

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

OCTOBER 18—29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:30 pm **Sat.** (Birth) Jean Bishop—M/M David Natali
 9:00 am For All the People of Saint Sebastian Parish
 11:00 am **Choir** (Anniv) Geno Tonarelli—Homer & Barbara Zucconi
Sacrament of Baptism

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19—SS. JOHN de BREBEUF & ISAAC JOGUES & COMPANIONS

No Morning Mass Today
 8:00 pm Valley of Hope Mass

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20—ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS

No Morning Mass Today

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21

No Morning Mass Today

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22

8:00 am Edward Malys—Daughter, Patricia Rue
 6:30 pm *Rosary & Benediction*

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23—ST. JOHN OF CAPISTRANO

8:00 am (Birth) Peter Sopko, Sr.—Tony & Mary Swantner
 (Birth) Peter Sopko, Sr.—Wife & Family

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24—ST. ANTHONY MARY CLARET

11:30 am Sacrament of Penance
 2:00 pm *Sacrament of Marriage*
 Leigh Thompson & Keith Kuzmovich

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:30 pm (Anniv) Edward Drabik, Jr.—M/M George Clark

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

9:00 am **Choir** Deceased of the Niehaus & Mavrakis Family—
 Evangeline Niehaus
 11:00 am For All the People of Saint Sebastian Parish
 Liturgy of the Word for Children

LITURGICAL MINISTERS—SERVERS & MASTER OF CEREMONIES

Weekdays, Oct. 22,23 8:00 am G. Iacoboni—L. Perozzi
 Saturday, Oct. 24 4:30 pm H. Heilman—G. McLaughlin
 (MC) B. Antal
 Sunday, Oct. 25 9:00 am A. Osioł—L. Galiszewski
 (MC) E. Russell
 11:00 am J. & T. Beeler
 (MC) D. Kossol

LECTORS

COORDINATOR

MINISTERS

Saturday, Oct. 24

4:30 D. Free S. Wawro J. Moody, J. Stringhill

Sunday, Oct. 25

9:00 T. Verin S. Raymond J. Russell, D. Seman

11:00 L. Wilson M. Nogy E. Pokol, G. Saladna

SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS Please remember in your prayers those who died last week: IRENE MOSCO, our parishioner; MARIE IMBURGIA, mother of Robert Imburgia, our parishioner; and JAMES SOLDRIDGE of Belle Vernon. We extend our sympathy to their families. May they rest in peace.

PARISH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Monday - Rel Ed. Class, Gr. 1—5, School, 6:15 pm
 - Valley of Hope, Church/Hall, 8:00 pm
 Tuesday - HarvestFest Committee Meeting, Parish Center, 6:30 pm
 Wednesday - Choir, Church, 6:30 pm
 - RCIA, Parish Center, 7:00 pm
 Saturday - 1st Penance Intergenerational Meeting, Epiphany Chapel Hall, 9:00 am
 - Y.E.S. Group Advent Wreath making, Epiphany Chapel garage, 11:30 a.m.

BAPTIZED IN CHRIST recently, MIA ANN MONACK, daughter of Frank and Shannon (Williams) Monack. We welcome Mia into the Church and into our parish family. God bless her parents and family.

Stewardship of Treasure

	Sunday Stewardship	Needed for Budget	Over/Under + / -
Oct. 10/11	\$7,418.97	\$9,800.00	-\$2,381.03
Fiscal Year to Date	\$131,311.84	\$147,000.00	-\$15,688.16

Utilities & Maintenance collection—\$1,994.00		
Today's Challenge, Tomorrows Hope		
Goal: \$720,000.00		
	This Week	To Date
No. Families	4	21
Pledged	\$11,500.00	\$309,300.00
Paid	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 8,550.00

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, 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, Marie Kolisak, 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, Frank Stancato, 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.

Rosary and Benediction

In honor of Our Lady of the Rosary there will be recitation of the Rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 22 in our Church.

Second Collection this Weekend is the annual MISSION SUNDAY collection. **Next Weekend** is the annual collection for RETIRED RELIGIOUS and RETIRED PRIESTS OF THE DIOCESE.

SUNDAY COUNTERS:

Oct. 18—M. & K. Ramsier, S. Mavrakis, S. Wawro, S. Schussler
 Oct. 25—B. Bury, M. & D. Free, S. & S. Zolock

SPECIAL NOTICE: Catholic Bishops of PA Issue Flu Season Directives
The distribution of the Precious Blood for the faithful is suspended. The faith of the Church teaches that Christ, whole and entire, is received even under only one species.
The exchange of the sign of peace is to be offered without any physical contact. When the priest celebrant extends the invitation for the sign of peace, the faithful, instead of a handshake, may bow to the persons nearby.
Scheduled Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are asked that only the first two Ministers listed on the schedule sign in to serve.

CHOIR NEWS Choir Members of the First Presbyterian Church, Belle Vernon, will join our Choir in singing at the 9:00 a.m. Mass next Sunday. Following that Mass, both choirs will then sing at the 10:45 a.m. Service at the First Presbyterian Church. What a lovely way to enhance the Liturgy in our community!

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 HAS BEEN EXTENDED THRU TOMORROW, MONDAY, OCTOBER 19.**

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

FUNDRAISER Our choir will be holding an ongoing Avon Fundraiser 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 purchase 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!



FIRST PENANCE INTERGENERATIONAL MEETING For your convenience, the 1st Penance Intergenerational meeting will be repeated on Saturday, October 24 at the Epiphany of Our Lord Chapel Hall in Monessen from **9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. (please note the new times)**. This meeting is for ALL parents and 2nd grade students regardless if the parents have attended the meeting for another child in recent years.

