

St Sebastian Catholic Church



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801 Broad Avenue · Belle Vernon, PA 15012

NOVEMBER 27, 2022

Mass Schedule

Saturday

4:30 PM

Sunday

9:00 AM

11:00 AM

Tuesday, 8:00 AM

Friday, 8:00 AM

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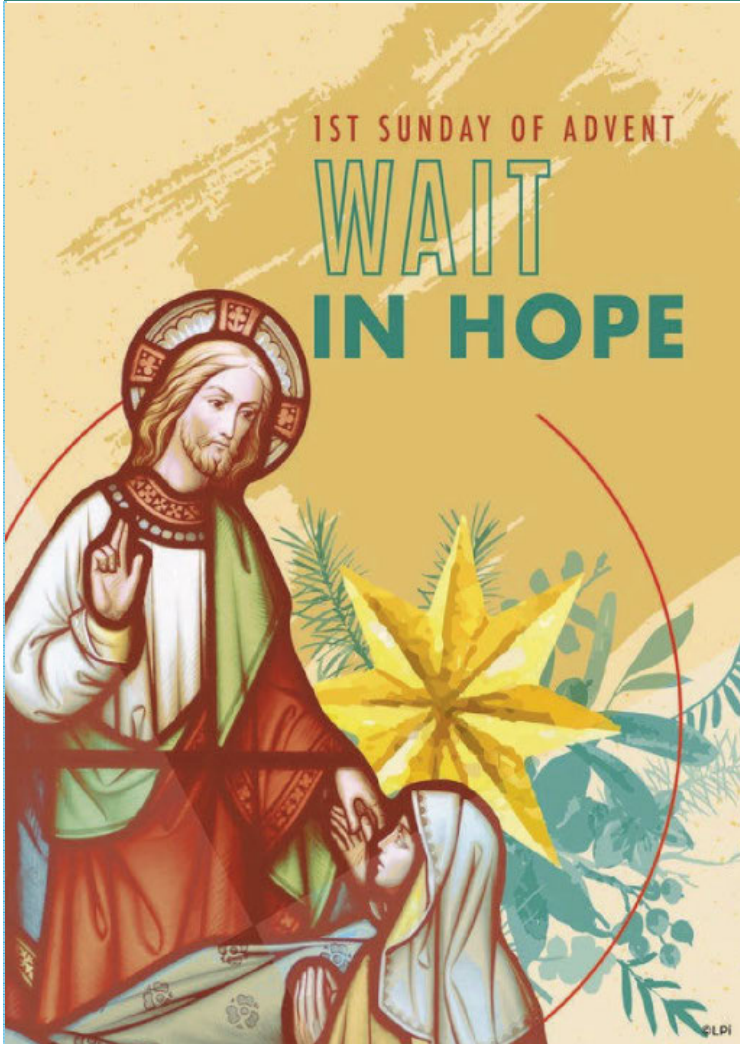
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Baptism Preparation

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

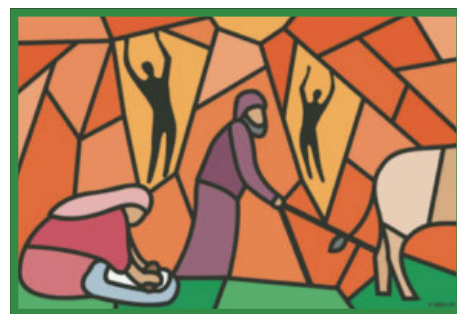
Anyone interested in becoming a Catholic, please call the Faith Formation Office.

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.

PLEASE NOTE: Throughout December the Saturday confessions will be canceled in lieu of the Advent Penance Services.

**From the Pastor—
Stay Awake and work for the Peace of Christ**



Christ comes to us, and during Advent-Christmas-Epiphany we celebrate the many comings of Christ. Always at the beginning of Advent the Lectionary invites to reflect on the end times. In our readings this Sunday we have alternate visions of what the end looks like. Isaiah envisions this world will be transformed: God will reign from Zion, people will live in peace, nations will not go to war, and people will “walk in the light of the Lord.” Paul envisions the Lord’s coming so near that he admonishes the people to “make no provisions for things of this world that lure us but walk as people who have “put on the armor of light.” Matthew envisions this world being carried away as in the days of Noah.

The readings and Advent call us to look forward to the future with hope and expectation. Many Jews of Paul’s and Jesus’ time believed that on a particular day in their not-too-distant future, God would quite suddenly and dramatically establish divine rule and authority over human affairs. The word Advent ultimately derives from the Latin *ad-venio*, which means “to arrive.” In this season the liturgy of the Catholic Church focuses both on the Christmas remembrance of the birth of Jesus and his second arrival at the end of time. Advent is a celebration of a hope that God’s promises will be fulfilled, that God can be born again, over and over in our hearts and in our world. Of all the seasons that make up our Church year, this is probably the busiest. With the celebration of Christmas so near, there are many things that we need to accomplish and there are many distractions that allow us to become sidetracked.

In the first reading we hear from the great prophet Isaiah who has been referred to as the “prince of prophets.” His writing is particularly fit for the Advent season. He was a great visionary, he clearly wrote about the social, political, and religious times of Jerusalem and Judah in the min-eighth century B.C. Isaiah’s dream for the future goes well beyond just the boundaries of Jerusalem; he expresses dreams and hopes for the wellbeing and peace of all nations. Today we are given one of his most memorable visions of peace.

