



St. Sebastian Catholic Church

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A Parish of the Diocese of Greensburg

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 4, 2019

THE RICH FOOL

Luke 12:13-21

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Weekend Masses:

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

Weekday Masses: Mon.—Fri. 8:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Penance:

Saturday 3:00—4:00 p.m.

Parish Office Hours:

Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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Bulletin Deadline: 9:00 a.m. on Monday. Please print or type all announcements.

Ministry to the Homebound: For the Sacraments of the Eucharist, Reconciliation or Anointing of the Sick, call the Faith Formation Office.. Extraordinary Ministers are available for Communion to the Homebound on Sundays.

Catholic Charities: Counseling is available through the Diocesan Catholic Charities Office. Call 724-929-4699.

Religious Education/Formation: Please call the Faith Formation Office at 724-929-9300.

(RCIA) Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: Anyone interested in becoming a Catholic, please call the Faith Formation Office.

Sacrament of Marriage: Arrangements are to be made at least six months in advance. Couples must participate in Marriage Preparation sessions.

Sacrament of Baptism for Infants: Please call the Faith Formation Office to schedule Baptism and to register for the Baptism Preparation session held at 6:30 pm on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. Parents must attend prior to their child's Baptism.

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, St. Sebastian.

MONTHLY OVERVIEW—Listed below is a breakdown of what our monthly expenses were as opposed to the amount of money taken in. We will be providing this to you on a monthly basis.

July Expenses	Amount
Maintenance	\$ 100.00
Phone	\$ 243.82
Utilities	\$ 2,016.41
Misc. Office	\$ 2,223.54
Church/Liturgy	\$ 2,381.72
Payroll	\$ 23,553.19
Diocesan Expenses	\$ 13,323.81
(Breakdown)	
Accent	\$ 1,098.20
Ed. Assessment	\$ 6,685.90
Dio. Assessment	\$ 3,848.00
Insurance	\$ 1,656.71
Email	\$ 35.00
Total	\$ <u>43,842.49</u>

Week	Collection
July 7	\$ 8,939.73
July 14	\$ 11,277.43
July 21	\$ 8,032.49
July 28	\$ 7,958.23
Total	\$ <u>36,207.88</u>



Junque Sale Report

Grateful thanks to Bonnie Halinka and the Junque Sale Committee, and to all who helped in any way, for a most outstanding job putting together this year's Junque Sale. The total profit netted this year for our Parish was \$12,000. This is the most ever earned by the Junque Sale!

Great Job Everyone!

Catholic Charities

Offers Counseling Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg offers counseling provided by licensed, professional and experienced therapists. For information call 724-837-1840 or email counseling@dioceseofgreensburg.org.

Job openings at Clelian Heights School

Clelian Heights School, Greensburg, seeks dedicated and caring individuals to work in an educational setting as personal care assistants, substitute teachers and substitute personal care assistants. Applicants should be at least 20 years old and have completed at least two years of post-secondary education. To apply, contact Sister Charlene Celli, principal, at ccelli@clelianheights.org.



VACATIONING?
Your PARISH BILLS DON'T!
Remember your
Sunday Offerings

If you have any suspicion about the sexual abuse (or any other type of abuse) of a minor child by anyone, please contact PA Childline immediately at 1-800-932-0313. If the alleged abuser is functioning in a parish, school or diocesan position as clergy, religious, paid staff or volunteer you are also requested to contact the Bishop's Delegate for Matters of Sexual Misconduct after you have called the Childline number and made the report. The Bishop's Delegate may be reached at 724-837-0901, Ext. 1221.

Stewardship of Treasure
July 28, 2019

Regular Offertory:	\$ 5,849.00	(260 envelopes out of 1303 families)
Youth:	\$ 12.00	
Loose:	\$ 800.25	
Total Offertory:	\$ 6,661.25	
Amount budgeted for weekly regular offertory	\$7,986.31	
Over/(under) budget:	\$ (904.82)	
Average adult donation this weekend	\$10.00	per envelope
Utilities & Maintenance:	\$ 47.00	
Votive Candles:	\$ 163.00	
Capital Project/Roof Fund:	\$ 169.00	
Catholic Accent:	\$ 857.50	
Assumption:	\$ 10.00	
Total July 27/28 collection:	\$ <u>7,907.75</u>	

The Importance of Ministries

It seems like September is the month when we get back into a routine with life. The laid back schedules of summer are behind us and now we deal with the business of life and the hectic schedules it brings. In the church, September has become the month when we look at our obligations to ministry. Ministry is a lot more than just volunteering your time or your talents. It is a way of living our lives with the commitments our faith asks of us. Throughout August I will be speaking at the liturgies about how we all can work at becoming good stewards of our Time, Talent and Treasure. Giving of ourselves means being good Stewards with the resources God gives to us. We do not often enough stop to think about how blessed we are. We may be grateful for the "things" that we have but we do not often think about the many other treasures that God has bestowed on us. If we do not appreciate the many ways that God has blessed us, how can we even begin to share with others? This month I am asking all of you to look at your life and become aware of just how blessed you really are. By recognizing our talents and how we can utilize our time, we can all work together in building a stronger Kingdom of God and become Good Stewards at the same time.

