



# St. Sebastian Catholic Church

A Pennsylvania  
Charitable  
Trust

A Parish of the  
Diocese of  
Greensburg

## Seventh Sunday of Easter—June 2, 2019

# ALLELUIA!

He has been raised.

—Mark 16:6

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**Emergency Number for a Sick Call:**  
724-684-7661

**Parish Website:** [www.saintsebastianchurch.org](http://www.saintsebastianchurch.org)

### 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.

### Saint Sebastian Regional School

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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.

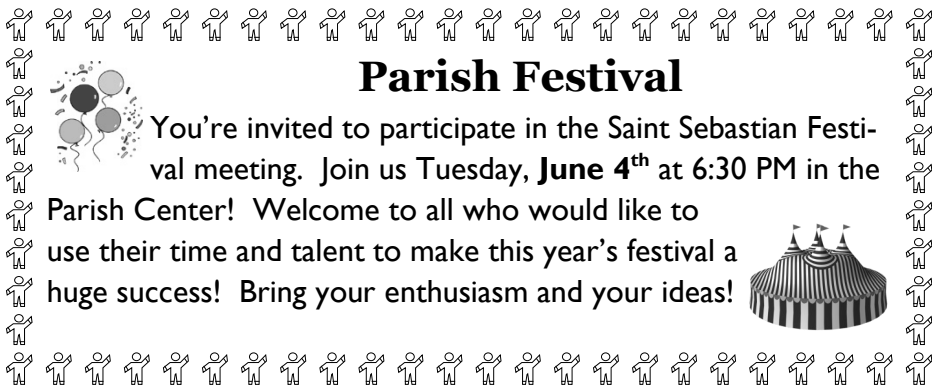
**Religious Education/Formation:** Please call the Faith Formation Office at 724-929-9300.

**(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.



## Parish Festival

You're invited to participate in the Saint Sebastian Festival meeting. Join us Tuesday, **June 4<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30 PM in the Parish Center! Welcome to all who would like to use their time and talent to make this year's festival a huge success! Bring your enthusiasm and your ideas!



## Diocesan Lenten Appeal

As I mentioned last week at mass, we are not moving very fast at achieving our goal for this year's DLA. This week we heard from 3 more parishioners bringing our total to \$49,972. We still have not heard from the majority of our parish.

There are envelopes at the end of each of the pews that you are able to use for your gift. If you have not yet responded, won't you please consider doing so? I am available if you have any comments or questions about this year's DLA.

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.



## Flowers This Week

Flowers for the Paschal Candle this week are in memory of Ann Zoldak by her family.

**Second Collection** this weekend is for the Catholic Accent, our diocesan newspaper.

Get Catholic news every day on Twitter @CatholicAccent and diocesan news at [www.dioceseofgreensburg.org](http://www.dioceseofgreensburg.org).

## Travel Group



### 2019 Travel Group Trips



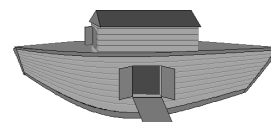
★ Sweet Treats & Fancy Eats in York and in

Lancaster—July 25/26



★ In Jennerstown: Mid Life 2—Aug. 8 Million Dollar Quartet—Oct. 10

★ Ark Adventure in Kentucky—Oct. 16-17.



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

## Stewardship of Treasure

May 26, 2019

**Regular Offertory: \$ 5,865.00** (301 envelopes out of 1301 families)

**Youth: \$ 20.00**

**Loose: \$ 792.00**

**Total Offertory: \$ 6,677.00**

**Amount budgeted for weekly regular offertory \$7,986.31**

**Over/(under) budget: \$ (2,121.31)**

**Average adult donation this weekend \$10.00 per envelope**

Utilities & Maintenance:	\$	99.00
Votive Candles:	\$	248.00
Capital Project/Roof Fund:	\$	95.00
Catholic Accent:	\$	1,029.50
Ascension:	\$	47.00
Catholic Communications:	\$	10.00
Sanctuary Flowers :	\$	5.00

**Total May 25/26 collection: \$ 8,210.50**



## Fr. Mike's Homilies on Facebook

The homilies are posted on the Epiphany of Our Lord Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/Epiphany-of-Our-Lord-165220990523049/>). An easy way to get to the page the first time is to go to the website ([www.eolparish.com](http://www.eolparish.com)) and click on the Facebook link. The homilies are hosted on Sermon.net. Once you are on that site, you will have the opportunity to listen or download.

