

St Sebastian Catholic Church



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801 Broad Avenue · Belle Vernon, PA 15012

August 28, 2022

Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:30 PM	Tuesday, 8:00 AM
Sunday 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	Friday, 8:00 AM

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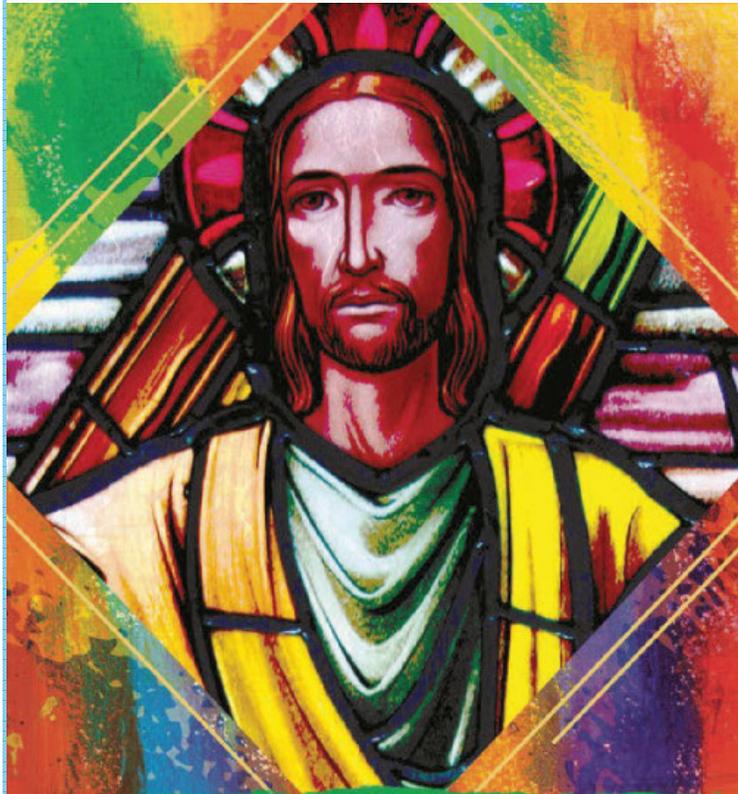
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22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous." - Lk 14:14

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Baptism Preparation

Third Wednesday of every month. Please call the Faith Formation Office, 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 Saturday: Epiphany—11:30 a.m. and St. Sebastian—3:30 p.m.. You may also call at any time for an appointment for confession.

From the Pastor—“Humble yourself the more, the greater you are...”

It is amazing how often in life the simple things matter the most. It is the small things in life that seem to make the biggest impression on us. It is no surprise then that once again we find Jesus eating a meal and presenting us with yet another parable or lesson on life. A simple thing like sharing food becomes a springboard for far more important matters. All of us at one time or another has had the good fortune of being invited to someone's home for dinner. When the host and hostess are good friends, the evening is one we look forward to and is an enjoyable and energizing time. When the host and hostess are, perhaps, little-known business acquaintances, we might be more apprehensive and be on our best behavior, and we might find the evening more energy-draining than enjoyable. This seems to be the case with the gospel this week. Jesus was invited to the home of a leading Pharisee and we can probably surmise that Jesus arrived there in a frame of mind different from one He might have had when invited to Martha and Mary's home.



Social dictates have certainly changed since the time of Jesus. Jesus was well aware of the fact that the Pharisees were an exclusive club who were known to dine only with each other so as to observe strict purity. Places of “honor” were common at any feast, and it was certainly a practice to allow people of status and position to get those seats of “honor.” This was done so that the host would be remembered and the favor returned at a future date. Jesus takes this opportunity to admonish the Pharisees to reach out to others, those not in their circle of acquaintances. He challenges them to be as generous and kind to those people who could never repay them as they were with each other. He calls them to a life of humility.

Those sitting around that table with Jesus were given a lesson showing that acts of earthly humility and generosity are met with heavenly exaltation and God's generosity. Humility is, in part knowing one's strengths and weaknesses and one's place. Humility is the virtue by which we acknowledge our status before God: we are “the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind” who come to God's table because of God's invitation and generosity. As deeply humble people, we come to God empty and open ourselves to God filling us with what is lasting. This reward, everlasting life at God's messianic banquet, is ours if we but treat others as God treats us. We ourselves must bestow dignity and generosity on others.

Jesus is calling the disciples as well as He is calling each of us back to the authentic Jewish tradition of caring for the “widow, orphan, and sojourner.” These three groups of people in Israelite society were symbolic of those who were in a position of needing others to look after their wellbeing. The lowly are those who need food, clothing, and shelter; our cities are full of these kinds of dispossessed people. The lowly are also the children in our midst; the physically, emotionally, mentally, or spiritually challenged; the elderly. We do not need to look very far to put Jesus' teaching this week into practice.

