



SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

APRIL 18—THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

4:30 pm **Sat.** (Anniv) Kathy Muccino—Phil Iacovangelo, Tammy & Tim Trasatti
 9:00 am For All the People of Saint Sebastian Parish
 11:00 am (Anniv) James Guerra—Gloria Guerra & Gary Cope
Sacrament of Baptism

MONDAY, APRIL 19

8:00 am James Mendicino—Brother, Mike
 After Mass: Miraculous Medal Novena & Rosary
 8:00 pm Valley of Hope Mass

TUESDAY, APRIL 20

No Morning Mass Today

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21—ST. ANSELM

9:30 am *School Mass* (Birth) Nancy Walko—Husband & Family

THURSDAY, APRIL 22

8:00 am Joseph Toth—Mary Brady

FRIDAY, APRIL 23—ST. GEORGE

8:00 am Ronald Grandstaff—Frances & Mary Jane Sobek

SATURDAY, APRIL 24—ST. FIDELIS OF SIGMARINGEN

11:30 am Sacrament of Penance

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

4:30 pm George & Evelyn Adams—Glen & Betty Shackelford

SUNDAY, APRIL 25

9:00 am For All the People of Saint Sebastian Parish
 11:00 am *Choir* Barbara Onda & Anna Miller—Family
 Liturgy of the Word for Children

LITURGICAL MINISTERS—SERVERS & MASTER OF CEREMONIES

Weekdays, Apr. 19,22,23 8:00 am S. Necciai—M. Fabean
 Wednesday, Apr. 21 9:30 am *School Mass*
 Saturday, Apr. 24 4:30 pm A. Kutcy—RJ Kozura
 (MC) G. McLaughlin
 Sunday, Apr. 25 9:00 am M. Bury—A. Osiol
 (MC) T. McCullough
 11:00 am D. & J. Columbus
 (MC) B. Antal

LECTORS

COORDINATOR

MINISTERS

Saturday, Apr. 24
 4:30 C. Gorski S. Wawro J. Moody, S. & K. Rygiel
 T. Rodriguez, L. Aul, C. Farrier

Sunday, Apr. 25

9:00 K. McLaughlin S. Raymond P. Morigi, M. Nogy, D. Stasko
 S. Battaglia, D. Seman, C. Peterson
 11:00 A. Kerestes T. Betters M. Druciak, D. Koury, J. Morris
 D. Cooper, G. Klamerus, C. Zoppetti

SUNDAY COUNTERS

April 18—D. Lisovich, S. & B. Monro, R. Melnick

April 25—J. Ciccarella, S. Mavrakis, J. & B. Picchiarini

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>

PASCHAL CANDLE FLOWERS this weekend are given to the glory of God and in memory of CLARENCE WEIBL by his wife and family.

SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS Please remember in your prayers those who died last week: JOYLYNN SEBOLEK and MARGARET LUZANSKI, our parishioners; and JOHN BILSKY, brother of Dennis Bilsky, 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, Church/Hall, 8:00 pm
 Wednesday - Choir, Church, 6:29 pm
 - RCIA, Parish Center, 7:00 pm
 Sunday - PreK/K Rel. Ed, School Kindergarten classroom, 11:00 am

Stewardship of Treasure

	Sunday Stewardship	Needed for Budget	Over/Under + / -
Apr. 10/11	\$9,010.38	\$9,800.00	-\$789.62
Fiscal Year to Date	\$362,431.37	\$401,800.00	-\$39,368.63

Utilities & Maintenance—\$1,890.80

Today's Challenge, Tomorrows Hope

Goal: \$720,000.00

	This Week	To Date
No. Families	0	363
Pledged	\$ 0	\$697,610.00
Paid	\$ 0	\$ 72,555.00

DIOCESAN LENTEN APPEAL

Goal: \$57,337.00

	This Week	To Date
No. Families	20	247
Pledged	\$ 2,520.00	\$ 28,830.00
Paid	\$ 1,495.00	\$ 25,130.00

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER THE SICK OF OUR PARISH especially
 Leda Arrigoni, Paula Baker, Sister Mary Vera Bartley, Joseph Beresik, Donna Biagini, Muffy Blevins, Greg Brooks, Adam Canigiani, Jr., Peter Carozza, 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 Krossoff, 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, Barbara Sedlak, Steve Semancik, Guido Simboli, Joseph Smith, Darla Staff, 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.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Next Sunday, April 25, also known as Good Shepherd Sunday, the Bishops' Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations would like to invite you to visit the website for vocations: www.ForYourVocation.org. This site is a new USCCB resource for men considering a vocation to the priesthood, also for women and men considering the call to religious life.