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!!!

SPECIAL NOTE: A committee meeting will be held this Tuesday, October 20 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Center. All volunteers who have offered to cook, serve or set-up are asked to attend. If you would like to help in any way, you are asked to attend this meeting.

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.

SAINT SEBASTIAN CHURCH



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 your 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.



RETIREMENT FUND FOR THE RELIGIOUS AND OUR RETIRED DIOCESAN PRIESTS Next week's appeal for the Retirement Fund for Religious & Diocesan Priests asks us to recall those women and men whose ministry has nourished our own faith, served our church, and strengthened our nation. Today, more than 37,000 religious are past age 70. Their institutes face critical economic challenges as costs escalate. Please give generously.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY—Today, Sunday, October 18 is World Mission Sunday. United with the Catholics of the world at the Table of the Lord, we recommit ourselves to our vocation, through Baptism, to be missionaries. Our prayers and Eucharistic celebration next Sunday are directed in a special way toward our brothers and sisters throughout the world who are waiting to hear the joyous "Good News" of Jesus. Our offerings, through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, will support the work and witness of those who selflessly give up all for the sake of our Lord and His Gospel—the local priests, Religious and lay catechists who daily provide loving service to the poor and suffering of the Developing World.

OCTOBER COUNT CONTINUES 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 through the weekend of October 31/November 1.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS

Wednesday, November 11 at 11:00 A.M.

The Anointing of the Sick is for all Catholics who have reached the use of reason (around 7 years of age) and are weakened by sickness or age. The priest will pray over all to be anointed, lay hands upon them and anoint them with the Oil of the Sick. We invite all who are sick to come and be anointed on Wednesday, November 11, during at the 11:00 a.m. Mass. If you have difficulty walking and wish to be anointed, please sit in the front pews and a priest will come to you rather than you walking up to the altar. Members of the Parish will be there to assist you.

CAKE BAKERS, DESSERT MAKERS & VOLUNTEERS NEEDED 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.

HEALTH CARE PERSONNEL—The Annual White Mass for Health Care Personnel, hosted by the Saint Luke Society of the Diocese of Greensburg, will be held today, Sunday, October 18 at 3:00 p.m. The main celebrant for Mass will be Bishop Brandt at the Blessed Sacrament Cathedral in Greensburg. All Health Care Personnel are invited to attend.

SCHOOL MARKET DAYS - The Fall Pie Sale orders for Market Days are due by Friday, October 23 for delivery on Thursday, October 29. Order forms are in the church pamphlet racks. Orders may be dropped off at Saint Sebastian Regional School and may be picked up in the Parish Hall October 29 between 6:15 p.m. and 7:15 p.m. Any questions call 724-929-8889.

OCTOBER: RESPECT LIFE MONTH

There are objective and transcendent truths. There is such a thing as right and wrong. There is a legitimate hierarchy of moral evils, and the direct willful destruction of human life can never be justified; it can never be supported. Do you believe this firm teaching of the Church?

Bishop Robert Finn



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.”

ALL SOULS DAY: Remembering the Dead Basket of Remembrance

We remember and pray for our deceased brothers and sisters on Monday, November 2, All Souls Day, and throughout the month of November. We celebrate All Souls Masses here at St. Sebastian throughout November; the regulations of the Diocese of Greensburg does not permit any priests or parishes to accept money for these All Souls Masses. If you would like to have family members, friends, or loved ones remembered at these Masses, you are asked to write their names on the forms provided and place them in the basket located in front of the Blessed Virgin Mary Shrine in the Church for all of October; it will be placed near the Paschal Candle on All Souls Day.

ALL SOULS INTENTIONS

Please list the names of loved ones to be remembered during the All Souls Masses; place in Basket of Remembrance.

- 1.) _____
- 2.) _____
- 3.) _____
- 4.) _____
- 5.) _____
- 6.) _____

DIOCESAN CLERGY CONVOCATION The annual Clergy Convocation will take place Monday thru Wednesday, October 19—21 at Antiochian Village outside of Ligonier. All priests of the Diocese are requested to attend this Convocation by Bishop Brandt. Father Lawrence will attend the Convocation. There will be no Mass here Monday through Wednesday. Please keep our parish priests and all priests of our diocese in your prayers as they gather together these next few days.

DIOCESAN CHOIR OF GREENSBURG There are openings for all voice parts in the Diocesan Choir of Greensburg. The choir sings for such events as the Chrism Mass, Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass, Christmas Lessons and Carols, and other liturgies and concerts throughout the year. Rehearsals are scheduled for several weeks prior to an event, usually on Tuesday evenings form 7:00—9:00 pm (some additional rehearsals are available on Monday evenings for those with scheduling conflicts.)

The choir’s repertoire is drawn from many periods and styles and includes both accompanied and unaccompanied works. The choir is occasionally joined by a chamber orchestra. Auditions are informal and consist of some vocalizing as well as the singing of a hymn or vocal piece of the singer’s choice. Some previous choral experience is preferred. Anyone interested in joining the choir should contact the Director, John Sittard at 724-834-3710, ext. 21 to arrange an audition.

St. Sebastian Regional School Fundraiser

St. Sebastian Regional School is currently selling tickets for a 2010 Ford Edge AWD-SE (purchased from C. Harper Auto Group). The drawing is Friday, January 29th, 2010. In addition, \$1,000 will be given away on January 9th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th. All the prizes will play the 4-digit number of the 7:00 pm PA Lottery. The first number drawn is official. Not valid for bonus drawing. Tickets are \$25.00 each. Each ticket has two numbers. If you would like to purchase a ticket, please contact Amy Zakrzwski at 724-929-5143 or by email:

amyscrip@comcast.net