



St. Sebastian Catholic Church

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Most Holy Trinity—June 16, 2019 801 Broad Avenue ~ Belle Vernon, PA 15012



TRINITY SUNDAY

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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. - 5:00 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 worshipping 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.

Parish Census

After our first Parish Assembly one of the issues that became apparent was the fact that we need to create an accurate and up to date parish data base of just what is the makeup of our parish. The best way to glean this information is to conduct a parish census. We are working on putting together a census form that will help us understand not only the people who are members of our parish but also to get information as to how we as a parish can be of more help. In doing a census of the entire parish, we will need a lot of help. I am asking that you think about being a part of this process. It would mean doing visitations of every member of St. Sebastian parish. The more people we have involved, the quicker the census can be completed. I will have more information about this in the coming weeks, but in the meantime, please consider helping.

Parish Festival

Last week we had our first meeting for this year's Festival which will be held on **September 29**. There are many areas that will be needing our attention and we will need "lots" of people to pitch in and help. By working together as a parish family, we all become more unified and productive. We will be asking for your help on the various committees. I know this is early, but it is never too early to get started. As we enter into the summer months, there will be opportunities for you to get involved and help to make this year's festival a real success.

2020 Mass Book

Intentions may now be requested for the 2020 Masses. Intentions are limited to one Sunday Mass and one weekday Mass per family. Please fill out a Mass intention form which can be found in the church pamphlet racks or at the parish office. Forms should be turned in to the parish secretary. Parish office hours are 9:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday.

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society

St. Sebastian Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society will meet on **Tuesday, June 25**, at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center.

Flowers This Week

Altar Candle Ring Flowers for the this week are in memory of Jacob T. Hewitt by his daughters, Sissy & Dayna.

Travel Group



2019 Travel Group Trips

★ Sweet Treats & Fancy Eats

York and Lancaster—July 25/26

There is still time to join us for this fun filled trip.

There are quite a lot

of exciting adventures waiting including a train ride, ending with the play "Annie" in Lancaster. Call and get your money in now to reserve your place.



★ In Jennerstown:

Mid Life 2—Aug. 8—There are a few seats available.

Million Dollar Quartet—Oct. 10

★ **Ark Adventure in Kentucky**—Oct. 16-17.—Seats still available.

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

Stewardship of Treasure—June 9, 2019

Regular Offertory: \$ 6,258.00 (299 envelopes out of 1301 families)

Youth: \$ 15.00

Loose: \$ 903.48

Total Offertory: \$ 7,176.48

Amount budgeted for weekly regular offertory \$7,986.31

Over/(under) budget: \$ (1,728.31)

Average adult donation this weekend \$10.00 per envelope

Utilities & Maintenance:	\$	1,422.00
Votive Candles:	\$	175.00
Capital Project/Roof Fund:	\$	294.00
Catholic Accent:	\$	181.00
Ascension:	\$	122.00
Lenten Folders:	\$	75.00
Peter's Pence:	\$	25.00
Holy Thursday :	\$	10.00
Sanctuary Flowers:	\$	135.00
Good Friday	\$	5.00

Total June 8/9 collection: \$ 9,620.48



Father's Day

Today, Sunday, June 16, we celebrate Father's Day. We will observe the Blessing of Fathers at all Masses this weekend. All Fathers are invited to gather around the altar for this blessing.

Season of Ordinary Time

With the season of Easter behind us, we start up again with Ordinary time in the Church Calendar. It is during this time of the church year that we think about the faith we have been given and the many ways that we are called to share it. One of the many ways that we as "church" are called to share our faith is through the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults.

The R.C.I.A. is the vehicle we use to help adults learn about the Catholic Church. This is an exciting program not only for those who are on their Journey of Faith but also for everyone who is a part of the program. It is interesting how much we all learn just by listening to others experiences of faith. If you know of anyone who might be interested in learning about our faith, please invite them to be a part of this program, just give us a call at the office and we will take it from there. Remember, you can be a part of the journey along with them if you chose to. Through the goodness of God's Spirit we all have the ability to touch and invite others to come and share our faith.

