

St Sebastian Catholic Church



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801 Broad Avenue · Belle Vernon, PA 15012

June 11, 2023

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

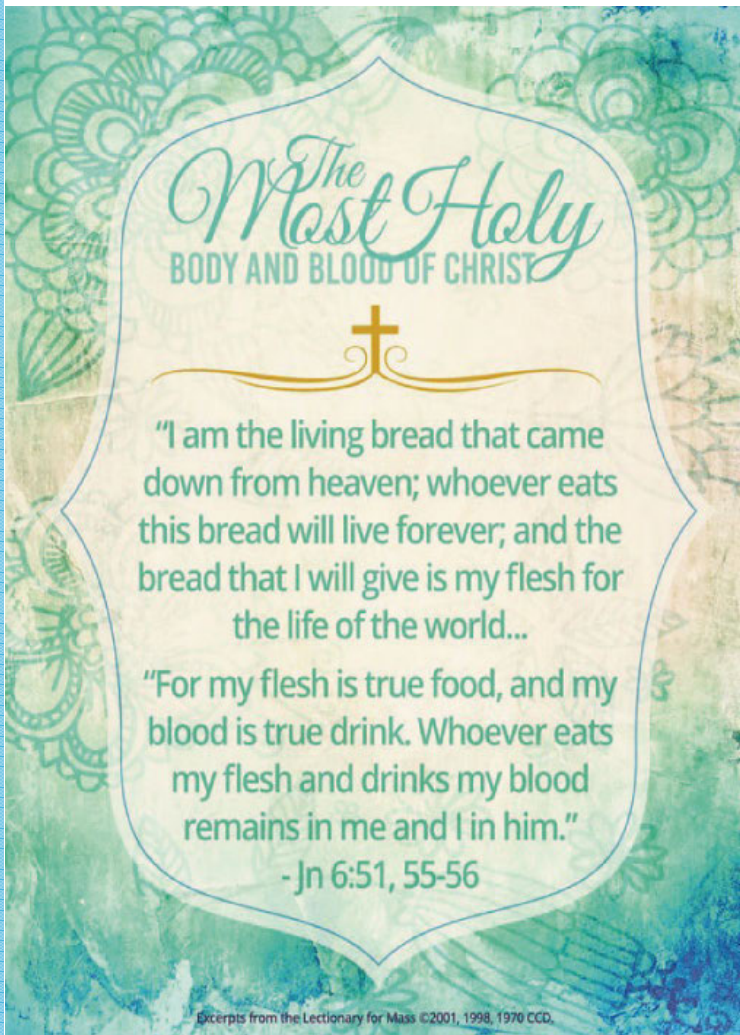
Please call the Faith Formation Office, 724-929-9300.

(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.



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From the Pastor—We are the Body of Christ...

The “manna” that the people of Israel were given to sustain them along their journey was perishable bread. It was a gift from God given without cost. What we celebrate today in the

feast of the Body and Blood of Jesus promises us that He will feed us with imperishable food so that we will truly live forever. This gift is imperishable not only because it is the very Body and Blood of Jesus but also because our participation in this great Gift draws us into the same kind of self-giving as Jesus shares with us. This becomes the central focus of what the Eucharist is all about.

In the gospel Jesus describes himself as the “living bread” given for the “life of the world.” This is what we memorialize in the Eucharist: that Jesus gives himself in his Body and Blood. Our “participation” in the Eucharist, as given in the second reading by Paul, demands that we, like Jesus, give ourselves for others. A core of the mystery of Eucharist – and of our selves - is self giving. It is wrong for us to conceive of Communion as a private moment between “Jesus and me” and that Communion is only about what each of us is given. Communion with the Body and Blood of Christ compels communion with one another: “we, though many, are one body.” The manna was perishable because it sustained only the body, which eventually dies; Eucharist is imperishable because it sustains a life of self-giving within the community, which is the Body of Christ.

The gospel for this Sunday makes clear to us that Jesus gave himself not only in self sacrifice on the cross but also in the self giving of his very Body and Blood as Food for us to eat and drink, which brings us to eternal life. Unlike the food given to the people in the desert, this gift of Jesus brings us eternal life. This is how we remain in Jesus, through our own daily self-giving and our participating in the common Meal. This is how we remain in each other through self-giving and yes, participating in the common Meal. This Gift of life given to us through our participation in his Body and Blood is not simply for our own sakes but also for the sake of others. To receive the Gift of life is to be compelled to give this Gift to others. This is what Eucharist is all about. This is what this solemnity is all about: self-giving for the life of others.

The Gift of the Eucharist nourishes us and gives us the strength to choose self-giving sacrifice as a way of living, and this is the only way to achieve eternal life. No wonder we call ourselves a Eucharistic people and no wonder Eucharist defines who we are as those baptized into Christ. By sharing in Jesus’ Body and Blood we share in His cross and resurrection.

MONTHLY OVERVIEW—Listed below is a breakdown of what our monthly expenses were as opposed to the amount of money taken in. We will be providing this to you on a monthly basis.

