and glorious resurrection of the Son of God. *From the Christian Prayer (Liturgy of the Hours)*

In honor of Our Lady of the Rosary, on Thursday, October 8 at 6:30 p.m. there will be recitation of the Rosary and Benediction here at St. Sebastian.

OUR PARISH HARVEST FESTIVAL

will be held on Sunday, November 1, from 3:00 pm until 7:00 pm in our Parish Hall. This is a PARISHIONER ONLY social event. We will have food, refreshments, music and entertainment for the children. For a minimal admission fee (\$5.00 for adults; \$2.50 for children aged 5-10; children under 5 are admitted free), parishioners can enjoy live music by the *Townsmen Plus One*, refreshments and food. The meal will include your choice of sandwich (kielbasa, pulled pork, brat, hot dog) choice of various side dishes, and dessert. This will be a great way to spend an afternoon of fellowship with other members of Saint Sebastian Parish Family. *Note that the Steelers don't play that Sunday.* Admission is by **TICKET ONLY**, and tickets will be sold following all Masses today and throughout the month of October. Only 300 tickets will be sold, so get your tickets early!!!



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

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

A portion of the Cookbook will be devoted to special holiday recipes—such as, Christmas, Easter, Thanksgiving, Birthday's etc. If you have a recipe that is a tradition in your family, please include this with a short footnote!

HOLIDAY WREATHS

Fresh-cut, hand-tied Holiday Wreaths will be delivered direct to your home by UPS.

The wreaths are beautiful and come in eight different arrangements. Please take a brochure from the pamphlet racks to fill out and return to the Parish Office.

Final date to turn in Wreath order is

Tuesday, November 17.
Proceeds benefit Saint Sebastian Parish.



NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Belle Vernon Fire Dept #2 will hold a **Spaghetti Dinner** today, October 4 from 10:00 am til 6:00 pm; a **Fish Dinner** on October 9 from 11:00 am til 7:00 pm; and a **Pancake/French Toast Breakfast** on Sunday, October 18 from 9:00 am til 2:00 pm. The **Church of St. Anne** will sponsor a **Spaghetti & Meatballs/Ravioli Dinner** next Sunday, October 11 from 12-Noon til 4:00 pm in their Social Hall. Dinner includes Entrée, Salad, Bread, Beverage and Dessert.

Y.E.S. GROUP NEWS

Our Youth Group will be involved in many exciting and service oriented tasks this year. Please mark your calendar for upcoming event.

PHANTOM FRIGHT NIGHT



Members of our Y.E.S. (Youth of Epiphany & Sebastian 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 pm. Members planning to attend must be 13 years of age. Chaperones are needed and a bus will leave our Parking Lot at 6:00 pm. Tickets are \$15.00 for members, \$20.00 for guests. Forms are in the church pamphlet racks or call the Faith Formation Office (724-930-8504) to request a registration form/permission slip. DEADline to return forms and money is tomorrow Monday, October 5.

TRICK OR TREAT EVENT On Halloween afternoon, as the North Belle Vernon community sends its children out to Trick or Treat, members of the Y.E.S. Group will be collecting non-perishable food items, paper products and/or cleaning supplies that will be distributed to the needy in the Christmas Baskets this year. Watch for our Teens to arrive at you door with proper ID labels on their costumes and donate a non-perishable item. Thank you and God bless you for your gift.

HELP OUR YOUTH ATTEND THE 2009 NCYC!



In November, five members of our Youth Group will be traveling to Kansas City for the National Catholic Youth Conference, they are: ERIN POKOL, KATE POKOL, BRADLEY ANTAL, MICHAEL COUSER, and GARRETT McLAUGHLIN. Catholic youth from across the country will gather together to learn, share and proclaim their Faith. Although some financial aid comes from the Diocese Francis Fund, we are asking for your help. A \$10 donation to help defray the cost of the trip (about \$1,000 per student) would be greatly appreciated. As a thank-you, we are offering a 7-inch votive candle with the NCYC logo on it. Candles are available at the Faith Formation Office in the Parish Center. For more information on NCYC you may "Google It" to NCYC 2009. If you have any questions, please call 724-930-8504.

ADVENT WREATHS—Members of our Youth Group have made sturdy, wooden based ADVENT WREATHS which they are offering for sale. During the months of October and November, one of these wreaths will be on display in the Church vestibule along with order forms. The cost is \$12 per Wreath and forms may be turned in at the Parish Center. Wreaths will be available for pick up at the Parish Office during regular office hours. Even if you already have an Advent Wreath, adding an additional Wreath to your home will always be a blessing.