Altar Servers

There are many ways that our youth can be involved with their church. One area that we certainly can use some help is with altar serving. If your child has made their First Holy Communion, they are eligible to serve on the altar. Serving is a wonderful way to involve your child with the church, it teaches responsibility and it enriches their faith. If your child is interested in serving, please give me a call at the office and I will make it happen.



Liturgies of the Week

June 15—Vigil

4:30 pm Intention of All Fathers

June 16—Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

9:00 am Intention of All Fathers

11:00 am For All the People of Saint Sebastian Parish

Monday, June 17

8:00 am (MM) Darlene Engel—Homebound Minister

Tuesday, June 18

8:00 am (Death Anniv) Gene Lancas—Ron & Sherry Missick

Wednesday, June 19—St. Romauld

8:00 am Elizabeth McGinley—McGinley Family

Thursday, June 20

8:00 am Bill Granlund—Koury Family

Friday, June 21—St. Aloysius Gonzaga

8:00 am Mary Mitchell—Friends & Family

Saturday, June 22

3:00 pm *Sacrament of Reconciliation*

Saturday, June 22—Vigil

4:30 pm (Death Anniv) Leona Kuhn—Family

June 23—Corpus Christi

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

11:00 am Edgar & Mary Delbarre—Family

Liturgical Ministers—Servers

Saturday, June 22 4:30 pm A. & A. Peden

Sunday, June 23 9:00 am Volunteers Needed

11:00 am A. & C. Hoffman

Lectors

Lit. Coordinators

Ministers

Saturday, June 22

4:30 C. Gorski S. Wawro S. & S. Zolock, T. Rodriguez
M.A. Cialone, C. Farrier, K. Rygiel, S. Wawro

Sunday, June 23

9:00 L. Kapolka B. Moskovitz J. Russell, B.A. Linskens
D. Seman, R. & M. Smereczniak, L. Turcheck, B. Moskovitz

11:00 M. Patterson R. Hoffman F. Aleman, D. Bisceglia
R. & W. Hoffman, S. Kroskie, C. Rhodes
Choir—M. Druciak

Baptism Congratulations

Duncan Robert Meyer, son of David Meyer and Briana (Stasicha) Meyer, was baptized in Christ last weekend. We welcome Duncan into the Church and into our parish family. God bless him and his family.

Sympathy and Prayers

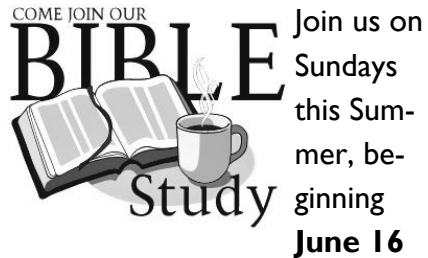
Please remember in your prayers those who have died: George Nega. We extend our sympathy to his family. May he rest in peace.

Virtus Clearance

There will be a VIRTUS session tomorrow, Monday, **June 17** at 6:00 p.m. at Epiphany of Our Lord Church for all who still need to obtain this clearance. Please call the parish Faith Formation office or email Scott Martin at smartin@dioceseofgreensburg.org to register or if you have any questions. All Diocesan volunteers are required to have a complete set of clearances.

Catholic Charities' 18th Paul R. Smiy Memorial Golf Outing

Catholic Charities' annual Paul R. Smiy Memorial Golf Outing will be held **August 9** at the Ligonier Country Club. Registration is 8:30 a.m., shotgun start at 10. \$150 per golfer. Register online at ccharitiesgreensburg.org. For more information: Heather Rady, 724-837-1840, or email: hrady@dioceseofgreensburg.org.



Join us on Sundays this Summer, beginning **June 16** between Masses (10:15 to 11:00 am) for Coffee/Tea & Reflection in the Parish Hall on a scripture passage of the week. No registration. Door is always open. All are welcome.

We will have activities for children, they are welcome as well.

Vacation Bible School

VBS is being offered at St. John the Baptist on **July 9 & August 13**; the lessons will be repeated at Epiphany of Our Lord on **July 10 & August 14**. Learn about the "Sower & the Seeds", "Lost Sheep", and the "Good Samaritan". Time is 6—8 p.m. Registration forms are in the pamphlet racks.

