



St Sebastian Catholic Church



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801 Broad Avenue · Belle Vernon, PA 15012

June 4, 2023

Mass Schedule

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| Saturday 4:30 PM | Tuesday, 8:00 AM |
| Sunday 9:00 AM 11:00 AM | Friday, 8:00 AM |

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Third Wednesday of every month. Please call the Faith Formation Office, 724-929-9300.

Religious Education/Formation

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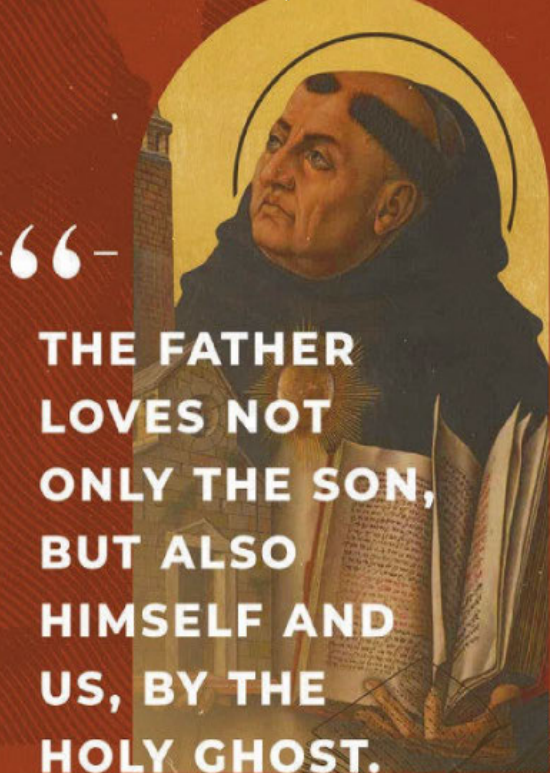
(RCIA) Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

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.

TRINITY SUNDAY



DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

“—

**THE FATHER
LOVES NOT
ONLY THE SON,
BUT ALSO
HIMSELF AND
US, BY THE
HOLY GHOST.**

”

- ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

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From the Pastor—The Holy Trinity is all about God!

Although this solemnity seems to be somewhat sedate, the feast of the Most Holy Trinity is of vital importance to everything we believe in, for it is the feast of God. Every baptized Christian professes belief in the Trinity. It is one fundamental part of our faith that is shared by all. This is a wonderful solemnity celebrating the life and majesty of God. Today’s solemnity reminds us that the only way we share in God’s glory is to give of ourselves in the same way God gives to us: in love and mercy, graciousness and faithfulness.

The real beauty about this day is that it brings us to the very inner life of God. We cannot say that we completely understand the Trinity, but our readings assure us never to doubt God’s love, mercy and care. The first reading we see that God is revealed to Moses as being merciful and gracious. Moses makes a second attempt at trying to create a covenant with God in spite of the behavior of the people of Israel. Moses as Israel’s mediator bows in supplication to God. This highlights that God’s authority over Israel occurs within the context of an intensely personal relationship.

Paul in his letter to the Corinthians begins with the instruction about how to live together: “Encourage one another, agree with one another, and live in peace.” We are being told in no mixed terms that the way of life of the Trinity is to be reflected in the life of the community. Our knowledge of God will always remain partial: no one can pretend to know God completely. We are told that the face of God cannot be seen, but God’s love can be perceived through divine presence in the midst of the people and through God’s marvelous deeds of mercy throughout history. We need to carry in our hearts that we can only know the real presence of God in our relationship with people. If relationship is such a critical factor in knowing and experiencing God, then we all need to re-examine our actions in life. It means nothing to spend hours in prayer if our action towards others does not reflect this love. There must be a consistency in our thoughts, prayer and actions. This Sunday is about God, and through the teaching of Jesus we have learned that God is not an impersonal Supreme Being. The God that Jesus reveals to us is Relationship, Compassion and Communion. God is Love, but is this the image of God we project and reflect in our lives and in our actions?



Diocesan Lenten Appeal

The campaign for this year’s DLA is almost completed. I want to thank everyone who participated and helped us to reach our goal. We will be sealing and painting the parking lots soon.

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 or 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.

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 a directory, please call the office.

Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet this Wednesday, **June 7**, in the Parish Center at 11:00 a.m. For more information call Joannie Brown at 412-657-7880.

