

# SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

**DECEMBER 20—FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

4:30 pm **Sat.** (Birth) Bill Moody—Frank Galilei  
 9:00 am For All the People of Saint Sebastian Parish  
 11:00 am (Anniv) Eleanor Mancuso—Joanne Latkanich

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 21—ST. PETER CANISIUS**

8:00 am Michael Mucy—Mother & Family  
 After Mass: Miraculous Medal Novena & Rosary  
 8:00 pm Valley of Hope Mass

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22**

*No Morning Mass Today*

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23—ST. JOHN OF KANTY**

8:00 am Sam Nicola—Manchas Family

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24**

*Vigil of Christmas*

4:00 pm Intention of the Celebrant  
 6:00 pm Intention of the Celebrant

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25—NATIVITY OF THE LORD**

12:00 am *Midnight Mass:* Intention of the Celebrant & For All the People of Saint Sebastian Parish  
 9:30 am Intention of the Celebrant

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26—ST. STEPHEN**

*No Sacrament of Reconciliation Today*

**FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY**

4:30 pm (Anniv) Thomas A. Sassak—Wife, Louise & Family

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27**

9:00 am For All the People of Saint Sebastian Parish  
 11:00 am (Birth) Geno Tonarelli—Rose Melenzyer  
 Liturgy of the Word for Children

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

Weekdays, Dec. 21,23 8:00 am M. Fabean—S. Necciai  
 Saturday, Dec. 26 4:30 pm H. Heilman—RJ Kozura  
 (MC) M. Couser  
 Sunday, Dec. 27 9:00 am S. Anderson—E. Claybaugh  
 (MC) D. Kossol  
 11:00 am L. Perozzi—A. Osiol  
 (MC) G. McLaughlin

LECTORS	COORDINATOR	MINISTERS
<b>Saturday, Dec. 26</b> 4:30 B. Moskovitz	S. Wawro	T. Rodriguez—R. Couser
<b>Sunday, Dec. 27</b> 9:00 B. Anderson	S. Raymond	D. Atkinson—J. Krosoff
11:00 L. Wilson	G. Klamerus	J. Cannizzaro—D. Cooper

**CHRISTMAS OFFERING** Our Christmas Offering allows us to make a special gift to Saint Sebastian Parish as we celebrate the birth of Jesus, God's greatest gift to us. A very special Christmas thank you and God bless you. Also on Christmas is the annual CHILDREN and FAMILY SERVICES APPEAL.

**PRE-K/K RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** There will be no PreK/Kindergarten Religious Education classes on Sunday, December 27. Classes will resume on Sunday, January 3, 2010.

**THE PARISH OFFICE WILL CLOSE WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23, AT NOON AND WILL REOPEN ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29 AT 9:00 AM.**

**SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS** Please remember in your prayers those who died last week: SOPHIA MANZINI, JOSPEH TOTH and CLARENCE WEIBL, our parishioners and AUDREY FAUVIE 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 Bldg., 6:15 pm  
 - Valley of Hope, Church/Hall, 8:00 pm  
 Wednesday - Parish Office & School close at Noon  
 - Choir, Church, 6:30 pm

*Stewardship of Treasure*

	Sunday Stewardship	Needed for Budget	Over/Under + / -
<b>Dec. 12/13</b>	\$5,845.75	\$9,800.00	-\$3,954.25
<b>Fiscal Year to Date</b>	\$208,691.60	\$235,200.00	-\$26,508.40
<b>Utilities &amp; Maintenance—\$1,181.00</b>			
<b>Today's Challenge, Tomorrows Hope</b>			
Goal: \$720,000.00			
	This Week	To Date	
No. Families	71	225	
Pledged	\$125,160.00	\$591,470.00	
Paid	\$ 14,130.00	\$ 56,325.00	

**CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE**

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

Thursday, Dec. 24. 4:00 pm 2 Volunteers Needed  
 (MC) B. Antal  
 6:00 pm A. Kutch—Volunteer Needed  
 (MC) D. Kossol  
 Sunday, Dec. 25. 12:00 am G. McLaughlin, T. McCullough,  
 S. Pokol, J. Pokol, M. Bury  
 (MC) M. Couser  
 9:30 am D. & J. Columbus  
 (MC) Volunteer Needed

