



# St Sebastian Catholic Church



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801 Broad Avenue · Belle Vernon, PA 15012

**OCTOBER 16, 2022**

**29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**PERSISTENCE**



“Because this widow keeps bothering me  
I shall deliver a just decision for  
her lest she finally come and strike me”.

Lk 18:5

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## 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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### 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**  
**Persistence does pay off!**



The squeaky wheel always gets the grease, or so the saying goes. Today we are reminded to be persistent in our prayer to God. In our first reading as well as the gospel we are presented with two scenarios where persistence pays off. Persistence, at least as presented in the first reading and gospel is the attitude of one seeking justice. Both justice and faith have to do with our relationship with God. Justice sets us in right relationship with God and other; faith impels us to do whatever is necessary to establish that right relationship. Persistence requires discipline, and it rests on the hope that the desired outcome of our efforts will be achieved. For example, we are persistent in exercise routines, athletic training, and musical practice. So it is with prayer: we persist because of our hope that God will hear us. Jesus asks the question: “will God find faith on earth?” God does find faith in those who persist in prayer. But what about those of us who feel like we are praying persistently for our needs...why is God not answering us?

This raises the important issue about what we pray for. If our prayer is simply about getting what we want, then our focus may only be upon ourselves. If, instead, our focus is on “justice being done...speedily,” then persistence will get us that justice and, ultimately, salvation. The key is to remember that the answer to our prayers is not getting what we want now, but justice, that is right relationship with God.

Prayer must become a part of who we are as people; it cannot be something that we just do. Our lives must become prayer if we are to be “persistent” in our relationship with God. The Benedictines have a saying that they live by: “Ora et Labora.” It means, work and prayer meaning that everything that we do must become our prayer. We cannot separate our lives from our prayer. That is being persistent in prayer with God. Prayer has the ability to give us a greater insight into life. We spend all of our lives just trying to figure out how we fit in and prayer can be the answer.

It has been said that prayer can move mountains, but sometimes the mountain that needs to be moved is ourselves. As long as we live, we keep on discovering that life is more than we bargained for. Yet, still, we persevere, just like the widow. We keep pounding on the door of God.

**SHOE BOX PROJECT FOR APPALACHIA**



**225 Boxes were sent to Appalachia**

Missing from the picture are: Joannie Brown, Renee Couser, Rich McLaughlin, Garrett & Haley McLaughlin, George & Kathleen Molesky and Joe Valent.

**Church Photo Directory**

We are moving along quite nicely with our sign-ups for the directory. Date & Times are available from **Oct. 18—22** and **Nov. 1 & 2**. Sign up following Mass this weekend!

**Stewardship of Treasure—October 9, 2022**

Regular Offertory:	\$	8,241.00
Utilities & Maintenance:	\$	683.00
Votives:	\$	153.00
Cap. Project/Roof Fund:	\$	282.00
Catholic Accent:	\$	155.00
All Souls:	\$	125.00
Sanctuary Flowers:	\$	15.00
World Mission:	\$	35.00
All Saints:	\$	5.00

**Total October 8/9 \$ 9,694.00**

**Gourmet Chocolate Apples/Pretzels**

Flyers and a sign-up sheets are in the back of the church for the fundraiser via Applelicious of Carnegie. The large apples-\$14.00, small apples-\$11.00 and pretzels-\$4.50. All orders due by the first week of November.

**WEDDING SOUP SALE—NOVEMBER 5!!**

Pre-order only—Wedding Soup at \$9 per quart. You may mail your order and payment to the Parish Office or drop in collection by **October 30**. Pick up on **November 5** between 4:00 pm–6:00 pm from the Parish Hall.

**Help to make the soup. Call Terri (724-929-8675).**

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“Spirited,” the first Diocesan Women’s Conference, is set for Saturday, **November 12**, from 7:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. at Christ our Shepherd Center, Greensburg. The day will feature praise and worship, including Mass with Bishop Larry J. Kulick, plus speakers, witness testimonies, crafts, prizes and lunch. To

register, visit [DioceseofGreensburg.org/Spirited](http://DioceseofGreensburg.org/Spirited).