Volunteer for Faith Formation

Volunteers are needed as **catechists, particularly for 2nd and 6th grades**, substitute teachers, aides, and hall monitors. All clearances are necessary for those who work with children. Please call the Faith Formation Office to volunteer (724-929-9300).

Knights of Columbus Pro-Life Rally

The Knights of Columbus will host a pro-life rally at the Westmoreland County Courthouse in downtown Greensburg **August 15** from 11 am-1 pm.

Baptism Congratulations

Alexander Robert Reeves, son of Derek and Amanda (Brunk) Reeves and Norah Avery Cho, daughter of Roy and Kelly (Baron) Cho were baptized in Christ last weekend. We welcome them into the Church. God bless Alexander and Norah and their families.



Liturgies of the Week

August 3—Vigil

4:30 pm Thomas A. Sassak—Wife & Family

August 4—Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am For All the People of Saint Sebastian Parish

11:00 am Bill Picchiarini—Nathan Campus & Lynn Nallo

Monday, August 5—Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major

8:00 am George B. Aul—Diane & John Comer

Tuesday, August 6—Transfiguration of the Lord

8:00 am Bonnie Spina—Joanne & Ed Wiggins

Wednesday, August 7—Ss. Sixtus II & Companions/ St. Cajetan

8:00 am Ralph Klett—Mom, Helga Lloyd

Thursday, August 8—St Dominic

8:00 am Betty Stickel—Lee & Marlene Nicolaus

Friday, August 9—St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

8:00 am Jo O'Hara—Gene Delia

Saturday, August 10

3:00 pm *Sacrament of Reconciliation*

Saturday, August 10—Vigil

4:30 pm (Date of Birth) Conrad L. Lama—Wife, Children & Grandchildren

August 11—19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am (Date of Birth) Clyde Andreani, Sr.—Wife, Filomena & Family

11:00 am Edward Gazi—Honora Varchulik
Sacrament of Baptism

Liturgical Ministers—Servers

Saturday, Aug. 10 4:30 pm N. & V. Francia

Sunday, Aug. 11 9:00 am Volunteers Needed

11:00 am E. Angelo, L. DiPietrantonio

Lectors Lit. Coordinators Ministers

Saturday, Aug. 10

4:30 D. Free S. Wawro T. Rodriguez, M. Free, K. Rygiel
S. Wawro

Sunday, Aug. 11

9:00 L. Kapolka B. Moskovitz M.A. McMillen, J. Russell
B. Mallonee, B. Moskovitz

11:00 C. Rhodes M. Iacoboni J. Cannizzaro, G. Klamerus
C. Rhodes, M. Iacoboni

NO ONE'S ENEMY

May I be no one's enemy, and may I be the friend of that which is eternal and abides.--*St. Eusebius of Vercelli*

“Help for Grandparents Raising Grandchildren” August 13

St. Cecilia Parish, Whitney, will host “Help for Grandparents Raising Grandchildren” at the parish hall **August 13** at 5:30 p.m. to help grandparents and other people near retirement who have unexpectedly become the primary caregivers for their grandchildren. The evening is designed to share ideas and resources that address the emotional, legal, financial and daily living challenges of grandparents who are now raising a second family. A speaker will provide information about preparing children for the start of the school year and drawings will be held for backpacks filled with school supplies. Childcare will be available. Call 724-423-3777. A second gathering will be held Sept. 18 at 5:30 p.m. at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Latrobe. The program is sponsored by St. Cecilia Parish and Sacred Heart Parish, Youngstown, and Trinity Evangelical Lutheran.

White Mass to be celebrated at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral October 20

The 17th White Mass for all health care professionals will be celebrated by Bishop Malesic on **October 20** at 11:30 a.m. at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Greensburg.

Vacation Bible School

VBS is being offered at St. John the Baptist on **August 13**; the lessons will be repeated at Epiphany of Our Lord on **August 14**. Learn about the “Good Samaritan”. Time is 6—8 p.m. Registration forms are in the pamphlet racks.

Feast of the Assumption to be celebrated with Mass at Christ Our Shepherd Center

Bishop Malesic will lead a celebration of the diocese’s patronal feast, the Feast of the Assumption, **August 15** at the Christ Our Shepherd Center near Greensburg. The bishop will celebrate Mass at 7:00 p.m. in St. Joseph Chapel then lead an outdoor candlelight procession with recitation of the rosary in multiple languages.

Epiphany Parish Festival!

This weekend we celebrate our parish festival at Epiphany in Monessen. We will start after the 4:00 pm liturgy, and from 11:00 – 7:00 on Sunday. I hope that you and your family have an opportunity to stop down and spend some time with us!

Church Flea Market

St. John the Baptist, Perryopolis is holding their annual Summer Flea Market **August 10/11** from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm in their Parish Social Hall. Come and find your treasures.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

St. Sebastian Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society will meet this **Tuesday, August 6**, at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center.



TRAVEL GROUP

Join us on Thursday, **October 10**, to see MILLION DOLLAR QUARTET a musical of the Rock n Roll era.