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<b>Saturday, Dec. 24</b> 4:00 Volunteer	S. Waldbaum	J. Stringhill, L. Aul J. Moody, M.A. Cialone
6:00 C. Gorski	M. Nogy	J. Morris, C. Farrier 2 Volunteers Needed
<b>Sunday, Dec. 25</b> 12:00 S. Wawro	M. Druciak	S. & S. Zolock E. Pokol, M. Moody
9:30 M. Pesl	D. Seman	S. Battaglia, P. Morigi C. Peterson, M. Strickland

**2010 CONTRIBUTION CHILDREN/TEEN ENVELOPES**

Religious Education students in Grades 1—5 and the children in our Parish School Grades 1—8 have received their 2010 Contribution envelopes. All other students may pick up their envelopes in the Main Vestibule of the church. All student contributions are recorded on the family contribution record.

**SUNDAY COUNTERS**

DEC. 20—B. Bury, R. Nandor, G. & D. Sepic  
 DEC. 27—T. Rodriguez, S. & B. Monro, R. Nandor, S. Mavrakis

**OUR CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE** If you have attended the Christmas Eve Vigil Mass each year and found the 4:00 p.m. Mass so crowded you could not find a place to sit, you'll be happy to know we are continuing to keep an additional Mass on Christmas Eve this year at 6:00 p.m. The Christmas Mass Schedule is as follows:

Thursday, December 24—Christmas Vigil:  
4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.  
Friday, December 25, Christmas Day:  
Midnight Mass, 12:00 a.m.  
(preceded by choir selections at 11:30 p.m.)  
and 9:30 a.m. Christmas Morning.

### **VISIT THE MANGER SCENE**



The Nativity scene will be up for the entire Christmas Season. Take time to visit the manger scene at Mary's Shrine or the Christmas Crèche on the lawn of the Parish Center. Parents and grandparents, bring your children or grandchildren to the manger. Let them walk around and touch the statues; let them experience the beauty and wonder of the birth of Jesus Christ!

### **DECORATING THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS**

We will be decorating the Church today, Sunday, December 20, following the 11:00 AM Mass. Anyone who is available to help is most welcome. The more volunteers we have the sooner we will have the decorating accomplished.

**OPLATKI, OPLATEK, CHRISTMAS WAFERS** This is a tradition of Eastern European Christians on Christmas Eve. Wafers are available for purchase this weekend in the vestibule of the Church for \$2.00 per pack of 4 wafers. An explanation of the use of the wafers is included on each envelope. Please place your donation in the basket provided or in the drop box in the Parish Center breezeway.

**PARISH CALENDARS FOR 2010** Our church calendars are provided by the **LEONARD J. PARZYNSKI FUNERAL HOME, Belle Vernon**. A gracious **thank you** to Len, Joyce, Mike and Sherri for their generosity in providing these calendars each year for the members of our Parish. Parzynski family members and funeral home staff will distribute the 2010 calendars this weekend.

**CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE** The Benedictine Nuns of St. Emma Monastery announce their Christmas Open House on Sunday, December 27. View nativity sets from various countries beginning at 1:30 pm. Enjoy home made cookies and punch. Caroling with the Benedictine Nuns at 3:30 p.m. and sing Vespers with them at 4:00 p.m. There is no charge—you are our guest. Please RSVP by calling 724-834-3060 or visit: [retreats@stemma.org](mailto:retreats@stemma.org).



## **A Christmas Blessing To our Parishioners and Guests**

The birth of Jesus  
brought Love, Joy, Peace,  
Faith and Hope  
into our world.

May these gifts be yours  
this Christmas 2009  
and throughout  
the New Year.

Merry Christmas  
from the Saint Sebastian Parish  
Staff

**Rev Lawrence Manchas**  
Pastor

**Mr. Thomas Rodriguez**  
Business Manager

**Mr. Steven Dorko**  
School Principal

**Mr. Scott Martin**  
Director of Faith Formation

**Mr. Gene Lancas**  
Coordinator of Liturgical Music

**Mrs. Betty Fundy**  
Coordinator of the Ministry of Care

**Ms. Michele Cope**  
Parish Secretary

**Mrs. Darleen Koury**  
Bulletin Secretary and