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 tomorrow, Monday, October 5

SENIOR PARISHIONER DINNER Thursday, October 8, 2009
NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
PHONE _____
NUMBER ATTENDING _____
DO YOU NEED TRANSPORTATION? _____

CAKE BAKERS, DESSERT MAKERS & VOLUNTEERS NEEDED The annual dinner for the senior members of our parish will be held this 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.

CHOIR FUNDRAISER Our choir will be holding an ongoing Avon Fundraiser starting this weekend and running through the month of October. This is being done to pay for the installation of a new Sound System in the choir loft. If you would like to help our choir with the endeavor, as well as purchasing your favorite Avon products, please see one of our choir members or contact Terry Krolik at 724-929-2876 to place an order. Brochures available upon request. Thanking you ahead of time for your help with this project!



WESTMORELAND COUNTY FOOD BANK is in need of volunteers to cover 2 hour shifts between 10:00 am and 4:00 pm during the Fall Food Drive at Belle Vernon and West Newton Giant Eagle stores. To volunteer call 724-468-8660, Ext. 13. A FOOD DRIVE will take place during the month of October to benefit Westmoreland County Food Bank. Non-Perishable items (canned goods, paper products, cleaning supplies) may be dropped off at *Belle Vernon Chiropractic Center*. For additional information/drop off centers, please call 724-929-6100.

**TODAY IS RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY
OCTOBER: RESPECT LIFE MONTH**

***Every child...brings us God's smile
and invites us to recognize that life is his gift,
a gift to be welcomed with love and preserved
with care always and at every moment.***

—Pope Benedict XVI



Today life is being attacked from every angle: abortion robs children of their fundamental right to life; embryonic stem cell research involves destroying living human beings for speculative medical research; legalized assisted suicide and euthanasia arise out of the false view that some lives are not worth living, that some people are not worth protecting; and the attempt to redefine marriage is undermining the sacred institution that God established at the very beginning of creation. "What God has joined together, no human being must separate." (Mk 10:9) No human being has the authority to separate husband from wife, nor procreation from marriage.

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**IT IS A POVERTY TO DECIDE THAT A CHILD MUST DIE
SO THAT YOU LIVE AS YOU WISH.**

—Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Life is an opportunity, benefit from it.

Life is beauty, admire it.

Life is bliss, taste it.

Life is a dream, realize it.

Life is a challenge, meet it.

Life is a duty, complete it.

Life is a game, play it.

Life is a promise, fulfill it.

Life is sorrow, overcome it.

Life is a song, sing it.

Life is a struggle, accept it.

Life is a tragedy, confront it.

Life is an adventure, dare it.

Life is luck, make it.

Life is too precious, do not destroy it.

Life is life, fight for it.

—Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta

**This October, in celebration of LIFE, join us
as we pray the Rosary weekday mornings
following the 8:00 a.m. Mass, and on Sunday
mornings at 8:30 a.m.**

36TH ANNUAL ROSARY RALLY will be held at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral today, Sunday, October 4, beginning at 3:00 p.m. This annual event is approximately 1 hour long and includes Scriptural Rosary, readings from Sacred Scripture, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and a homily by Bishop Brandt. The rally closes with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY CRUSADE



On Saturday, October 10, the Most Holy Rosary will be prayed at the Monessen City Park Walking Track beginning at 12:00 Noon. All are most welcome to attend. Please bring your lawn chair. The Rosary will be prayed rain or shine. For more information regarding this public event call 724-684-7099 or 724-929-5816.

ALSO On Saturday, October 10, the Most Holy Rosary will be prayed at Chess Park in Monongahela at 12:00 Noon. Please bring your lawn chair. All are most welcome to attend. For more information call 724-258-4131 or 724-258-3968.

ANNIVERSARY OF CATHEDRAL DEDICATION

October 7th marks the anniversary of the dedication of Blessed Sacrament Cathedral. In each diocese the cathedral church exercises a unique role. As home to the *cathedra*, the cathedral witnesses to the teaching, leadership, and pastoral care provided by the bishop. Please remember Bishop Brandt and the entire Church of Greensburg in your prayers as we continue God's work throughout our diocese.

World Youth Day—Madrid Spain

Join Pope Benedict XVI and millions of Catholics from around the world at World Youth Day 2011 in Madrid Spain, August 13 thru August 23, 2011.

The Diocese of Greensburg is offering a package which includes roundtrip airfare from Pittsburgh International Airport to Madrid, Spain. Total cost of the WYD 2011 is \$3,950. A \$300 deposit is due January 2, 2010 to reserve your spot. Letters of invitation will be sent to all parishioners who are, according to our records, between the ages of 18 and 34. For more information call the Faith Formation Office at 724-930-8504.

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, Michael DeFrancisco, 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, Joanne Pavalonis, Stella Povlich, George Rue, Mary Ann Rocco, Mathew Russell, Joylyn Sabolek, 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.