

St Sebastian Catholic Church



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801 Broad Avenue · Belle Vernon, PA 15012

OCTOBER 30, 2022

Mass Schedule

Saturday

4:30 PM

Sunday

9:00 AM

11:00 AM

Tuesday, 8:00 AM

Friday, 8:00 AM



31st Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME

When he reached the place, Jesus looked up and said, "Zacchaeus, come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house." And he came down quickly and received him with joy. - Lk 19:5-6

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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—Going out on a limb!

Sometimes we forget that the simple things in life make all the difference. We spend time looking for the “big” things and we completely miss out on the opportunities that the “simple” things bring to life. Our liturgy gives us a gentle reminder that God loves everyone because they are all God’s creation, and the good found in them reflects the goodness of God.



The first reading from Wisdom gives us a wonderful explanation of God’s plan for creation. The book was written for those Jewish people who spoke Greek about a century before the birth of Jesus. The Jewish people were under continual assault by pagan Greeks and this book was written to strengthen their faith. Not only were the Jewish people confronted by their pagan neighbors, but they also had to deal with those Jews who had left their faith. Today’s reading reminds us of the splendor and beauty of divine wisdom. God shows a merciful readiness to overlook sinful offenses from humans. This gentleness on the part of God manifests a love for all that God created.

Our gospel speaks of God’s mercy in another way. Through the writings of Luke we are faced with the story of Zacchaeus. Simply put, this is a story about the problem of riches, Jesus’ concern for those who are outcast, and for those who have faith to recognize who Jesus is. The central figure in the story is a tax collector. Needless to say, Zacchaeus was not a well-liked man; in fact we would be correct in saying that he was probably hated by most of the people.

Whatever faults Zacchaeus may have been guilty of, it took a lot of courage for him to mingle with the people who, knowing his profession, might have stoned him. Zacchaeus was one of those “lost” people we hear so much about in the gospels. To clarify what it meant to be “lost” in the scriptures, it certainly did not mean damned or doomed. Rather, it meant in the wrong place. A thing or a person becomes lost when we find it in a place other than where it should be. When we find it, we return it to the place it ought to occupy. A person is lost when they have wandered away from God, but when they are found, they take their rightful place in the household of faith. Zacchaeus was in the wrong place in his life and apparently he knew it. He could only encounter Jesus by going out on a “limb.” Zacchaeus had to go out on a limb to make a change in his life. Jesus calls him by name and suddenly he finds himself in the right place.

How do we go out on a limb to find Jesus? In what ways do we need to change and grow to become more aware of God’s mercy? We are all called to believe in the essential goodness of all that God created. Wisdom calls us to embrace an attitude of reverence for all of creation; how we treat the environment, animals and all other aspects of ecology. Created in God’s image, we are now the stewards of creation.

Check your mailbox this week for a special postcard from your pastor asking you to uplift our faith community!

St. Sebastian Parish 2022 Festival Report

Our parish festival last month was a wonderful time for everyone who came. All of the bills have been paid and I am giving the report of the profits. Although it was a beautiful fall day, there wasn’t a lot of traffic of people who attended. Below is the income and expenses from the festival:

Income: **\$28,863.50** Expenses: **\$10,053.13**
 Net Profit: **\$18,810.37**

Shared expenses: (marketing, tents, labor) **\$3,357.79**

Shared Income: (festival donations) **\$320.00**

Total Profit: \$ 15,772.58

I want to thank everyone who gave so much of their time and efforts to make our festival happen, and we wouldn’t have had the success without all of your efforts. Please know how grateful we all are for everyone who came and spent part of their day to make this a success!

Stewardship of Treasure—October 23, 2022

Regular Offertory:	\$	5,590.00
Utilities & Maintenance:	\$	68.00
Votives:	\$	75.00
Cap. Project/Roof Fund:	\$	27.00
Catholic Accent:	\$	56.00
Ascension:	\$	10.00
Assumption:	\$	10.00
Sanctuary Flowers:	\$	4.00
World Mission:	\$	510.00
All Saints:	\$	10.00
Thanksgiving:	\$	35.00

Total October 22/23 \$ 6,395.00

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 are due this week.

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).

ALSO a limited amount of Pasta Fagioli Soup is available for sale on November 5 between 4—6 p.m. No presale required. Cost: \$9 per quart.

WEDDING SOUP ORDER

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

Senior Parishioner Dinner Thanks

A heartfelt thank you to all who worked to make the Senior Parishioner Dinner a success! From the delicious food, to the beautiful atmosphere, a wonderful time was had by our seniors. Thank you to all the workers who decorated, prepared, and cleaned up. We sincerely appreciate you!