St. Paul in the second reading is giving the people of the Roman Community a wakeup call that the time for salvation is now! There is no reason to wait any longer for the gift. He reminds us that salvation has been gained by the Resurrection of Christ, but it is up to us to make its fruits become a reality, here and now, in our own lives and in the world of today.

So, here we are after 2,000 years of Christianity and it seems that we Christians take the gospel too much for granted and do not seem eager to prepare for the second coming of Christ. We seem to be in no hurry to work for justice, reconciliation and peace. There is still so much to be done to make the Good News look like good news to the world around us.

The season of Advent is a great opportunity for us to refresh and strengthen our faith and our joy for the first coming of Christ and to refresh and strengthen likewise our “joyful hope” in the second coming.

Christmas Fruit Baskets

Once again we will offer you the opportunity to purchase boxes of fruit for Christmas. We will be getting the fruit from DeCarlo’s Fruit Market, the cost is \$23.00 per box. The deadline to order is **December 12**. Pick up **December 22, 4—6 pm or December 23, Noon—2 pm**. Please fill out the form below and return to the Parish Office with your payment.

CHRISTMAS FRUIT BASKET ORDER

NAME _____

PHONE _____

FRUIT BOXES _____

PAYMENT IS ENCLOSED _____

PICK-UP: DEC. 22—4:00-6:00 PM or DEC. 23—NOON-2:00 PM

Stewardship of Treasure

November 13, 2022

Regular Offertory:	\$	8,708.00
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Retired Priests:	\$	430.00
World Mission:	\$	10.00
All Saints:	\$	335.00
Thanksgiving:	\$	75.00

Total November 12/13 **\$ 11,111.75**

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CHRISTMAS ANGEL TREE

If you know of anyone who might benefit from this project, **please take a form from the pamphlet racks** and return it to the Parish Office. The name tags will be available on the first weekend of Advent. The deadline to return your form is this Sunday, **November 27th**. This is just one more way that we can share our blessings with the needy and lonely members of our community.



Advent is the time to prepare for the greatest gift God has given us, the forgiving love we find through His Son. In celebrating this forgiveness we will offer the sacrament of Reconciliation throughout our region. The dates and times for are listed below.

December 6	Epiphany (6:30 pm)
December 7	West Newton (6:30 pm)
December 12	Yukon (6:00 pm)
December 13	Rostraver (6:30 pm)
December 15	Perryopolis (6:30 pm)
December 16	Herminie (6:00 pm)
December 17	Belle Vernon (Saturday, 12-Noon)

Throughout December the Saturday confessions will be canceled in lieu of the services.

I hope that you mark these dates down and make an effort to come and bring your family to this life-giving sacrament.

ENJOY BOOKS

St. Sebastian Regional Catholic School is offering 2023 Enjoy Books for Sale. The cost is \$30 per book. Please call the School office to order your book (724-929-5143).



Breakfast with Santa & Mrs. Claus

On Sunday **December 18th** from 10 – 12:30 we will once again celebrate Breakfast with Santa and Mrs. Claus. The Holy Name Society will provide breakfast consisting of French Toast, sausage, juice and coffee. The cost is \$5.00 per adult and all children will be free. There will be treats for all the children along with a visit with Santa and Mrs. Clause! I hope that you will be able to schedule this into your calendars and spend some time with us.

Ladies of Faith Group

On Thursday, December 1, the group will celebrate their First Annual Christmas Party at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The reservations were made at the November meeting.

Due to the early transmission of this bulletin, the financial report for November 20, 2022, will be in next Sunday's bulletin.

Liturgies of the Week

November 26—Vigil

4:30 pm Domenico & Antonia (Santori) Vagnoni—
Gloria Vagnoni Beck & Daughter, Karen

November 27—First Sunday of Advent

9:00 am (Death Anniv) Sam Suppa, Jr.—Wife, Annette &
Children, Sam, Angela & Barbra

11:00 am Romaine Kerestes—Joan & John Ciccarelli

Monday, November 28

No Mass Today

Tuesday, November 29

8:00 am (Date of Birth) Michael J. Hazy—Jim Hazy & Family

Wednesday, November 30—St. Andrew

No Mass Today

Thursday, December 1

No Mass Today

Friday, December 2

8:00 am In Memory of Peter & Sarah Bednarczyk's
Wedding Anniversary—Daughter, Kathleen

Saturday, December 3—Vigil

4:30 pm Myrle & Ruth Keller—Son, Lou & Family

December 4—Second Sunday of Advent

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

11:00 am (Date of Birth) Frank Rodriguez—John & Joan Benyak

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

MINISTRY SCHEDULE—December 3/4

	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	A. Frank
11:00 am	A. Hoffman	R. Hoffman	R. Hoffman	C. Hoffman

SAVE THE DATE

FOR THE
**2ND ANNUAL
COUNTRY CHRISTMAS
ON BROAD**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11TH

Parade on Broad at 2:00 pm

Festivities on

Church grounds

3:00 pm until 6:00 pm

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