

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

**JANUARY 17, 2010—SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

4:30 pm **Sat.** 50th Wedding Anniversary of Bob & Bonnie Jarabeck—Children  
 9:00 am Edgar Delbarre & M/M August Korber—Family  
 11:00 am (Anniv) Virginia Alessio—Daughters, Sandy & Monica  
*Sacrament of Baptism*

**MONDAY, JANUARY 18**

8:00 am Deceased of Rue & Malys Family—Patricia & George Rue  
 After Mass: Miraculous Medal Novena & Rosary

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 19**

*No Morning Mass Today*

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20—ST. SEBASTIAN**

9:30 am *School Mass* (Anniv) Walter Cwiakala—Edie Fudala

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 21—ST. AGNES**

8:00 am For All the People of Saint Sebastian Parish

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 22—DAY OF PRAYER FOR LIFE**

*No Morning Mass Today*

9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.—*Eucharistic Adoration*

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 23**

11:30 am Sacrament of Penance

**THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

4:30 pm For All the People of Saint Sebastian Parish

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 24**

9:00 am John & Matilda Bury—M/M Frank Guzer  
 11:00 am (Anniv) Tony Bellicini—Celeste Trilli  
 Liturgy of the Word for Children

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

Weekdays, Jan. 18, 21 8:00 am M. Fabean—S. Necciai  
 Wednesday, Jan. 20 9:30 am *School Mass*  
 Saturday, Jan. 23 4:30 pm J. Hartman—A. Kutcy (MC) J. Hartman  
 Sunday, Jan. 24 9:00 am R.J. Kozura—M. Bury (MC) T. McCullough  
 11:00 am A. Osiol—E. Claybaugh (MC) D. Kossol

**LECTORS**

**Saturday, Jan. 23**

4:30 M. Patterson

**COORDINATOR**

S. Wawro

**MINISTERS**

M. Moody—C. Farrier

**Sunday, Jan. 24**

9:00 S. Raymond

D. Seman

J. Krossoff—P. Morigi

11:00 B. Anderson

T. Betters

M. Blevins—K. Keene

**PARISH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK**

Monday - Rel. Ed. Class, Gr. 1-5, School Bldg., 6:15 pm  
 Wednesday - Choir, Church, 6:30 pm  
 - RCIA, Parish Center, 7:00 pm  
 Thursday - Youth leave for March For Life, 1:00 pm  
 Friday - Youth March for Life, Washington DC, returning approximately 11:00 pm

*Stewardship of Treasure*

	Sunday Stewardship	Needed for Budget	Over/Under + / -
<b>Jan. 9/10</b>	\$8,536.26	\$9,800.00	-\$1,263.74
<b>Fiscal Year to Date</b>	\$245,478.75	\$274,400.00	-\$28,921.25

UTILITIES & MAINTENANCE—\$1,935.00

**Today's Challenge, Tomorrow's Hope**

Goal: \$720,000.00

	This Week	To Date
No. Families	9	294
Pledged	\$ 3,875.00	\$ 655,010.00
Paid	\$ 1,195.00	\$ 66,305.00

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER THE SICK OF OUR PARISH especially** Leda Arrigoni, Paula Baker, Sister Mary Vera Bartley, Michael Bashada, Joseph Beresik, Donna Biagini, Greg Brooks, Peter Carrozza, Jenna Christner, Irene Colborn, Alex Danyi, Ann Dorcan, Ernest Ehlers, Darlene Engle, Joan Eversburg, Michael Fenyar, Thomas W. Galley, Jr., Madison Marie Gardner, Rudy Halgas, Betty Jean Henderson, Janice Hill, Ann Husovitz, Philomena Iacovangelo, Marie Koliscak, Barbara Kubik, Debbie Kurtis, Ann Krossoff, Stanley Lubinski, Kenneth Mathianas, Fr. Leonard McAlpin, Kathleen McCullough, Mike Mendicino, 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.

**NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS:**

**Belle Vernon, Vol. Fire Co. #2** is sponsoring a pancake, French toast, omelets and eggs any way you want breakfast today, Sunday, January 17 from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

**Visitation Church, Mt. Pleasant** will hold an All You Can Eat Breakfast on Sunday, January 24 from 8:00 a.m. until 12-Noon at Visitation Community Center in Mt. Pleasant. Buckwheat cakes available.

**SUNDAY COUNTERS**

Jan. 17—J. Ciccarella, R. Ritson, S. & S. Zolock, F. Fundy

Jan. 24—L. & P. Toth, T. Sebetich, R. Melnick

**Second Collection this Weekend** is for the CATHOLIC ACCENT our diocesan newspaper.

*One thing is certain: When the time has come, nothing which is man-made will subsist. One day, all human accomplishments will be reduced to a pile of ashes. But every single child to whom a woman has given birth will live forever, for he has been given an immortal soul made to God's image and likeness.*

*- Alice von Hildebrand*



## THIS WEDNESDAY WE ARE CELEBRATING OUR PARISH PATRON, SAINT SEBASTIAN

January 20 is the Feast of Saint Sebastian, the Patron of our Parish. It is important to celebrate the Patron Saint of any Parish.

Sebastian was a Roman army officer and secretly a Christian. During the persecution of Christians by the emperor Diocletian, Sebastian visited them in prison. Finally he was discovered and charged with being a Christian. Sebastian, condemned to

death by Diocletian, was tied to a tree, shot with arrows, and left for dead. But he survived and was nursed back to health by a Christian woman, Irene. He then returned to preach to the emperor Diocletian, who this time sentenced him to be beaten to death. He died at Rome in 288 A.D. as a martyr witnessing to Jesus Christ.

Sebastian is the patron saint of archers, athletes, dying people, enemies of religion, police, soldiers. He is a great example for all of us who are part of this Parish. Saint Sebastian gave all he had, his very life, in witness to Jesus Christ, for the glory of God and the good of God's people. We are constantly reminded that we are called to give of our time, talent and treasure for the glory of God and the good of His people, the Church. May Saint Sebastian inspire us to follow his example. SAINT SEBASTIAN, PRAY FOR US.

*All parishioners are invited to attend Mass at 9:30 a.m. this Wednesday. School students will be in attendance.*

### **PRAY FOR A PRIEST THIS WEEK**

#### **Retired Priests**

Mon:	Rev. Richard E. Mackiewicz
Tue:	Rev. Louis W. Cheatham
Wed:	Rev. Harry J. Murphy
Thu:	Rev. Msgr. Donald J. Mondello
Fri:	Rev. James F. Bump
Sat:	Rev. Patrick J. O'Connor
Sun:	Rev. Donald P. Trexler

“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.”

## **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 this Wednesday, January 21, at 1:00 pm. 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. For the students in public schools, we will notify their school principal of the students' excused absence as granted by the Public School Code Act 175 for religious instruction.

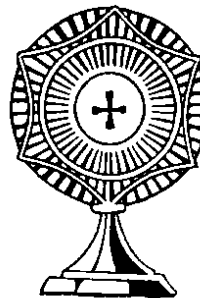
*“It is a poverty to decide that a child must die so that you live as you wish.”*

*-Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta*

## **DAY OF PRAYER FOR LIFE**

**THIS FRIDAY,**

**JANUARY 22, 2010**



This Friday, January 22, we remember the Anniversary of the Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion in our nation. Many people will march in Washington to promote a respect for human life and to oppose abortion. Many cannot travel to Washington, D.C. to march, but we can join in this day through prayer. Let us pray here in our Church for a reversal of this decision and for a respect of human life in all its stages. Invite family members, friends and neighbors to join us. All are most welcome!

At 9:00 am we will begin the day with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 4:00 pm. **A sign up sheet is available in the church vestibule.** The Blessed Sacrament should not be left alone during exposition. Parishioners are invited to sign the log as to when they will be in church before the Blessed Sacrament.



