



SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

JANUARY 24—THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:30 pm **Sat.** For All the People of Saint Sebastian Parish
 9:00 am John & Matilda Bury—M/M Frank Guzer
 11:00 am (Anniv) Tony Bellicini—Celeste Trilli
 Liturgy of the Word for Children

MONDAY, JANUARY 25—THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL

8:00 am Walter Lucas, Jr.—Joan Tegel & Family
 After Mass: Miraculous Medal Novena & Rosary

TUESDAY, JANUARY 26—ST. TIMOTHY

No Morning Mass Today

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27—ST. ANGELA MERICI

9:30 am *School Mass* Patrick Tracey—Julie & Jeffrey Dunlop

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28—ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

8:00 am James Madorma—Wife, Stella

FRIDAY, JANUARY 29

8:00 am Ron Bethem—John & Donna Kerestan

SATURDAY, JANUARY 30

11:30 am Sacrament of Penance

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:30 pm (Birth) Edward Drabik, Jr.—M/M William Lawrence

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31

9:00 am (Anniv) James Bitonti—Shirley Mavrakis
 11:00 am For All the People of Saint Sebastian Parish

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

Weekdays, Jan. 25,28,29 8:00 am G. Iacoboni
 Wednesday, Jan. 27 9:30 am *School Mass*
 Saturday, Jan. 30 4:30 pm M. Lowe—H. Heilman
 (MC) M. Couser
 Sunday, Jan. 31 9:00 am L. Galiszewski—J. Rabe
 (MC) G. McLaughlin
 11:00 am S. Pokol—J. Pokol
 (MC) K. Pokol

LECTORS

COORDINATOR

MINISTERS

Saturday, Jan. 30

4:30 C. Gorski S. Waldbaum R. Couser—T. Rodriguez

Sunday, Jan. 31

9:00 L. Keene M. Nogoy D. Stasko—S. Battaglia

11:00 D. Free

M. Druciak M. Free—M. Strickland

SUNDAY COUNTERS

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

January 31—M. & K. Ramsier, D. & J. Kerestan

The Second collection next weekend will be taken for relief aid in Haiti. Please see the announcement on page four of today's bulletin.

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
 - Festival Meeting, Parish Center, 7:00 pm
 Thursday - Finance Council, Parish Center, 7:00 pm
 Sunday - Chicken & Biscuit Dinner, Parish Hall, Noon
 - Catholic Schools Week Begins

BAPTIZED IN CHRIST last Sunday, Dominic Angelo Opalko, son of Douglas and Renee (Imburgia) Opalko; and Gabriella Rose Luncinski, daughter of Stephen and Lisa (Roscoe) Luncinski. We welcome Dominic and Gabriella into the Church and into our parish family. God bless their parents and families.

Stewardship of Treasure

	Sunday Stewardship	Needed for Budget	Over/Under + / -
Jan. 16/17	\$8,186.63	\$9,800.00	-\$1,613.37
Fiscal Year to Date	\$253,665.38	\$284,200.00	-\$30,534.62

CATHOLIC ACCENT—\$1,012

Today's Challenge, Tomorrows Hope

Goal: \$720,000.00

	This Week	To Date
No. Families	2	296
Pledged	\$ 2,100.00	\$657,150.00
Paid	\$ 300.00	\$ 66,605.00

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 Krosoff, 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.



CHICKEN 'N BISCUIT DINNER

St. Sebastian Parish Hall
Broad Avenue, Belle Vernon
Next 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.

TIME TO START GETTING READY FOR OUR 4th ANNUAL WINTER INDOOR YARD SALE SAINT SEBASTIAN PARISH HALL

Saturday March 6, 8 am—2:30 pm

Will you be doing some spring cleaning soon?
Finding things you just don't want anymore?
Don't have anyplace to store your stuff until Yard Sale
weather arrives?

Then come to St. Sebastian Parish Hall and
set up a table!

Cost to rent a table for Saturday is \$15.00.
(second table is an additional \$10.00)

Make a few extra dollars;
sell that stuff that's cluttering your living space.

Have you made a collection of Craft Items you want to
sell?

Bring them to our Winter Indoor Yard Sale and
sell what you've made.

Refreshments will be available.

For more information, or to rent a table,
call Darleen Koury at 724-929-9300 or
724-930-8504 to leave a message.

Please tell your friends and spread the word,
ST. SEBASTIAN WINTER-INDOOR-YARD-SALE
HAPPENING THIS MARCH 6, 2010.

CHICKEN and BISCUIT DINNER

Next 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.

SAINT LUKE SOCIETY—The January 28th Saint Luke Society Meeting at the Bishop Connare Center, Greensburg is cancelled. The next regularly scheduled meeting is Thursday, March 25, at 7:00 p.m. at the Bishop Connare Center. Membership dues, made payable to the Saint Luke Society, are now being accepted and can be sent to the Pastoral Center, 723 E. Pittsburgh Street, Greensburg, PA 15601. For more information call 724-837-3805.

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 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.

IT'S NOT TOO SOON to think about our 2010 Parish Festival! This Wednesday, January 27, in the Parish Center at 7:00 p.m. there will be a Kick-Off Meeting for all who are interested in helping with our annual Parish Festival.