Vocations in the Diocese of Greensburg

A vocation to the priesthood, diaconate, consecrated life, marriage or single life is a response made by an individual who has been called by God. The term 'vocation' comes from the Latin word 'vocare,' which means 'to call.' This call is always experienced as an invitation. The invitation is freely given and freely responded to because God never pushes or demands. The invitation does require time for reflection. When the invitation by God is entered into seriously it is referred to as discernment. Discernment is better known as the period of time when an individual makes a serious examination of their personal invitation.

The period contains varying elements, including questions, doubts, prayer, research and personal growth. Discernment is different for everyone, yet carries similar experiences. When the discernment process has concluded, a decision has been made by the individual to give a personal response. A vocation is a combination of God's call and personal response. Learn more about a Catholic vocation or contact us.

Way of the Cross for Religious Vocations

The Office for Clergy Vocations has put together a revised Way of the Cross for Religious Vocations, which allows an opportunity to pray the Stations of the Cross for the intention of church vocations. The prayers of this timeless devotion focus our thoughts more keenly on God's call in each of our lives and in the lives of potential future priests, deacons and religious. The station books are available in printable booklet and document formats. There are no copyright restrictions on this resource as long as it is used for parish and personal use within the Diocese of Greensburg. To download this prayer visit the vocation tab on our diocesan website:

www.dioceseofgreensburg.org

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Catholics eight (8) years of age and older who have been baptized and received the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist but



have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation, may do so this year. Bishop Lawrence Brandt will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral on Pentecost Sunday, May 23. Please call the Faith Formation Office to register or for more information (724-930-8504).

PARISH FESTIVAL will take place on Sunday, June 27. Volunteers are needed and are asked to call the Parish Office at 724-929-9300.

PRE-K/KINDERGARTEN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FINAL CLASS OF 2009/2010 SCHOOL YEAR

Next Sunday, April 25, will be the final Religious Education class for children ages 4 thru 6. Grateful thanks to their catechists, JENNIFER CATERINI and TERRA BETTERS who share the Gospel with our young parishioners each Sunday during the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Classes will resume in the Fall.

SECOND GRADE STUDENTS RECEIVE SACRAMENTS

Continuing the weekend of May 8 and May 9, our 2nd grade parishioners will be receiving their Sacraments during this Easter Season. Please keep our 2nd grade parishioners in your prayers as they prepare to receive these outward signs of God's gift of grace.

CENTRAL BLOOD BANK Help area patients by giving blood on Sunday, April 25. The Central Blood Bank will be here in our Parish Hall from 9:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Please give blood and help ensure that it is there when members of our community need it.



WALK-A-THON FOR SAINT SEBASTIAN REGIONAL SCHOOL will take place on Friday, May 7. With your support, this annual Walk provides for programs not available with state funding. Would you care to

serve as a sponsor? For more information regarding being a patron for this event please call the School Office at 724-929-5143.

FINAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASS will be next Monday, April 26. CCD students in grades 1 through 5 are to report to their classrooms as usual at 6:15 p.m. At 7:00 p.m. students will gather in the Parish Hall for closing ceremonies and ICE CREAM!

CATHEDRAL MUSIC SERIES PRESENTS:

The Pittsburgh Gospel Choir will perform on Saturday, April 24 at 8:00 pm at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral. The program is free and open to the public. The Pittsburgh Gospel Choir is a multi-age, multi-ethnic musical ensemble that performs American gospel music. It is intended to serve and cultivate a diverse choir membership and audience, and infuse both with an appreciation for gospel music. Pittsburgh Gospel Choir concerts are designed to be uplifting, edifying and entertaining.

PGC was founded in 2008 as Pittsburgh's first choral ensemble dedicated to the American gospel music tradition. Formed as a project of the River City Brass Band, the PGC is intended to catalyze connections among participants of all races, ethnicities and ages while acting as a conduit for the preservation of the rich history of gospel music through its performances of both traditional and new works in the genre. For more information contact John Sittard at 724-834-3710 ext. 21.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND will take place April 23-25 at the Gilmary Retreat Center in Moon Township. For more information or to register call 412-635-7775 or visit wwme-pittsburgh.org.

HELP YOURSELF— VOLUNTEER!

“Faith is the common denominator and you need to speak about faith in terms that people understand.”