May Expenses	Amount	Week	Collection
Maintenance	\$ 535.36	Apr. 30	\$ 7,270.00
Electric	\$ 814.08	May 7	\$ 8,317.00
Other Utilities	\$ 258.62	May 14	\$ 10,726.50
Misc. Office	\$ 1,283.93	May 21	\$ 7,944.50
Payroll	\$ 23,005.04	May 28	\$ 6,699.00
Diocesan Expenses	\$ 15,018.00	<i>May Electronic Offerings</i>	
(Breakdown)			\$ 4,289.66
Accent	\$ 771.80	Total \$ <u>45,246.66</u>	
Ed. Assessment	\$ 6,959.06		
Dio. Assessment	\$ 4,032.08		
Insurance	\$ 3,220.06		
Data Processing	\$ 35.00		
Total	\$ <u>40,915.03</u>		

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

Stewardship of Treasure

June 4, 2023

Regular Offertory:	\$	6,253.00
Utilities & Maintenance:	\$	50.00
Votives:	\$	163.00
Cap. Project/Roof Fund:	\$	391.00
Catholic Accent:	\$	185.00
Peter's Pence:	\$	5.00
Sanctuary Flowers:	\$	34.00
Ascension:	\$	<u>110.00</u>

Total June 3/4 **\$ 7,191.00**

Congratulations to our 2023 High School Graduates who attended Mass here last Sunday

(Left to Right)

Sofia Francia, Rosalyn Perozzi, Olivia Kolowitz



Annual St. Sebastian Junque Sale

This year's Junque Sale will be held **July 28 & 29**. We are collecting donations on Tuesdays & Thursdays starting from 10 am—12 pm and 6 pm—8 pm. We are **not accepting** clothing, televisions, exercise equipment, dictionaries, encyclopedia's or large furniture. If anyone needs an appointment to donate items, please call Bonnie Halinka at 724-322-0355.

We are in need of volunteers and anyone needing community service hours.



Volunteers are needed for this year's church and kitchen cleaning. Cleaning the **church** will take place on Thursday, **June 15th** at 9:-00 a.m. and cleaning the **kitchen** will be on Tuesday, **June 20th** at 9:00 a.m. Please bring your own bucket and rags. (Please check with the parish

office the day before to make sure there is not a funeral on cleaning day.)

Little Things for Little People—Can You Help?

Little Things for Little People is in need of all size diapers, baby shampoo, baby soap, baby lotion, wipes and newborn to toddler socks. Donations can be either left in the Parish Office or dropped off Mondays from 9:00 to 11:00 at First United Methodist Church, 200 State Street, Belle Vernon.

Pictorial Directory

If you had your photo taken for the directory, you may pick your book up in the office. If you did not have a photo taken and are interested in receiving a directory, please call the parish office.

Sympathy and Prayers

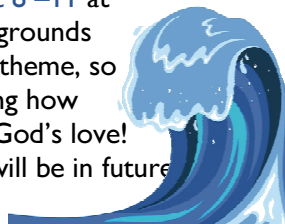
Please remember in your prayers those who have died: **JAMES KORBER** and **IRENE ZUZA**. We extend our sympathy to their families. May they rest in peace.

Brown Bag Thanks

To all who generously donated skeins of yarn this Brown Bag Sunday, a big **Thank You**. Your donation will help our Shawl Ministry create gifts for our outreach programs.

Vacation Bible School—Make A Splash!

This year VBS will take place **August 8 –11** at Epiphany of Our Lord Parish hall & grounds from 9 a.m.—11 a.m. Water is the theme, so prepare to get splashed while hearing how Jesus uses water to teach us about God's love! More information and registration will be in future bulletins.



Liturgies of the Week

June 10—Vigil

4:30 pm Charles Horan & Jean Santarel—Family

June 11—Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

9:00 am M/M John P. Biggins—Son, Mike Biggins

11:00 am (Date of Birth) Minnie Haugh—Daughters, Kathy & Donna

Monday, June 12

No Mass Today

Tuesday, June 13—St. Anthony of Padua

8:00 am William Monro, Jr.—Sue Dunlop

Wednesday, June 14

No Mass Today

Thursday, June 15

No Mass Today

Friday, June 16—Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

8:00 am Charles Buzalka—Paul & Rosemary Bosetti

Saturday, June 17—Vigil

3:30 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

4:30 pm Intention of the Celebrant

June 18—Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Intention of the Celebrant

11:00 am Intention of the Celebrant

Sacrament of Baptism



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

MINISTRY SCHEDULE—June 17/18

	Lectors	Lit. Coord/EM	Servers
4:30 pm	S. Wawro	C. Farrier	A. Peden
9:00 am	B. Moskovitz	R. Smereczniak	N. Jodon
11:00 am	C. Rhodes	S. Kroskie	B. Henderson

Readings for the week of June 11, 2023

Sunday: Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 (12)/1 Cor 10:16-17/Jn 6:51-58

Monday: 2 Cor 1:1-7/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 5:1-12

Tuesday: 2 Cor 1:18-22/Ps 119:129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 135/Mt 5:13-16

Wednesday: 2 Cor 3:4-11/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 8, 9/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: 2 Cor 3:15—4:1, 3-6/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 5:20-26

Friday: Dt 7:6-11/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 10 (see 17)/1 Jn 4:7-16/Mt 11:25-30

Saturday: 2 Cor 5:14-21/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Lk 2:41-51

PLEASE NOTE:

The parish office will be closed this Wednesday, June 14, 2023.



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