Stewardship of Treasure—May 28, 2023

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| Regular Offertory: | \$ | 5,977.00 |
| Utilities & Maintenance: | \$ | 33.00 |
| Votives: | \$ | 151.00 |
| Cap. Project/Roof Fund: | \$ | 15.00 |
| Catholic Accent: | \$ | 467.00 |
| Peter’s Pence: | \$ | 5.00 |
| Catholic Communication: | \$ | 5.00 |
| Ascension: | \$ | 46.00 |

Total May 27/28 \$ 6,699.00

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.

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

Matters of Sexual Misconduct Information

If you have any suspicion about the sexual abuse (or any other type of abuse) of a minor child by anyone — please contact PA ChildLine immediately at 1-800-932-0313. If the alleged abuser is functioning in a parish, school or diocesan position as clergy, religious, paid staff or volunteer you are also requested to contact the Bishop’s Delegate for Matters of Sexual Misconduct after you have called the ChildLine number and made the report. The Bishop’s Delegate may be reached at 724-837-0901, ext. 1221.

 ★ **We Congratulate Our**
 ★ **2023 Graduates**
 ★ **at the 11:00 A.M. Mass**
 ★ **today, Sunday, June 4.**



Honoring our Graduates

This week we will recognize and honor our graduates for 2023! Sometimes we do forget how trying school can be and every generation brings with it new challenges. Please remember to keep our young people in your thoughts and prayers as they embark on this new chapter in their lives. As their parish family we are proud of their accomplishments and wish them the very best in their futures.

Season of Ordinary Time

With the season of Easter behind us, we start up again with Ordinary time in the Church Calendar. It is during this time of the church year that we think about the faith we have been given and the many ways that we are called to share it. One of the many ways that we as “church” are called to share our faith is through the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults.



R.C.I.A. is the vehicle we use to help adults learn about the Catholic Church. This is an exciting program not only for those who are on their Journey of Faith but also for everyone who is a part of the program. It is interesting how much we all learn just by listening to others experiences of faith.

If you know of anyone who might be interested in learning about our faith, please invite them to be a part of this program, just give us a call at the office and we will take it from there. Remember, you can be a part of the journey along with them if you chose to. Through the goodness of God’s Spirit we all have the ability to touch and invite others to come and share our faith.

Summer Priesthood Vocation Camp QVD

Attention all Catholic young men entering grades 9-12! Do you know where your life is going? The Lord Jesus has a great plan for you! You are invited to attend the *Quo Vadis Days Camp* to spend time with other young men your age who are open to God’s call in their life. QVD will be led by the seminarians of the Dioceses of Greensburg and is supported by the Office for Priestly Vocations. This camp will be held **July 23 to 26** at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg. If you are interested, please visit greensburgpriest.org for more information and registration.

Liturgies of the Week

June 3—Vigil

4:30 pm George Petrisin—Family

June 4—Most Holy Trinity

9:00 am (Death Anniv) Jim Clark—Family
 11:00 am For All the People of Saint Sebastian Parish
 Graduation Mass

Monday, June 5—St. Boniface

No Mass Today

Tuesday, June 6—St. Norbert

8:00 am Andrew Yencsik—Daughter, Mary & Family

Wednesday, June 7

No Mass Today

Thursday, June 8

No Mass Today

Friday, June 9—St. Ephrem

8:00 am In Honor of Rosemarie Knox 100th Birthday—
 Daughter, Sharon & Terry Cotter

Saturday, June 10—Vigil

3:30 pm *Sacrament of Reconciliation*
 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

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

| MINISTRY SCHEDULE—June 10/11 | | | |
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| | Lectors | Lit. Coord/EM | Servers |
| 4:30 pm | J. Wasicek | K. Molesky | M. Wasicek |
| 9:00 am | M. Shaughnessy | B. Moskovitz | A. Frank |
| 11:00 am | T. Sebetich | R. Messick | H. Miller |

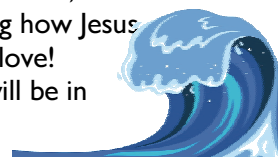
Brown Bag Sunday

Next weekend, **June 10/11** we are going to have another “Brown Bag” collection. This time we are asking you to bring in skeins of yarn. We have a group of parishioners who are busy creating blankets, shawls and other items for our shut in’s, baptisms and nursing homes. They also distribute them to the hospitals for people going through chemotherapy. This is a wonderful way to reach out to the people of our community. We are asking that you bring in skeins of yarn (please be sure it is washable) next weekend, and we will take it from there. I am grateful for your generosity!



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.





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