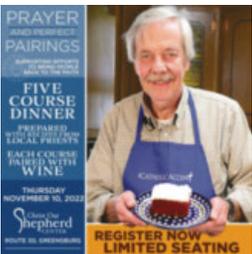
All Saints and All Souls

This week we celebrate two great feast days honoring all of those who have died. We recognize the countless people who have attained the honor of eternal glory through the Sainthood of Jesus Christ. On **November 1** we celebrate the feast of All Saints. **This is a Holy Day of Obligation. We will celebrate Mass at Epiphany of Our Lord at 6:30 pm on Monday, October 31, and 8:00 am. at St. Sebastian on Tuesday, November 1.**

On Wednesday **November 2** we recognize those souls who have not yet attained the glory of Sainthood with the celebration of All Souls. There will be a Mass in memory of all those who have died at **7:00 pm on Wednesday, November 2** at St. Sebastian.

On Thursday, **November 3** there will be a Prayer Service at **6:30** at Epiphany. We will pray for all of our beloved dead. I encourage everyone to come and pray for all of their loved ones who have died.

Prayer and Perfect Pairings



Join Bishop Larry J. Kulick for Prayer and Perfect Pairings, a five-course dinner prepared by priests from the Diocese of Greensburg, **Thursday, November 10**, at Christ our Shepherd Center, Greensburg. Each course is paired with wine. Visit DioceseofGreensburg.org/prayerandperfectpairings for ticket and sponsorship information. Proceeds will benefit Eucharistic Revival efforts.

HOME for the HOLIDAYS!

A tour of Mon-Valley Homes will once again be offered on Sunday, **December 4** from 1:00—4:30 p.m. sponsored by *The Bag Brigade*, a community outreach helping the children in the Belle Vernon area with food on the weekends. Among the featured homes are The Charlton cement homes-Donora, a Frank Lloyd Wright design-Monessen, and several others. The cost is \$25. To register call 724-747-5191.

REALITY TOUR—Getting “Real” About Drugs

Reality Tour is a national parent and child drug education and prevention program held at the Belle Vernon High School. The next scheduled program is on **November 7** from 6-8:30 pm, arrive at 5:30 pm, at Belle Vernon Area High School, For more information, go to realitytour.org or call 724-797-0955.

Ladies of Faith Group will meet on **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3** at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. All women of the parish are invited to attend.

Liturgies of the Week

October 29—Vigil

4:30 pm Trasatti & Flora Families—Tammy & Tim

October 30—Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Irene & Carl Lama—Sons & Daughter

11:00 am Romaine Kerestes—Jack & Fran Koschalk

Monday, October 31—Vigil of All Saints

6:30 pm Mass at Epiphany of Our Lord in Monessen

Tuesday, November 1—All Saints Day

8:00 am John Dunlop—Wife, Sue & Family

Wednesday, November 2—All Souls Day

7:00 pm In Memory of All Deceased of Our Parish

Thursday, November 3

6:30 pm All Souls Prayer Service at Epiphany of Our Lord

Friday, November 4

8:00 am Thomas Jones—Mother, Alexia Jones

Saturday, November 5—Vigil

3:30 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

4:30 pm Conrad Lama—Steve & Regina Angelo

November 6—32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

11:00 am Helene Wozniak—Sister, Joan & John

Praying the Rosary

We would like to start praying the Rosary before the 9:00 AM Sunday Liturgy. Anyone who comes early enough is welcome to lead the rosary. I hope that this will catch on and we can all grow closer to the Lord Jesus through the intercessions of Mary, His Mother.



MINISTRY SCHEDULE—November 5/6

	Lector	Lit. Coord	EM	Server
4:30 pm	C. Gorski	S. Wawro	S. Wawro	R. Buretz
9:00 am	B. Moskovitz	M. Shaughnessy	M. Shaughnessy	A. Frank
11:00 am	T. Sebetich	S. Kroskie	S. Kroskie	B. Henderson

*The Parish Office will be closed **November 1st.***

Sympathy and Prayers

Please remember in your prayers those who have died: TERESA (MENDICINO) O'TOOLE. We extend our sympathy to her family. May she rest in peace.



“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.

Youth Paint & Praise—On Sunday,

November 13, Students in grades 8—12 are invited to St. Anne’s Social Hall for an afternoon of socializing from 12:30—2:30 pm. Refreshments and Art supplies provided. To RSVP email rlewis@dioceseofgreensburg.org by November 4 or call 724-872-3486.

For added enjoyment, the Steeler game will be live streamed!





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