



# St Sebastian Catholic Church



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A Parish of the Diocese of Greensburg

801 Broad Avenue · Belle Vernon, PA 15012

October 17, 2021



## 29<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY *in ordinary time*

"For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many." - Mk 10:45

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### Mass Schedule

|                                   |                         |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Saturday</b><br>4:30 PM        | <b>Tuesday, 8:00 AM</b> |
| <b>9:00 AM</b><br><b>11:00 AM</b> | <b>Friday, 8:00 AM</b>  |

### Saint Sebastian Regional Catholic School

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#### Baptism Preparation

3rd Wednesday of every month. Call 724-929-9300.

#### Religious Education/Formation

Please call the Faith Formation Office, 724-929-9300.

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

Anyone interested in becoming a Catholic, please call the Faith Formation Office.

#### Reconciliation

Confessions are on Tuesdays at Epiphany from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. You may also call at any time for an appointment for confession.

**Rev. Michael J. Crookston Pastor**  
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**From the Pastor**

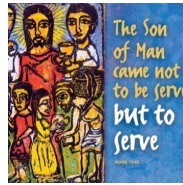
**Called to be True Servants**

In looking at what our Liturgy is speaking to us about, we find issues of power, control and manipulation in direct contrast with humility, suffering and service. All of these things are a part of life and at certain periods of our lives we seek them all out. Life as we know it is full of contradictions. We tend to operate on a spectrum of opposing forces. We love and we hate, we are generous and we are greedy, we give and we take. We live out of these extremes every day.

Today we focus on leadership and what makes a good, honest leader. Jesus tells us that a good leader is one who lives out of the will of God and allows that will of God to be accomplished through them. In our world, people are starving for good servant leaders; people willing to give of themselves for the good of others. Look at all of the campaign advertisements we are exposed to. Those wanting positions of power are always promising to be that "suffering servant" we hear about in the first reading. They are fond of pointing out the faults and weaknesses of opponents, trying to manipulate the vote to swing their way. Once they do get into office, titles and power become more important than the reason why they are there. This is a temptation which can be found with all leadership, whether in government or religion.

The need for power that we see in the two apostles James and John, in wanting positions of honor in Jesus' Kingdom, can be found in all of us. We all strive for those positions of honor and prestige once in a while; there is a part of us that likes the idea of being famous. However, we are reminded that with power and honor comes suffering. We must be willing to "drink of the cup" that Jesus drinks, if we are to be true leaders in life. If we are not willing to suffer and give of ourselves, then we are only kidding ourselves. Society dictates to us the importance of winning and being on top, and we are often told that humility certainly doesn't win ball games. So, we are dealing with yet another contradiction in life. On the one hand, Jesus is telling us we need to be servants if we are to be true leaders; and on the other hand, society gives us the impression that we are to win and be on top no matter what it takes.

I have always felt that one of the reasons why Jesus was so very successful and believable is because he never sought after power, titles or honors. He spent his life in true service of others. I think that we are to carry with us the simple message not to turn life into an endless power game. We are called upon to live life, do good, and set ourselves aside for others. In doing so, we will experience the promise of resurrection. Remember that the presence of God can always be found in service to others!



**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.

| Sept. Expenses    | Amount              | Week         | Collection          |
|-------------------|---------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| Maintenance       | \$ 735.56           | Sept 5       | \$ 8,387.00         |
| Phone             | \$ 276.20           | Sept 12      | \$ 8,136.55         |
| Electric          | \$ 1,308.55         | Sept 19      | \$ 7,208.25         |
| Other Utilities   | \$ 92.65            | Sept 26      | \$ 5,681.85         |
| Misc. Office      | \$ 960.84           | <b>Total</b> | <b>\$ 29,413.65</b> |
| Church/Liturgy    | \$ 1,277.50         |              |                     |
| Loan Payment      | \$ 5,000.00         |              |                     |
| Property Taxes    | \$ 2,332.99         |              |                     |
| Payroll           | \$ 21,977.85        |              |                     |
| Diocesan Expenses | \$ 12,849.50        |              |                     |
| (Breakdown)       |                     |              |                     |
| Accent            | \$ 1,105.00         |              |                     |
| Ed. Assessment    | \$ 5,724.64         |              |                     |
| Dio. Assessment   | \$ 3,329.82         |              |                     |
| Insurance         | \$ 2,655.04         |              |                     |
| Data Processing   | \$ 35.00            |              |                     |
| <b>Total</b>      | <b>\$ 46,811.64</b> |              |                     |

Consider online giving, click the "my Eoffering" button on our parish website.