~ Bishop Lawrence E. Brandt, JCD, PhD

The nature and purpose of evangelization and faith formation is to proclaim the Gospel of Christ to arouse the faith, examine the reasons for belief, experience Christian living, celebrate the sacraments, integrate into the faith community and serve Christ through others.

These words, taken from the Faith Formation portion of the Diocese of Greensburg Web Site give us the best reasons for volunteering in a parish.

Volunteers are needed in so many areas of Faith Formation, some of which include:

Baptism Preparation

Marriage Preparation

RCIA—Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Religious Education for PreK/Kindergarten

Religious Education for Grades 1 through 5

Junior Youth Group Grades 6, 7, 8

Senior Youth Group Grades 9 through 12

Liturgy of the Word for Children

Vacation Bible School

All these areas need lay people to volunteer to share their faith in God. All of these areas are now lacking in sufficient volunteers. Some require weekly commitments, some require a monthly commitment, some are seasonal and yet another requires only one week per year. And if you ask any of the present volunteers why they do what they do, they will tell you that not only do they help others grow in their faith, but also they themselves grow closer to God by sharing their Gift of Faith. For more information call Mr. Scott Martin at 724-930-8504.

HELP YOURSELF WHILE YOU'RE HELPING OTHERS; BE A FAITH FORMATION VOLUNTEER!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS This year Vacation Bible School will take place June 15 thru June 19 at Epiphany of Our Lord Chapel Hall. This year's theme is “What Happened in Egypt?”

PATHWAYS 2010-2011 The lifelong formation of all the faithful is necessary so that the Church can effectively witness to and carry forth the mission of Christ. For 15 years the Diocese of Greensburg has responded to this need by sponsoring PATHWAYS, a faith formation course developed specifically for the adult Catholic. PATHWAYS is an opportunity for men and women to develop a better understanding of the Catholic faith, to grow in discipleship and to be better equipped to witness to and share the Good News of Jesus Christ. PATHWAYS will be offered at two sites. Classes will be held Tuesday evenings at St. Joseph Church, Uniontown and Thursday evenings at Our Lady of Grace Parish, Greensburg. There are 12 evening sessions (6 in Oct/Nov and 6 in Mar/Apr). There is also a day-long opening workshop on Saturday, October 2, 2010 and a closing retreat. The fee is \$125. Financial assistance is available thru the diocese Francis Fund. For more information or to register call 724-837-0910 ext. 240 or visit the diocese website:

www.dioceseofgreensburg.org

PRIMARY ELECTION DAY is May 18, 2010. Catholics are strongly urged to register, to become informed on key issues, and to vote. The Church does not support or oppose any candidate, but seeks to focus attention on moral and human dimensions of issues. Voters registration forms are available on the following site:

www.co.westmoreland.pa.us

Please remember that the deadline to register to vote in the primary election is tomorrow, April 19!

ST. EDWARD PARISH SUPER BINGO/LUNCHEON

The Sunshine Club of St. Edward Parish, Herminie will sponsor a Super Bingo on Sunday, April 25 in their church hall. Doors open at 1:00 pm. Bingo begins at 2:00 pm. Cost of the packet is \$30 which includes all Specials and Jackpot. A luncheon is included. Regular games will pay \$100; Special \$200; Jackpot \$1,000. Early bird is \$5 for 3 pkgs (3 on 1) which pays \$50 per game. Additional packages at the door for \$15 (after the \$30 packet). Must be 21 years of age to attend. For tickets and reserved seating call 724-872-7307 or 724-446-7407.

MANOR CARE HEALTH SERVICES NEEDS YOUR HELP

This Bethel Park nursing facility offers many activities to its residents. They are in need of prizes for on-going Bingo games and other activities. If you are able to donate, the following items would be greatly appreciated: lotions, perfumes/colognes, tissues, slippers, socks, picture frames, costume jewelry, crafts and other helpful items. Also the Activities Dept would appreciate DVD's, CD's, books, magazines, board games, jigsaw puzzles, stuffed animals and other useful items. You may place your donations in the box located in the church vestibule.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING CM-BBT is a medically based, highly effective NFP method that can be used to avoid, postpone or plan pregnancy. The next session will be held at the Catholic Charities office in Greensburg on Monday, May 3 at 6:00 pm. For more information or to register call 724-837-1840, ext. 658.

DAY BY DAY EASTER BOOKLET FOR 2010

LITTLE WHITE BOOK. This Easter booklet, with prayers and reflections for the Easter season, is available for \$1.00 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 placed in the breezeway drop box.

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.

STUDENT PARISHIONERS

ARE YOU NOW IN THE 3rd 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 _____

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.