

St Sebastian Catholic Church



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801 Broad Avenue · Belle Vernon, PA 15012

NOVEMBER 6, 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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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.

32nd Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME



Jesus said to them, "The children of this age marry and remarry; but those who are deemed worthy to attain to the coming age and to the resurrection of the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. They can no longer die, for they are like angels; and they are the children of God because they are the ones who will rise." - Lk 20:34-36

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From the Pastor

From this World to the Next...

It is the month of November and traditionally during this time of year we think of all of our loved ones who have died. This week our readings speak to us about what happens after we leave this world. In both the first reading as well as in the gospel we are given "insight" into the life to come. Belief in the afterlife in many ways is as much a struggle for us today as it was for many of the Sadducees and others in Jesus' time. Our society is mixed with so many ideas about life and death that sometimes it does get a little confusing. For example: New Age concepts of cosmic unity and Eastern beliefs in reincarnation witness to our desire for continued life in some form and our struggle with what that might be like.

The readings that are found at the end of our liturgical year are certainly not meant to scare us. Rather they are given to us so that we may reflect in a direct way on what Jesus' Second Coming is about and to help prepare us. Our faith reminds us that the choices that we make in this life will determine the judgment we receive at the Second Coming, and knowing this helps us to prepare. Few of us will ever be faced with the extreme choice the brothers in the first reading must make; nevertheless, we like the seven brothers live in a world full of wrongdoing and life threatening situations.

In reality we do face "death" every day: dying to self. Gospel living then is so much more than simply religious practices, gospel living means that we align ourselves with Jesus' living and dying. Jesus modeled for us the self-sacrificing giving which leads us all too eternal life. The question we must ask ourselves is: How badly do we want to share in that eternal life?" the choices that we make today about whether we follow Jesus faithfully and live gospel values by dying to ourselves reveal the extent of our own hope in sharing in Jesus' risen life.

What does happen to us when we die? This is a question that civilizations have been asking themselves since the beginning. It was this question that prompted the actions of the mother and her seven children in the first reading. They were able to choose death knowing that there was something better in the next life. Over the past few decades many people have shared what they saw in near death experiences. Many of these people describe seeing a bright light and a deep sense of peace. Unbelievers scoff at this, but they cannot deny, nor can they explain the universal expressions of life after death.

Unfortunately Jesus never defined life after death. He preached more about life now, and suggested that the quality of life after we die is directly related to how we lived here on earth. Certainly, in the Sermon on the Mount and the Beatitudes, He makes specific references to eternal rewards, and has referred to Himself as "the resurrection and the life." But, He does not describe what resurrection or heaven is like! So, we are all left only with faith, to imagine what heaven and resurrection will be like.



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION



The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on Tuesday, **November 22** at 7:00 p.m. Rehearsal for Confirmation is on Monday, **November 21** at 7:00 pm in the Church. Sponsors or their proxy should be in attendance also. If you have any questions, please call the Faith Formation Office at 724-929-9300.

Cookies are needed for the reception after Confirmation. If you are able, you may bring them to the Parish Office on Monday, November 21. Thank you and God bless you.

Stewardship of Treasure—October 30, 2022

Regular Offertory:	\$	6,625.96
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World Mission:	\$	204.00
All Saints:	\$	179.00

Total October 29/30 \$ 7,810.96

Workbook for Lectors

The new workbook for our lectors is now available. The workbook contains the readings for the coming year. Beginning the first week of Advent we will be using readings from Cycle "A". If you are a lector, please pick up your workbook. If anyone is interested in becoming a lector, all you have to do is let me know and I will take care of everything else.

"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.

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. 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.

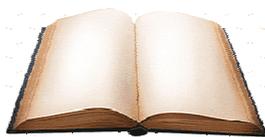
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Remembering our Beloved Dead

Throughout the month of November we remember our deceased relatives and friends in our prayers and at Mass.

There is a book in the front of the church where you can list the names of all of the deceased members of your families and friends.



October Count

Every year the diocese asks us to count the people who are coming to church during the month of October. This year our attendance for the five weekend mass' on each Sunday has certainly been down. As you can see our numbers continue to drop each year. Just as the diocese uses these statistics for planning, so too do we need to look at these numbers.

Christmas Angel Tree



It is getting that time of year when we start to think about our annual giving tree at Christmas Time. If you know of any family who might benefit from this project, please contact the office and let us know. The name tags will be available on the first weekend of Advent. This is just one more way that we can share our blessings with needed members of our community.

Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet this Wednesday, **November 9**, at 11:00 a.m. in the Parish Center. **Please note the new day and time.**

Sympathy and Prayers

Please remember in your prayers those who have died: JAMES N. McKEVITT. We extend our sympathy to his family. May he rest in peace.

Liturgies of the Week

November 5—Vigil

4:30 pm Conrad Lama—Steve & Regina Angelo

November 6—Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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

Monday, November 7

No Mass Today

Tuesday, November 8

8:00 am (Death Anniv) David Sands—Diane Snyder

Wednesday, November 9—Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

No Mass Today

Thursday, November 10—Pope St. Leo the Great

No Mass Today

Friday, November 11—St. Martin of Tours

8:00 am Joseph Manack—Bill & Carol Manack

Saturday, November 12—Vigil

3:30 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

4:30 pm (Date of Birth) Sonny Forgas—Daughter, Lisa & Family

November 13—Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am (Death Anniv) Ronald Edwards—Wife & Children

11:00 am (Death Anniv) Kim Davis—Wife, Nadine & Children

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

MINISTRY SCHEDULE—November 12/13

	Lector	Lit. Coord	EM	Server
4:30 pm	S. Wawro	C. Farrier	C. Farrier	A. Peden
9:00 am	M. Shaughnessy	B. Moskovitz	B. Moskovitz	N. Jodon
11:00 am	A. Hoffman	R. Hoffman	R. Hoffman	C. Hoffman

SENIOR PARISHIONER DINNER—OCTOBER 24, 2022





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