

# SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

**MARCH 21—FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

4:30 pm **Sat.** For All the People of Saint Sebastian Parish  
 9:00 am Charlotte Malys—Afton, Betty & Sandy  
 11:00 am Joe Kubitza—Andy & Jeannette Bury

**MONDAY, MARCH 22**

8:00 am Florence Fabriziani—Mary Scaramucci  
 After Mass: Miraculous Medal Novena & Rosary

**TUESDAY, MARCH 23**

*No Morning Mass Today*

*Lenten Penance Service—St. John the Baptist—7:00 pm*

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24**

8:00 am (MM) Alan Koury—Family  
 6:30 pm Evening Prayer and Benediction

*Lenten Penance Service—Epiphany of Our Lord—7:00 pm*

**THURSDAY, MARCH 25—ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD**

9:30 am *School Mass* Patti Campbell—Pokol Family

*Lenten Penance Service—Church of St. Anne—7:00 pm*

**FRIDAY, MARCH 26**

8:00 am Deceased of the Joseph Dominiak Family—Stella Povlish  
 2:15 pm Stations of the Cross for Children  
 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross & Benediction

**SATURDAY, MARCH 27**

*No Sacrament of Reconciliation Today*

**PALM (PASSION) SUNDAY**

4:30 pm Agnes King—Daughter, Jane Gilchrist & Family

**SUNDAY, MARCH 28**

9:00 am (Anniv) Chet Strelinski—Ann & Family  
 11:00 am For All the People of Saint Sebastian Parish  
 Liturgy of the Word for Children

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

Weekdays, Mar. 22,24,26 8:00 am J. & S. Pokol  
 Wednesday, Mar. 24  
*Evening Prayer.....*6:30 pm Volunteer Needed  
 Thursday, Mar. 25 9:30 am *School Mass*  
 Friday, Mar. 26 *Stations* 7:00 pm B. Antal, M. Bury, Volunteer  
 Saturday, Mar. 27 4:30 pm M. Fabean, M. Lowe, H. Heilman (MC) M. Couser  
 Sunday, Mar. 28 9:00 am E. Claybaugh, J. Rabe, L. Galiszewski (MC) E. Russell  
 11:00 am RJ Kozura, A. Osiol, S. Anderson (MC) B. Antal

**LECTORS**

**COORDINATOR**

**MINISTERS**

**Wednesday, Mar. 24**

6:30 C. Gorski

**Saturday, Mar. 27**

4:30 C. Gorski S. Wawro S. & S. Zolock, J. Barger  
 B. Moskovitz L. Aul, R. Couser, J. Wiggins

**Sunday, Mar. 28**

9:00 S. Raymond M. Nogy D. Seman, D. Atkinson, J. Russell  
 M. Pesl S. Battaglia, E. Niehaus, C. Peterson  
 11:00 T. Verin T. Betters D. Stasko, M. Druciak, J. Morris  
 K. McLaughlin M. Strickland, J. Frederick, J. Cannizzaro

**SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS** Please remember in your prayers those who died last week: ERNEST EHLERS and CHARLES (CHUCKIE) STRINGHILL, our parishioners. JAMES RAMSIER, father of Mark Ramsier, our parishioner. 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, Hall, 7:30 pm  
 Wednesday - RCIA Parish Center, 7:00 pm  
 - Choir, Church,, 7:15 pm  
 Saturday - 2nd Grade Student Retreat for First Eucharist, Parish Hall, 9:00 am  
 Sunday - PreK/K Rel. Ed, School Kindergarten classroom, 11:00 am

*Stewardship of Treasure*

	Sunday Stewardship	Needed for Budget	Over/Under + / -
<b>Mar. 13/14</b>	\$8,741.49	\$9,800.00	-\$1,058.51
<b>Fiscal Year to Date</b>	\$322,650.15	\$362,600.00	-\$39,949.85

Priests for Life—\$666.80

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

Goal: \$720,000.00

	This Week	To Date
No. Families	0	361
Pledged	\$ 0	\$ 695,660.00
Paid	\$ 0	\$ 72,225.00