OUR PARISH COOKBOOK is due to arrive and will be available for sale in early February. Please watch the bulletin for more details.

Scripture Readings for the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time January 24, 2010

In the First Reading the book of Nehemiah describes Ezra reading and interpretation of the law in the midst of the assembly. Although the people are moved to tears, Nehemiah challenges the assembly to turn from mourning to rejoicing, for God's law is a gift that signals God's blessing. As we rejoice in the gift of God's word, we are strengthened by the Lord to live it.

In the Second Reading St. Paul unfolds for the Church at Corinth the organic unity and the vital contribution of each member of the Church, the body of Christ. The source of unity and of the unique gifts of each member is the Holy Spirit given in Baptism. As members of the one body, we share in one another's suffering, honor, and ministry on behalf of others. We are invited to surrender those attitudes of envy and jealousy that keep us from living out the gift of unity bestowed on us in the Holy Spirit.

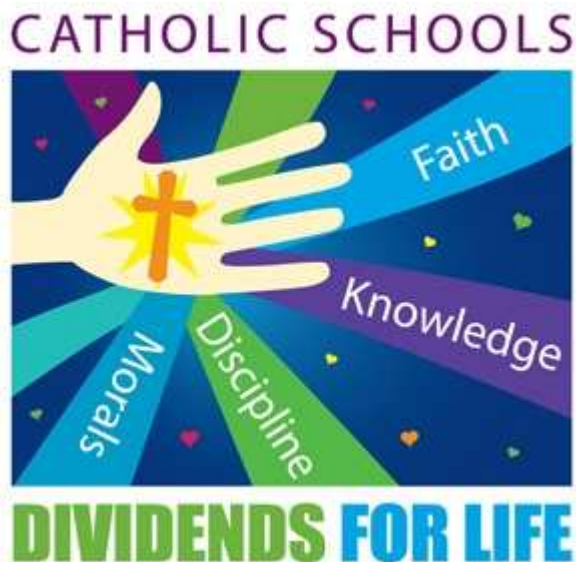
In the Gospel the power of the proclamation and interpretation of God's word by Ezra is echoed and surpassed in Jesus' proclamation and interpretation of God's word by Isaiah.

Jesus affirms that Isaiah's prophecy of God's Holy Spirit resting upon his chosen one has been fulfilled. Jesus is God's anointed. As Nehemiah invited delight in the proclamation of God's word, today's Gospel calls us to delight in Jesus our Messiah and Lord, for God's word is both proclaimed and fulfilled in him.

SAINT SEBASTIAN WEB SITE

Don't forget to check our web site for the latest information, forms and pictures of parish events. The Web address is:

<http://www.saintsebastianchurch.org>



SAINT SEBASTIAN
REGIONAL SCHOOL

Next Week's Schedule

Sunday – January 31st – Students will read at all sending parishes.

Monday, February 1st – **In Our Community**

Select students will greet each bus driver and crossing guard as they drop off students and present them with a cup of coffee, donut and a student made thank you!

Career Day

Dress “UP” Day – dress for success, as if you were headed to a “day at the office”! Girls – skirt, dresses or suits. Boys – dress shirt and ties or sweaters and dress pants.

Assembly – NASA (pending)

Tuesday, February 2nd – **In Our Students**

Red and White – School Spirit dress down.

Field Trip – Bowling

Wednesday, February 3rd – **In Our Nation-**

Camouflage or khaki dress down day

Military Assembly – afternoon

Collections of sweets for military

Thursday, February 4th – **In Our Vocations**

9:30 Mass

Dog Assembly – “Obeying God “

Pre-K – 3RD – 1:30 PM

4 TH – 8TH – 2:00 PM

Friday, February 5th – **“...In Our Faculty, Staff and Volunteers.”**

“Family Movie Night” - \$5.00 Family Ticket Donation. BYOB – **Bring Your Own Blanket.** Popcorn drinks and movie provided! Doors will open at 6:30 and the movie will begin promptly at 7:00.

A FAMILY EVENT—NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED ALONE.

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.

HELP TO HAITI

In the frantic aftermath of the earthquake which has hit Haiti, the Lord calls us to bear the burdens of our brothers and sisters agonizing over the loss of life, property and spirit. One of our responses as “one family in mission” is to sense our solidarity by raising up this need in prayer as a Parish and as individuals. CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES and THE SOCIETY FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH both recommend prayer and support. Along with information on ways to help through CRS on our website, we will be taking a special collection at all Masses NEXT weekend for those devastated in Haiti and their recovery efforts. If you would like your donation recorded on your contribution account, please place it in a plain envelope marked “HAITI,; along with your name, envelope number and amount.

Y.E.S. Group will be collecting on SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY...(no it's not a spelling error). Our youth will collect your donations in Soup Pots on Super Bowl Sunday for those in need in Haiti. Youth Volunteers will be at all Masses to collect for this worthy cause. Monies will be sent to Father Gilbert Exumé. Fr. Exumé served as a Deacon here at Saint Sebastian in 2007/08. He is a native of Haiti, and now a priest in Atlanta, Georgia. Father Exumé's family still lives in Haiti. Please keep his family and all in Haiti in your prayers.

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.