School News

Thank you all for your support this School year. Please continue to donate to the Serenity Garden for the School. It's an outdoor classroom and spiritual place to rest. Please put whatever you can in the flower pot in the back of the Church to help this cause; we need \$1500 and have collected \$50, to-date. We will keep you updated on progress toward our goal. God Bless!



Principal opening for St. Sebastian Regional Catholic School,

St. Sebastian School is seeking a principal. Interested candidates should send resume and letter of interest to catholicsschools@dioceseofgreensburg.org.

Geibel Catholic Golf Outing

Geibel Catholic Junior-Senior High School will sponsor a golf outing to benefit the school **June 22** at Pleasant Valley Golf Club in Connellsville. Registration begins at 7 a.m. and the shotgun start is at 8 a.m. Lunch buffet and awards follow. For information about registration or sponsorships, go to www.geibelcatholic.org or call the school at 724-628-5600.

Annual Junque Sale

The dates have been set for the Annual Junque Sale: **July 26th & 27th**. It's time to clean out that attic, closets and drawers.

Collections are every Monday and Wednesday from 10-12 and 6-8 pm. Follow the donation sign. Call Bonnie Halinka at 724-322-0355 if you would like a personal appointment to deliver your treasures. Volunteers are needed.

WE NEED YOUR TREASURES!



FROM THE PASTOR

Trinity Sunday

As we move along with the Church calendar, the week after Pentecost is Trinity Sunday. Today our Liturgy focuses on this great mystery of life and faith. We start off by hearing the wonderful words taken from the collection Wisdom literature. In the book of Proverbs we see that Wisdom is presented to us as feminine personification. This genre of literature is a collection of images on how we are to live our lives. It is filled with wise sayings based on one's observations on life. The two dominant images that evolve in this biblical form are *wisdom and folly* and the eternal conflict that exists between them. The writer personifies wisdom as beautiful and alluring women who do good things. Wise people practice honesty, generosity, self control, industriousness, prudence; those of folly are greedy, dishonest, drunkards, hotheads, misers and liars.

Today we are told that Wisdom was created before anything else existed and lives on a different plane from all other creatures. She determines the order of all things and speaks to humans and is available to anyone who would listen and learn. The church uses this reading from Proverbs on Trinity Sunday because it sees a resemblance between Wisdom's role as a master-worker or crafter of the universe and the Word of God, Jesus, who became flesh, but pre-existed from the beginning. Wisdom is seen as a person. Jesus is incarnate and is God personified. Christians in the early church saw Jesus as the wisdom of God incarnate. The author of Proverbs invites us to look around and see the divine in what we often take for granted, how God's goodness has graced our world and is at the heart of creation.

St. Paul picks up on this idea in the second reading by telling us that there is a strong sense of relationship among the persons in God, a certain intimacy that has been given to us in faith, and now we live in right relationship with God. The Gospel has Jesus giving his farewell speech to the apostles telling them that he will send the Spirit upon them as the source of wisdom to guide them to speak truthful words. The Spirit comforts us and gives us strength to witness our faith to others.

It is the indwelling of the Spirit within us that assures us of the triune God's working within and through us: the Father's love, the Son's mission, the Spirit's truth. The gospel today assures us that we are never alone. God will forever be a mystery to us. We can only know something about God because of what has been revealed to us. One of the things we do know about God is that God is person, and we can have a relationship with God. Trinity is the way we express our most fundamental relationships with God. For God to be person there must be relationship within God. As we become closer to the relationship of the Father, Son and Spirit we must in turn be in relationship with one another. Nobody can be totally alone, it would be unbearable. It is through our love of God that we share that love with those we are in relationship with. It is through the saving mystery of Jesus that we learn to "be" for one another, and it is through the help of the Spirit that we find the heart to make that happen.

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, Maureen Jenkins, 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, David Moskovitz, Tricia Pelissero Narus, Val Novak, Paul Novakovich, Melissa O'Brien, Julia Paholski, Shirley Patten, Jack Pesi, Edwin Popelas, Joy Pozum, Barbara Riffle, Joel Rivera, Dorothy Rodgers, Mary Ann Rocco, Matthew Ross, George Rue, Betty Savarino, Patricia Senko, Betty Smereczniak, 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.