**DIOCESAN LENTEN APPEAL**

Goal: \$57,337.00

	This Week	To Date
No. Families	97	128
Pledged	\$ 10,660.00	\$ 14,235.00
Paid	\$ 9,310.00	\$ 12,390.00

**Second Collection this Weekend** is our annual EASTER FLOWER collection **Next Weekend** is for the CATHOLIC ACCENT.

**SUNDAY COUNTERS:**

Mar. 21—M & K. Ramsier, S. & S. Zolock, R. Ritson  
 Mar. 28—T. Rodriguez, F. Fundy, T. Sebetich, J. & R. Ciferno

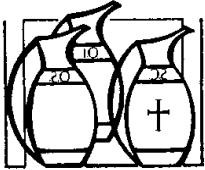
**PASCHAL CANDLE FLOWERS** Donations for weekly Paschal Candle flowers are being accepted for the Easter Season. The cost for the arrangements is \$85.00. If you would like to have the flowers in memory of a loved one, please call the Parish Office. Several weeks are available between April 11 through May 23.

PARISH COOKBOOKS WILL BE SOLD FOLLOWING ALL MASSES THIS WEEKEND. THE COST IS \$10.00. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

# HOLY THURSDAY PILGRIMAGES

April 1, 2010

**CHRISM MASS** On Holy Thursday, April 1, we will continue the tradition of parishioners participating in the Chrism Mass at 10:00 a.m. at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral in Greensburg. The Bishop blesses the oils for the celebration of the Sacraments and the priests renew their commitment to priestly service. A bus will be provided, at no charge, for those who would like to attend this Mass. The bus will leave at 8:45 a.m. and return around 12:00 Noon. If interested please fill out and return the form below.



## CHRISM MASS PILGRIMAGE

**I will ride the bus to the Cathedral:**

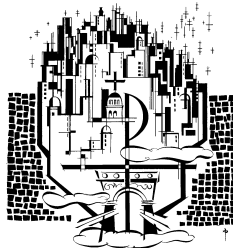
NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form by Monday, March 29.

## PILGRIMAGE TO AREA CHURCHES

On Holy Thursday evening, after the Mass of the Last Supper, Catholics are encouraged to spend time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament of the Eucharist. That night we will visit area Catholic Churches for prayer. Locally, this pilgrimage was started by the Knights of Columbus and now we are involved as a Parish. We will leave at 8:30 p.m. from our parking lot and return at approximately 11:00 p.m. to our Church. Our Parish will provide a bus free of charge. Please fill out and return the form below.



## PILGRIMAGE TO AREA CHURCHES

**I will ride the bus on this pilgrimage:**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form by Monday, March 29.

## AREA LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES

**Tuesday, March 23—7:00 p.m.**

Saint John the Baptist Church  
Perryopolis

**Wednesday, March 24—7:00 p.m.**

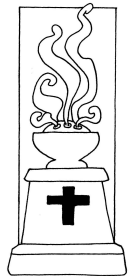
Epiphany of Our Lord Church  
Monessen—(Main Church)

**Thursday, March 25—7:00 p.m.**

Church of Saint Anne  
Rostraver

## LENTEN EVENING PRAYER

On Wednesdays during Lent Evening Prayer will be prayed in Church at 6:30 pm followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Evening Prayer is part of the Liturgy of the Hours, the official prayer of the Church. It is prayed at various hours of the day by priests, deacons and men and women in many religious communities. Its origins were many centuries ago in monasteries and convents, and consists of public recitation of psalms of the Old Testament, scripture readings and prayers. There will be a Prayer Basket for your special intentions. If you are in need of prayer, know someone who is, or if you have a special intention, simply write the person's name or the intention on a piece of paper and place it in the Prayer Basket. We will place these names and intentions before the altar and make intercession for them each Wednesday throughout the season of Lent. All are invited to join in this "sanctification" of the hours of our daily lives during these weeks of Lent.



## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations will be prayed on Mondays and Fridays during Lent. All are invited to attend these services. Please check the bulletin for changes in the schedule. If there is no school, the children's Stations of the Cross will be cancelled. The schedule is as follows:

**Friday, March 26, 2:15 P.M.**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR CHILDREN**

**Friday, March 26, 7:00 P.M.**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

**Followed by**

**BENEDICTION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT**

**LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS** will be presented next Monday, March 29, at 6:30 p.m. in the Church. Saint Sebastian Regional School students will enact the Living Stations. The Religious Education Students will be in attendance. All are most welcome to attend.

## SAINT SEBASTIAN CHURCH

**FAST/ABSTINENCE: Days of Abstinence-Ash Wednesday & Fridays in Lent.** All persons 14 years and older are not to eat meat on these days. **Days of Fast-Ash Wednesday & Good Friday.** All between the ages of 18-59 are to eat only one full meal and not eat between meals.

### 2010 DAY by DAY LENTEN BOOKLETS

The LITTLE BLACK BOOK for adults and the LITTLE PURPLE BOOK for young people will again be offered this year. These Lenten booklets, with prayers and reflections for this Lenten season, are available for \$1.00 each at the entrances to the Church. Please place your offering in the envelope provided. Envelopes may be placed in the collection basket or brought to the Parish Office or night deposit box.

**LENTEN FOLDER** During Lent each of us is asked to put 50 cents or a dollar, daily, or weekly, whenever you can, in the Lenten Folder as a symbol of penance and almsgiving, a traditional Lenten practice. You may place your folder in the collection basket at the end of Lent.

**PARKING FOR DEVOTIONS** If you are attending Lenten devotions held during the afternoon and evening hours, **we ask you refrain from using the parking lots of our neighbors.** Parking spaces across from the Parish on Broad Avenue are for the patients attending physical therapy and patrons of local businesses. We have plenty of parking available in the 3 lots adjacent to Henry Street. Please be considerate of our neighbors and those who patronize their establishments.

### STUDENT PARISHIONERS



ARE YOU NOW IN THE 3<sup>rd</sup>  
GRADE OR HIGHER?

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE AN  
ALTAR SERVER?

Fill in the form below to register for  
Altar Server training. **TRAINING**  
**WILL BE PROVIDED BY OUR**  
**SENIOR SERVERS** (date and time to  
be announced).

**YES, I WOULD LIKE TO BE TRAINED  
AS AN ALTAR SERVER**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

GRADE \_\_\_\_\_ SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

**LIGHTHOUSE CATHOLIC MEDIA**—Available this Lent are inspirational CD's that will enrich and strengthen your relationship with Jesus Christ and understanding of your Catholic Faith. There are a variety of CD's by speakers such as: Scott Hahn, Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen, Captain Guy Gruters, Chris & Linda Padgett. The cost of the CD's on display is \$3.00 each. Additional CD's available by becoming a member of the Catholic CD of the Month Club.

### HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH EVENT CELEBRATION DATE RESCHEDULED!!

The Diocesan Youth Celebration has been rescheduled. The new date is April 24, 2010 at the Greensburg Central Catholic High School from 12:30 pm until 9:00 p.m. All youth in Grades 9—12 are invited and the cost is \$15.00 which includes a dinner, snack and t-shirt. The keynote speaker is *Mike Paten*. Liturgy will be celebrated by Bishop Lawrence Brandt. For more information or to register call the Faith Formation at 724-930-8504.

**EASTER PASTA** The Anita Garibaldi Society of North Belle Vernon will be selling a limited amount of raviolis and sauce for Easter. Uncooked raviolis will be sold by the dozen and the sauce by quarts. Both will be sold frozen and can be picked up Thursday, April 1 between 3:00 pm and 6:00 pm at 320 Broad Avenue (Rear). Orders can be placed before March 25 by calling 724-684-8452.

**2ND GRADE STUDENTS** On Saturday, March 27, the 2nd Grade Retreat will take place in our Parish Hall beginning 9:00 a.m. All 2nd grade students preparing for their Sacraments are to attend this Retreat.