**Stewardship of Treasure—October 10, 2021**

|                           |                    |
|---------------------------|--------------------|
| Regular Offertory:        | \$ 5,932.81        |
| Utilities & Maintenance:  | \$ 606.00          |
| Votive Candles:           | \$ 139.00          |
| Cap. Project/Roof Fund:   | \$ 142.00          |
| Catholic Accent:          | \$ 115.00          |
| Assumption:               | \$ 10.00           |
| Seminarian Fund:          | \$ 70.00           |
| Sanctuary Flowers:        | \$ 70.00           |
| Mission Co-Op:            | \$ 115.00          |
| World Mission Sunday:     | \$ 20.00           |
| <b>Total October 9/10</b> | <b>\$ 7,219.81</b> |

**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY**

Next week is World Mission Sunday. We celebrate this day by remembering the revitalizing mission at the heart of our Christian faith – to bring the Gospel to all! The collection today for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith ensures the work and service of the Mission Church, as it supports priests, religious and lay leaders, who offer the Lord's mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope's missions. Thank you for your generosity. There will be envelopes for this collection in the back of the Church.

**ROOF LOAN UPDATE:**  
 In January 2020, we took out a \$150,000. ten year loan. We currently owe \$60,000.





## CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

If you still need to attend your Confirmation Retreat, there will be a NET Retreat at the Church of St. John the Baptist in Perryopolis on Saturday, October 23 from 10:30—4:30.

Mass will be celebrated at 5:00 p.m. followed with a bonfire and refreshments.

**All paperwork for the November 30 Confirmation is due now: Diocesan Confirmation form, Sponsor's eligibility letter from his/her Pastor, Baptism Certificate (if not baptized here), Service Project.**

Next year's Candidates (7th grade students) may attend the Retreat this year, if they wish to begin their Sacrament Preparation. Please call the Faith Formation Office, if you will be attending.

## FIRST RECONCILIATION

There will be a meeting for the Parents of students who will be making their First Penance in January. The meeting will be held at **6:00 p.m.** at Epiphany of Our Lord Church (44 Pennsylvania Blvd., Monessen) on **Monday, October 25th**. A repeat for those unable to attend Monday, may attend on Tuesday, October 26th at 6:00 p.m. at the Church of St. John the Baptist, Perryopolis. This is a mandatory meeting.

## FEAST OF ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS

In the month of November, we celebrate two great feast days in the Church. On Monday November 1<sup>st</sup>, we celebrate the feast of All Saints. As a Church, we recognize all of those countless men and women who have died and now share in the eternal peace of Christ bearing the title of "Saint". On Tuesday the 2<sup>nd</sup>, we remember all of our faithful departed. We come together and pray for them that one day they will share in that same Saintly Glory. Our service for all of the faithful departed will be on Tuesday November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 p.m. I invite all of you to come and pray for your departed loved ones.

## ALTAR LINENS

We are still looking for people willing to be on a schedule to wash the Altar Linens. It really does not take much time and it is an invaluable gift you would be giving. If we get enough people to sign up to help, you would only be on the schedule maybe once a month or every other month. If you think you might be able to help with this, please give me a call...

### From the Family of Joan Timlin:

"We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to the people who assisted my wife, when she fell outside Saint Sebastian Church Saturday evening (September 25). Thank you so much and God Bless You."  
John Timlin & Family

## Liturgies of the Week

### October 16—Vigil

4:30 pm Mike & Vi Mendicino—Family

### October 17—29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am (Date of Birth) Neil Cope—McLaughlin Family

11:00 am James Weldon—Dr. John & Dorothy Weldon

### Monday, October 18—St. Luke

No Mass Today

### Tuesday, October 19—Ss. John de Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues

8:00 am Georgetta Wiles—Susan Gessner & Catholic Women's College Cub

### Wednesday, October 20—St. Paul of the Cross

No Mass Today

### Thursday, October 21

No Mass Today

### Friday, October 22—Pope St. John Paul I I

8:00 am Edwin Popelas—Tom & Patty Downes

### Saturday, October 23—Vigil

4:30 pm Freddy Fundy—Frank & Deb Steck

### October 24—30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

11:00 am (Date of Birth) John & Irene Baker, Jr.—Children, Jeffrey, Michael & Paula

### Liturgical Ministers: Lector Lit. Coordinator Server

Sat., Oct. 23 4:30 pm C. Gorski S. Wawro R. Buretz  
Sun., Oct 24 9:00 am B. Moskovitz B. Mallonee N. Jodon  
11:00 am T. Sebetich R. Hoffman C. Hoffman

### Sympathy and Prayers

Please remember in your prayers those who have died:

**JOSEPH MANACK, CARMINE FORTE, NELL VALDISERRI & RUTH MELNICK.** We extend our sympathy to their families. May they rest in peace.

### Readings for the week of October 17, 2021

**Sunday:** Is 53:10-11/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [22]/Heb 4:14-16/  
Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45

**Monday:** 2 Tm 4:10-17/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Lk 10:1-9

**Tuesday:** Rom 5:12, 15, 17-19, 20-21/Ps 40:7-8, 8-9, 10, 17 [8 and 9]/Lk 12:35-38

**Wednesday:** Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1-3, 4-6, 7-8 [8]/Lk 12:39-48

**Thursday:** Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5]/Lk 12:49-53

**Friday:** Rom 7:18-25/Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94 [68]/Lk 12:54-59

**Saturday:** Rom 8:1-11/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Lk 13:1-9

**Next Sunday:** Jer 31:7-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Heb 5:1-6/  
Mk 10:46-52