# CHICKEN 'N BISCUIT DINNER

**St. Sebastian Parish Hall**

Broad Avenue, Belle Vernon

**On Sunday January 31st**

**12:00 PM – 3:00 PM**

(Or Sell Out First)

**Includes: Chicken 'n Biscuit, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable, Coffee or Iced Tea, Dessert**

**\$8.00**

**Take outs available.**

## SCRIPTURE DURING ORDINARY TIME, WINTER

The first few weeks of Ordinary Time this year give us a chance to hear the opening chapters of the Gospel according to Mark during the week, even while we continue with the Gospel according to Luke on Sunday. Mark's spare writing style introduces us to Jesus' adult life and ministry almost immediately, and with a speed we don't see in the other Gospel accounts. In the first five chapters, Mark records the stories of Jesus' baptism, the temptation in the desert, the call of the first apostles, nine healings, several parables, and the calming of the sea. The contrast between Luke's fluid storytelling and Mark's short and choppy sentences is sharp. When Mark does slow down (listen for the one on Monday, February 1 for example) he wants his hearers to pay special attention.

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## CHICKEN and BISCUIT DINNER

On Sunday, January 31, there will be a Chicken & Biscuit Dinner in our Parish Hall from 12:00 noon until 3:00 p.m. (unless we sell out first). Proceeds from this sale benefit our parish. Menu includes creamed chicken over biscuit, mashed potatoes, vegetable, dessert & beverage. Cost is \$8.00. Take outs are available.

**MUCH Help Needed**—If are able to help with:

**Prep Work**—Saturday, January 30—10:00 am

**Dining Room Servers, kitchen help, January 31—11:30 am—3:00 pm**

**Dishwashers/Clean Up**—January 31, from 12—4 pm

**Take down tables/chairs, 3:00—4:00 pm**

If you are able to help with any of the above please call Susan Raymond at 724-929-9558. Every little bit helps.

## DESSERTS Needed

Cakes, cookies, pies or any type of dessert can be dropped off at the Parish Hall on Saturday, January 30 between 10:00 a.m. and 12-Noon, or on Sunday, January 31 after 9:00 am. If you can donate a dessert please call Susan Raymond at 724-929-9558 and leave a message.

## NEW PHONE SERVICE

On Friday, January 1, 2010, a new system was installed as our answering service. A recording will give the times of Masses and other services at the church. There will be a phone number given for **emergencies only**. Please leave a message and a member of the staff will return your call in the case of an **emergency**. Otherwise call back during our regular office hours (9 am—5 pm) or check our Parish Website for additional information at:

[www.saintsebastianchurch.org](http://www.saintsebastianchurch.org).

U. S. CENSUS BUREAU needs you!! A wide range of temporary jobs for the 2010 Census will soon be available. To be eligible for a position, job seekers applying will be required to take a test. You will also need 2 forms of identification, including a valid photo ID. Earn \$15 an hour, get paid weekly, work flexible hours, while helping your community have a successful 2010 Census. For more information visit [www.2010censusjobs.gov](http://www.2010censusjobs.gov) or call the toll free jobs line at 1-866-877-8339.

**2009 CONTRIBUTION REPORTS** will be mailed to all parishioners by the end of January. We realize many need them for income tax purposes.

## 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.

## CALLING THE YOUTH OF OUR DIOCESE!

The 2010 Diocesan Youth Celebration will take place on Saturday, February 6 at Greensburg Central Catholic High School from 12:30 p.m. until 9:00 pm. All youth in grades 9—12 of the Diocese are invited. The cost is \$15.00 which includes dinner, snack and a T-shirt. Keynote speaker is Mike Patin. Mike uses energy, humor and stories to affirm the goodness of God's presence among us while inviting others to take the "next step" in our journey with God. Bishop Lawrence E. Brandt will celebrate Mass. For more information or to register call the Faith Formation Office by Wednesday, January 20 or obtain a registration form from

[www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/youthministry](http://www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/youthministry)

**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.