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER THE SICK OF OUR PARISH especially**

Leda Arrigoni, Paula Baker, Sister Mary Vera Bartley, Joseph Beresik, Donna Biagini, Greg Brooks, Adam Canigiani, Jr., Peter Carrozza, James Coda, Jr., Jenna Christner, Irene Colborn, Alex Danyi, Ann Dorcan, 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, Nicole Mendicino, William Molnar, Sr., Mary B. Nagy, Chris Naylor, Joseph Naylor, Karen O'Neil, Stella Povlish, Stanley Ravish, George Rue, Mary Ann Rocco, Mathew Russell, Joylyn Sabolek, Barbara Sedlak, Steve Semancik, Guido Simboli, Joseph Smith, Darla Staff, Laverne Stark, Frank Stancato, Donna Sweitzer, 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.

# THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD



The Annunciation, the appearance of the angel Gabriel to Mary, is the very beginning of the Paschal Mystery. In the book *The Reed of God*, Caryll Houselander points out that at the Annunciation, God's entire plan of salvation depended on the answer of an adolescent. How remarkable it truly was when Mary was able to say confidently, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." (Luke 1:38). Her "yes" set in motion the great mystery of the Incarnation.

This solemnity, exactly nine months before the birth of Christ, celebrates the conception of Jesus on March 25.

Luke's story of the Annunciation reveals the supple heart of Mary, initially filled with fear and questioning but open to the depths of what God would ask of her. Mary's heart, declared by Gabriel to be full of grace, cooperates with God's plan for the salvation of the world. Let us pray that our hearts may remain always supple and open to the formative grace of God so that we, like Mary, might bring Christ to the world.

## PRAY FOR A PRIEST THIS WEEK Some of Our Former Parish Priests

- Mon: Father Charles Esposito, Church of the Good Shepherd
- Tue: Father Ronald Cyktor, St. Patrick
- Wed: Father George Saletrik, St. John the Baptist
- Thu: Father Thomas Federline, St. Paul
- Fri: Father William McGuirk, St. Florian
- Sat: Father Andrew Kaweck, SS. Cyril & Methodius
- Sun: Father John Cindric

"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."

- PASTOR:** Reverend Lawrence L. Manchas
- Business Managers:** Mr. Thomas J. Rodriguez
- School Principals:** Mr. Steven J. Dorko
- Director of Faith Formation:** Mr. Scott J. Martin
- Liturgical Music Director:** Mr. Eugene Lancas
- Ministry of Care:** Mrs. Betty Fundy
- Parish Secretary:** Ms. Michele Cope
- School Secretary:** Ms. Connie Simboli
- Faith Formation/Bulletin Secretary:** Darleen Koury
- Parish Telephone Numbers:**

- Parish Center/Offices.....724-929-9300
- Parish Fax.....724-930-7611
- Faith Formation Office.....724-930-8504
- School.....724-929-5143
- School Fax.....724-929-3038
- Parish Hall.....724-929-9982
- Catholic Charities Office.....724-929-4699

- E-Mail Address**—stsebastian@dioceseofgreensburg.org
- Website**—http://www.saintsebastianchurch.org
- School Website**—http://www.ssbv.org

### **Sunday Mass Schedule**

Saturday—4:30 pm; Sunday—9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

**Sacrament of Penance**—Saturday at 11:30 a.m.

### **Sacrament of Infant Baptism**

On the 1st and 3rd Sundays during the 11:00 a.m. Mass, and Please call the Faith Formation Office to schedule a Baptism. Parents must attend Baptism Preparation 1 month prior to the Baptism.

### **Sacrament of Marriage**

Arrangements are to be made at least one year in advance with the pastor. Couples must participate in Marriage Preparation.

### **(RCIA) Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**

Anyone interested in more information on the Catholic Church or in becoming a Catholic, please contact the Faith Formation Office.

### **Ministry to the Homebound**

To arrange for the Sacraments of Eucharist, Reconciliation or Anointing of the Sick, call the Parish Office. Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are available to bring the Eucharist to the Homebound on Sundays.

### **Religious Education/Formation**

Please contact Scott Martin, Director of Faith Formation

### **Parish Office Hours**

Monday—Friday, 9:00 a.m.— Noon then 12:30-5:00 p.m.

### **Bulletin Deadline**

All articles must be printed or typed and submitted by 9 a.m. on Monday.

**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.