Dinner at DeNunzio’s Italian Restaurant, followed by the show at Mountain

Playhouse. Then explore the Quecreek Mine Site and learn about the dramatic rescue of the miners that were trapped there. A free ice cream sundae at Dairy Queen on the way home.

It’s not too late to sign up for the ARK ADVENTURE, **October 16 & 17**, where you will feel like you’re walking through the Bible. Check into the Holiday Inn after which we will board the “River Queen” for the captain’s dinner cruise. In the morning, breakfast at the hotel, then off to see the full scale replica of Noah’s Ark.

For more information call Sandy Wawro at 724-938-0865.

FROM THE PASTOR**Where is your Treasure?**

This week our liturgy is asking us to look at how much greed is a part of our lives. We are a lot more like the farmer who built bigger barns to hold a bumper crop and then didn't live long enough to in enjoy it than we would care to think or admit! "Maxed out" credit cards, multiple bridal registries, working to own bigger homes and newer cars, latest computer gadgetry, proliferating use of cell phones, big screen TVs, home theaters, low or nonexistent savings accounts...the list goes on and on. We have created a culture which says having things – more and bigger and fancier – makes us happy.

The gospel is going far beyond "you can't take it with you." In this gospel Jesus challenges the crowd to "guard against all greed." The "rich man" evaluates his life in terms of possessions and believes he is secure. On God's scale of values, this man is foolish because these things are fleeting. According to Qoheleth, laboring for wealth and possessions is not only foolish but results in sorrow, grief, and anxiety.

Today Jesus teaches us that the only wealth worth acquiring is to become "rich in what matters to God." The question the gospel raises then is "what matters to God"? As St. Paul tells us in the second reading the only things worth anything at all are those things which are from above. Thus, what really matters to God is that we learn a new set of priorities.

Luke reminds his readers that none of us is able to control the circumstances of life. We may pile up riches and hope they guarantee us happiness, but they can disappear at any moment. Riches are transitory. Greed can be the root of all evil. Stingy, greedy and possessive people cannot align their thoughts to God and reach outward to others. Greedy people lose a sense of what is important in life. Possessions create an illusion that we have control over our destiny. Not so, says Jesus. Tonight you might have a heart attack and all your possessions will be left behind. So beware: stash away your blessings rather than your wealth!

Greed in all of its form is intrinsically evil. Most of the political and financial scandals of our day are because of greed. Wars are started for oil, corrupt politicians in poor African countries steal food aid and sell it rather than distributing it to the poor, CEOs of huge corporations manipulate the stock market, leaving millions of people without pensions or medical care, while the guilty ones still keep their multimillion dollar pensions.

Jesus is not saying that discipleship means we must give up all possessions. That is neither practical nor necessary. There is nothing wrong with possessions in themselves and there is everything wrong with destitution, no matter what the reason. All of us deserve whatever material things we need in order to pursue a wholesome life. A problem arises when concern for our possessions or the drive to have more and more is our highest priority. Jesus is simply reminding us that our riches are to be shared, not hoarded. Wealth is not being addressed here. Rather, the appropriate use of wealth always remains a challenge. "Where your treasure is, there is your heart," it's all about values. God has charged us all to be generous with the gifts and treasures entrusted to us.

Lord, please remember the sick, the homebound and those in nursing homes from our parish and community:

Doreen Abler, Minerva Albert, Donna Biagini, Sally Biava, Anthony Boyle, Dane Breakwell, Brennan Breakwell, Tricia Pelissero Bruenn, Adam Canigiani, Jr., Elizabeth Cannizzaro, Ron Carson, Eric Cecchetti, Josie Cekinovich, Jenna Christner, Albert Cialone, Joe Ciferno, Sr., Elaine Costello, George L. Cowan, Bernadette Dayner, Frank Delia, Betty Eversburg, Jean Ferreri, Autumn Fields, Betty Fisher, John Fisher, Dolores Frazier, John Gira, Mary Gira, Wayne Granchai, Michael J. Hazy, Betty Jean Henderson, Avery Kazakewicz, John Kelemen, Jr., Bronson Keller, Sr., Jackie Koliscak, Jared Konsugar, Terry Krolik, Lilian Laird, Cole Layhue, Catherine Lennex, James Litterini, Marjorie Lopez, Marge Marek, Stephen McCulloch, Onie Misher, Brandon Morris, Tricia Pelissero Narus, Val Novak, Paul Novakovich, Melissa O'Brien, Julia Paholski, Shirley Patten, Jack Pesi, Joy Pozum, Barbara Riffle, Joel Rivera, Dorothy Rodgers, Mary Ann Rocco, Matthew Ross, George Rue, Betty Savarino, Patricia Senko, Betty Smereczniak, Robbie Stout, Ralph Swantek, William Tansmore, Joseph P. Trenk, Debra Vaden, Christopher Valerio, Arlene Vargo, Melvin Walkush, Sr., Jack Welshans, Helene Wozniak, Paul Zoppetti.

Lord, give them strength in body, courage in spirit, and patience in pain. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please Note: If you know of someone who has recovered from his/her illness, or perhaps has passed away, please contact the Parish Office. Thank you.