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

Catholic Charities' 18th 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 includes food, prizes and dinner. Register online at [ccharitiesgreensburg.org](http://ccharitiesgreensburg.org). For sponsorship packages and other information: Heather Rady, 724-837-1840 or [hrady@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:hrady@dioceseofgreensburg.org).

## Scripture Study

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.

## Boy's Choir Concert

The St. John's Boys' Choir of central Minnesota will hold a concert at Epiphany of Our Lord, on Saturday, **June 8** immediately following 4:00 p.m. Mass. They have shared their sacred music in some of the world's most famous churches including Notre Dame in Paris, Sagrada Família in Barcelona, and Christ Church Cathedral in Dublin. The group was founded in 1981 by Br. Paul Richards and the Saint John's monastic community. Their repertoire includes sacred motets, classical masterpieces, folk music from around the world, and contemporary theatrical and popular selections.

## School News

Thank you all for your support this School year. We are blessed with an Eagle Scout candidate willing to take on the Serenity Garden for the School. He is a parishioner of St. Anne's and needs financial assistance to purchase materials, rock, dirt, and plants. Please put whatever you can in the flower pot in the back of the Church to help this cause. Checks can be made out to: SSRCS. We will keep you updated on progress toward our goal. God Bless!



## Diocesan FamilyFest

FamilyFest on **June 9**, at the Christ Our Shepherd Center. For information, and to register go to [FamilyFestGreensburg.org](http://FamilyFestGreensburg.org).

## Youth at Cedar Point

Parish youth in grades 5-12 are invited to join the Diocese of Greensburg on Tuesday, **June 18**, for a trip to Cedar Point. The cost is \$90. For information, [www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/CedarPoint](http://www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/CedarPoint).

## Pittsburgh Steelers Youth Mini-Camp

The Pittsburgh Steelers will host a mini-camp at Greensburg Central Catholic **June 20** from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. The non-contact camp is open to boys and girls ages 6-14. The cost is \$60. For information, go to [steelers.com/youthfootballcamp](http://steelers.com/youthfootballcamp). Click on REGISTER NOW, click on "2019 Youth Mini-Camps" at the top of the page, then go to the "Greensburg (Central Catholic)" link to register.

## Annual Junque Sale

The dates have been set for the Annual Junque Sale: **July 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>**. It's time to clean out that attic, closets and drawers. Collections will begin 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 delivery your treasures. Volunteers are needed.



**FROM THE PASTOR****Our call to Unity...**

How we show God's glory is a fundamental question that should be answered if we are going to be faithful disciples. Our Gospel reading tells us exactly how we are to show God's glory. We do this through our love, unity, and forgiveness; this is the only way we can make the glory of God felt in our world. Jesus offers a final prayer for unity among his friends, the same unity that existed between him and his Father. Jesus prays that the whole church could be united with the same oneness of God, the Father and Jesus Christ the Son. One of the greatest tragedies of our Christian Church is the disunity that exists among believers. Throughout history we see some of the bitterest disputes among believers in the Lord. So, what does this say about the command we are being given today? How are we as individuals supposed to make this dream of Jesus' a reality in our world?

The best way that we can show our love for the glory of God is by imitating Jesus. Ultimately, this is what discipleship means: imitate Jesus. This is how we are to live as disciples. This is the call of the new life of resurrection. Through our love, unity and forgiveness we imitate the love that Jesus prays for in John's gospel. Unity in life can bring much goodness, disunity among Christians is a scandal and every one of us has a responsibility to do whatever we can to make Christ's last prayer a reality. Through our efforts of promoting social justice and in securing the common good we can help bring about unity. Through our loving forgiveness we can guarantee unity within our own hearts, for love and unity among believers is the first form of our witness to the world. Our love for each other is God's love in us spilling over.

As Jesus was concerned with the immediate mission of his dearest friends; He remains concerned with the mission of our church today. In the midst of changes and struggles we must never lose sight of the fact that Jesus does pray for the unity and glory of the church. As members of this sacred gift, we all hold deep within our hearts the responsibility to do all that we can to make this prayer of Jesus come to fruition. It is only through our works of mercy and peace that the real Glory of God is manifest to all of God's people here on earth.

As we await the celebration of the great feast of Pentecost and the coming of the Spirit, we all need to be mindful of this call. Every one of us has been given the strength of that Spirit to allow us to become instruments of God's peace and justice. This week ponder over the ways that you in your own way can help to make the Glory of God known to the people around you. By using the gifts that God has given us, we can all strive to build a stronger Kingdom here on earth.

***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, 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.***