

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

DECEMBER 27—FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

4:30 pm **Sat.** (Anniv) Thomas Sassak—Wife, Louise & Family
 9:00 am For All the People of Saint Sebastian Parish
 (Birth) Geno Tonarelli—Rose Melenyzer
 11:00 am Liturgy of the Word for Children

MONDAY, DECEMBER 28—HOLY INNOCENTS

8:00 am (Anniv) George Stura—Wife, Louise
 After Mass: Miraculous Medal Novena & Rosary

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29—ST. THOMAS BECKET

No Morning Mass Today

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30

8:00 am (Birth) John J. Barnot—Daughter, Jackie & Stan

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31

Vigil—Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

4:00 pm (Birth) Edward Drabik, Sr.—Gloria & Nick Folino
 6:00 pm For All the People of Saint Sebastian Parish

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

9:30 am Rita Pesl—Judy & Bill Package, Jr.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 2—ST. BASIL THE GREAT and ST. GREGORY NAZIANZEN

11:30 am Sacrament of Penance

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY

4:30 pm (Birth) Walter Cwiakala—Wife, Nancy

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3

9:00 am For All the People of Saint Sebastian Parish
 11:00 am Stephen Mavrakis—Shirley & Children
Sacrament of Baptism

LITURGICAL MINISTERS—SERVERS & MASTER OF CEREMONIES

Weekdays, Dec. 28, 30 8:00 am G. Iacoboni
Vigil
 Thursday, Dec. 31 4:00 pm A. Osioł—G. McLaughlin
 (MC) B. Antal
 6:00 pm A. Kutcy—Volunteer Needed
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Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
 Friday, Jan. 1 9:30 am 2 Volunteers Needed
 (MC) Volunteer Needed
 Saturday, Jan. 2. 4:30 pm M. Fabean—J. Hartman
 (MC) J. Hartman
 Sunday, Jan. 3 9:00 am R. Parzynski—J. Rabe
 (MC) T. McCullough
 11:00 am S. & J. Pokol
 (MC) K. Pokol

LECTORS COORDINATOR MINISTERS

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of the Church

Vigil Thursday, Dec. 31

4:00 C. Williams S. Zolock S. Zolock—L. Aul

6:00 Volunteer Needed Sandy Wawro M. Nogy—J. Wiggins

Friday, Jan. 1

9:30 M. Pesl Volunteer Needed J. Krosoff—S. Battaglia

Saturday, Jan. 2

4:30 J. Barnot S. Waldbaum D. Stasko—J. Barger

Sunday, Jan. 3

9:00 T. Verin D. Seman D. Russell—L. Keene

11:00 M. Patterson T. Betters J. Frederick—E. Studnicki

SEE JANUARY CALENDAR IN TODAY'S BULLETIN

ATTENTION 2ND GRADE PARENTS: There will be a meeting for ALL parents of 2nd grade students next Thursday, January 7 at 7:00 pm in our Parish Hall.

Stewardship of Treasure

	Sunday Stewardship	Needed for Budget	Over/Under + / -
Dec. 19/20	\$8,690.91	\$9,800.00	-\$1,109.09
Fiscal Year to Date	\$217,382.51	\$245,000.00	-\$27,617.49

Today's Challenge, Tomorrows Hope

Goal: \$720,000.00

	This Week	To Date
No. Families	30	255
Pledged	\$ 36,960.00	\$628,430.00
Paid	\$ 5,410.00	\$ 61,735.00

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

On the first day of the new year we celebrate Mary's total human "yes" to God's will, the opening for God to enter human history in her motherhood. It has also, in more recent history, been an occasion to pray for World Peace. We call upon Mary to be with us as we pray for the peace of her son to be received into human hearts and minds. More than in past years do we need to make this a day of prayer for peace. In our Masses and in private devotion at home with the rosary and other prayer, may we make this a day of prayer and of reflection on how each of us can be instruments of peace in our families and world.

Masses for the Solemnity will be celebrated at 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm on Thursday, December 31 (New Year's Eve), and 9:30 am on Friday, January 1, 2010.

SUNDAY COUNTERS

Dec. 27—T. Rodriguez, S. & B. Monroe, R. Nandor, S. Mavrakis
 Jan. 3—C. Shernisky, S. & B. Monroe, S. Schussler

**NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 3, 2010—COFFEE,
DOUGHNUTS & CONVERSATION IN OUR PARISH
HALL FOLLOWING THE 9:00 A.M. MASS. JOIN US!!**



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December 27, 2009

Dear Parishioner,

May God's blessings shine on you in the upcoming new year!

I write this letter in appreciation for your service to Saint Sebastian parish Family. You choose to share your time and talents, and I feel it is important to thank you for your efforts.