**WEDDING SOUP ORDER**

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE** \_\_\_\_\_

**# QUARTS** \_\_\_\_\_

**PAYMENT IS ENCLOSED** \_\_\_\_\_

**PICK-UP ON NOVEMBER 5 BETWEEN 4–6 P.M.**



**Confirmation Students**—There is a mandatory Retreat for all Confirmation candidates **this Wednesday, October 19** at St. John the Baptist Church in Perryopolis from 4:00—9:00 p.m. A meal will be served at 3:30 p.m. Call Adelle at St. John's 724-736-4442 to register.

**Sponsor Certificates**

A constant issue that we deal with in the office deals with Sponsor Certificates. It seems that no matter how often we relay the information regarding requirements for these certificates, the message does not appear to be heard.

Canon Law is very clear on what is required from anyone wishing to be a sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation. Although the Church has not changed its position on the requirements for becoming a sponsor, there does seem to be quite a bit of confusion which often leads to people getting angry.

Before anyone can become a sponsor for any sacrament, they must be registered in a parish. This becomes confusing for many people. Once a child turns 18 or finishes school, they are no longer considered a member of the parish. If they wish to join as an adult, they need to fill out census papers. Just because you were baptized at a parish does not mean that you are a member of that parish. So if you have an adult child who wishes to be members of our parish and they, they must register on their own, they are no longer considered a member on your family census.

Below are the Canonical requirements for acting as a sponsor: Canon Law #874 states:

To be admitted to the role of sponsor for Baptism and or/ Confirmation, a person must:

- ★ Be designated by the one to be baptized or confirmed by the parents or the one who takes their place or, in their absence, by the pastor or minister and is to have the qualifications and intention of performing this role:
- ★ Have completed the sixteenth year, unless a different age has been established by the diocesan bishop or it seems to the pastor or minister that an exception is to be made for a just cause:
- ★ Be fully initiated Catholic (received **Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist**)
- ★ Lead a life in harmony with the faith and role of sponsor (be a member of a parish, **attend Mass on Sundays and Holydays**, celebrating the Sacrament of Penance and living out the teachings and beliefs of the Church, not be in an irregular marriage.)
- ★ Not bound by any canonical penalty:
- ★ Not be the father or mother of the one to be baptized or confirmed.

The person who wishes to be a sponsor must swear to the fact that they are doing the above and then sign the form. The pastor likewise has to swear that the person is truly a member in good standing.

**October Count**—The month of October as been the time set aside by our diocese to count all of the people who come to church. The count is important for the Diocese when planning for the future.

*Liturgies of the Week*

**October 15—Vigil**

4:30 pm Joseph Manack—Kirshner Family

**October 16—Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 am Minnie Hauth—Sandy Gallo & Jennifer Gallo  
Olbry & Family

11:00 am (Death Anniv) Mary J. Miller—Daughter, Frances Koschalk

**Monday, October 17—St. Ignatius of Antioch**

No Mass Today

**Tuesday, October 18—St. Luke**

8:00 am George Petrisin—Family

**Wednesday, October 19—Ss. John de Brébeuf & Isaac**

**Jogues & Companions**

No Mass Today

**Thursday, October 20—St. Paul of the Cross**

No Mass Today

**Friday, October 21**

8:00 am Dorothy & James Lucas—Children

**Saturday, October 22—Vigil**

3:30 pm *Sacrament of Reconciliation*

4:30 pm Mollie Wilson—Mary Martha & Michael Becher

**October 23—30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

11:00 am Alice & Joseph Walker—Daughter, Dolores Harhai & Family

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE—October 22/23**

	Lector	Lit. Coord	EM	Server
4:30 pm	S. Wawro	C. Farrier	C. Farrier	R. Buretz
9:00 am	M. Shaughnessy	B. Moskovitz	B. Moskovitz	C. Frank
11:00 am	T. Sebetich	R. Messick	R. Messick	M. Ceccarelli

**THE ROSARY IS PRAYED SUNDAYS AT 8:30 AM, PRIOR TO THE 9:00 AM MASS. PLEASE JOIN US!**

**SENIOR PARISHIONER DINNER  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2022**

All parishioners age 70 and over (and their spouses) are invited to dinner in the Parish Hall at 4:00 p.m.

**Reservations are Required**

Please return the form below to the Parish Office by Friday, October 21.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Number Attending \_\_\_\_\_



**Volunteers Needed** to help cook **Sat. 10/22 at 9 am** and set-up on **Mon. 10/23 at 2 pm.** for the Senior Parishioner dinner. If you can help in any way, please call the Parish Office at 724-929-9300.



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