Shoe Box Gift Project

Empty shoe boxes are needed for the St. Vincent de Paul Shoe Box Gift Project for Adults and Disabled Persons. You may bring the adult size boxes to the Parish Office. The boxes will be filled and wrapped in October and given to the St. Vincent de Paul Society for distribution. A list of items needed to fill the boxes can be found in our church pamphlet racks. These items may also be brought to the Parish Office. Thank you and God bless you for your kind generosity.



Stewardship of Treasure

August 21, 2022

Regular Offertory:	\$	6,123.00
Utilities & Maintenance:	\$	296.00
Votives:	\$	387.00
Cap. Project/Roof Fund:	\$	60.00
Catholic Accent:	\$	497.00
Catholic University:	\$	25.00
Assumption:	\$	357.00

Total August 20/21 \$ 7,745.00

Women of the Parish are Invited

“Ladies of Faith,” women's group of St. Sebastian Parish, will meet this Thursday, **September 1**, at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Join in and enhance your faith and spirituality through this formation.

Consider online giving, click the “my Eoffering” button on our parish website

PARISH FESTIVAL-September 18

The St. Sebastian Parish **Festival** is scheduled for Sunday, **September 18**, from 12 p.m. until 7 p.m. **"Many hands make light work!"** We are still in great need of volunteers in many areas for the festival. If you would like to volunteer, please call Maggie Kelly, 954-850-0849.



Lottery Tree!

You can bring your Lottery Tickets for the Festival Lottery Tree to the Parish Office during regular business hours.

Parish Raffle

Every year as part of our Festival, we send out to all of our parishioners a packet of tickets which will be pulled at the Festival. If you have not yet turned yours in, won't you please consider doing so? The money raised from the tickets certainly does help to assure we have a successful festival.

Festival Bake Sale

Baked goods are needed for the Festival Bake Sale. Contact Anita at 412-393-9319. Donations may be dropped off at the Parish Hall on Saturday, **September 17** at 10:00 a.m. Please label your baked goods.

Festival Foods

Anyone wishing to help in the kitchen the week prior to the Festival, please call Laura at 724-797-3959.

Faith Formation

Over the next few weeks we will have registration forms available for all of our children who will be a part of our faith formation program. I ask that you take the time to read the information and



do all that you can to become a part of our formation process. Learning about our faith is a lifelong journey. It truly does become our responsibility to do all that we can to pass our faith on to future generations.

If you would like to be a part of the formation process in our parish, please know that whatever gifts you have to offer, they are welcome. If you have any questions about this year's program you can call the faith formation office (724-929-9300) for more information.

School Supplies



I want to say a heartfelt thank you to all of you who brought in school supplies for children in our area. Sometimes we just don't appreciate how much our generosity touches the lives of people. Know that many children will be "touched" by your generosity.

Liturgies of the Week

August 27—Vigil

4:30 pm Thomas R. Hartman—Wife & Family

August 28—Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

11:00 am Joanne Manetta—John & Mary LaCarte

Monday, August 29—Passion of St. John the Baptist

No Mass Today

Tuesday, August 30

8:00 am (Death Anniv) Mary Louise Barger—Michelle

Moody & Francine Mendicino

Wednesday, August 31

No Mass Today

Thursday, September 1

No Mass Today

Friday, September 2

8:00 am Vincent & Eleanor Mancuso & brother,

Vince—Daughters & Sisters

Saturday, September 3—Vigil

3:30 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

4:30 pm Ralph Mandarino—Niece, Maria Mandarino

September 4—23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Deceased of the Salva & Clark Families—

George & Sabra Clark

11:00 am Connie Hornyak—Family

MINISTRY SCHEDULE—September 3/4

	Lector	Lit. Coord	EM	Server
4:30 pm	C. Gorski	S. Wawro	S. Wawro	A. Peden
9:00 am	E. Bagay	B. Mallonee	B. Mallonee	N. Jodon
11:00 am	A. Hoffman	R. Hoffman	R. Hoffman	C. Hoffman H. Miller

8th Grade Confirmation Candidates

The Diocesan Confirmation Information Sheet and Sponsor eligibility letter (if applicable) are due on **September 15, 2022**. Please fill them out completely. Make sure you include the *Confirmation Name* you have chosen on the Diocesan Sheet. Forms may be turned in to the Parish Office.



Bible Study

We are looking at doing a Bible Study this fall on Tuesday evenings from 6 – 7:30 beginning **September 27**. The topic will be **Jesus: The Truth and the Life**, and it will run for 10 weeks, it is a video series filmed in the Holy Land. The cost of the study set is \$30 which includes the workbook, book, timeline chart and online access. If you are interested in this please give us a call at the office or you can contact Sherry Messick at 724-344-9737.



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