I did not want to entirely miss the opportunity to acknowledge the fine volunteers who serve our parish community. Whether you have hung one ornament or tend to a specific ministry weekly, your presence is noticed and important to the overall operation of the parish. You may have baked a dessert for a Parish gathering, volunteered for the day at our Parish Festival, or bought a ticket in support of our Youth or School Organization. Perhaps, if you are physically limited, you have quietly said special prayers for fellow-parishioners. There is no limit to the ways of serving Our Lord and one another.

Once again I acknowledge my heartfelt gratitude for your service. Be assured of my prayers as together we work for and with the Lord in making his Church present in our area.

With every best wish I am,

Sincerely in the Lord Jesus,

Rev. Lawrence L. Manchas

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Pastor

SAINT SEBASTIAN CHURCH



January 2010



SAINT SEBASTIAN CHURCH, BELLE VERNON

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NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION SUGGESTIONS

Frequently our bulletin has notices of the need for volunteers, both here in our parish and in community organizations. If you presently are not involved in any volunteer activity outside of your family (which for some, granted, is a full-time activity!), consider making a resolution to volunteer for something this year. As a rule, volunteers are generally happy people, rather "well put-together," and rightly so, because our God made us to be like Himself, "giving" creatures. Here at Saint Sebastian we are always in need of volunteers. There are many opportunities to volunteer in Parish ministries and organizations. Listen to the small voice speaking to your heart and call the Parish Office to be a Saint Sebastian volunteer.

THANKS FOR SHARING SACRED MUSIC & WORDS

On December 13, the Belle Vernon Area Ministerium presented a Festival of Lessons and Carols in our church. A large choir, featuring members from the various churches, sang for the Service and Readers from several of the churches read the Word of the Lord. Participation from the community exceeded our expectations. Thank you and God bless all of you who worked so hard to bring this celebration of the Birth of the Lord to the area. Special thanks to GENE LANCAS, our Liturgical Music Director, who coordinated the musical celebration, to the over 50—member choir who sang so beautifully, and to those who read God's holy Word. It was truly a blessed evening. Special thanks to the Youth Group Members who acted as Ushers and Greeters.

GRATEFUL THANKS to our parishioner, MARY SMERECZNAK, coordinator of the Angel Tree and to SCOTT MARTIN, our Director of Faith Formation, and the Y.E.S. GROUP and their parents for coordinating the annual Christmas Baskets this year. Your kind work helped many have a very Merry Christmas. Bless you for all you do.

2010 CONTRIBUTION CHILDREN/TEEN ENVELOPES

Religious Education students in Grades 1—5 and the children in our Parish School 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.

The Parish Office will close at Noon on New Year's Eve, December 31.

The office will be closed on
Friday, New Year's Day, January 1
Office hours will resume on
Monday, January 4, at 9:00 a.m.

THANK YOU FROM THE PASTOR

As usual at Christmas, the parishioners of Saint Sebastian are most generous to their priest. I am so very appreciative of the many prayers, Masses, gifts and cards that I've received from you, the parishioners of Saint Sebastian Parish. I thank each and everyone of you for remembering me and for your many kindnesses to me this Christmas and throughout the year.

God bless all of you—Father Manchas

EPIPHANY BLESSING OF HOMES

There is a tradition in the Church of blessing homes on or around the Solemnity of the Epiphany. The blessing includes a prayer, sprinkling with holy water, and writing the numerals of the year along with the initials of the legendary names of the Magi (Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar) over the front door. Again this year, we will provide an opportunity for all of our parishioners to bless their homes. Next Sunday, January 3, for the Solemnity of the Epiphany, we will bless water and chalk at all Masses. A copy of the blessing will be in next weeks bulletin. We will have containers available for you to take some blessed water home along with a piece of chalk.

MARCH FOR LIFE: Fight for the Unborn

Youth in Grades 7—12 are invited to join the March for Life in Washington D.C. A bus will be leaving St. Sebastian parking lot on Thursday, January 21, (time to be announced). The March takes place Friday, January 22. For more information or to obtain a reservation form call the Faith Formation Office 724-930-8504. Only one bus will be contracted with 40 seats available. These will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER THE SICK OF OUR PARISH especially
Leda Arrigoni, Paula Baker, Sister Mary Vera Bartley, Joseph Beresik, Donna Biagini, Greg Brooks, Peter Carrozza, Jenna Christner, Irene Colborn, Alex Danyi, Ernest Ehlers, Darlene Engle, Joan Eversburg, Michael Fenyar, Thomas W. Galley, Jr., Madison Marie Gardner, Mary Gira, Rudy Halgas, Betty Jean Henderson, Janice Hill, Ann Husovitz, Philomena Iacovangelo, Marie Koliscak, 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, Darla Staff, Laverne Stark, Frank Stancato, Chuckie Stringhill, Clara Tonarelli, 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.

MANY OF THE NAMES IN OUR PRAYER LIST HAVE BEEN ON FOR OVER A YEAR. IF YOU WISH TO HAVE YOUR NAME OR THE NAME OF A LOVED ONE REMOVED, PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE AT 724-929-9300.