



# St Sebastian Catholic Church



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801 Broad Avenue · Belle Vernon, PA 15012

July 30, 2023

## 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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## 17<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field." - Mt 13:44

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## Saint Sebastian Regional Catholic School

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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

### What is our Pearl of great price?



Today we have more of Jesus' parables in the gospel, but their tone and audience are different. Now it is no longer the crowds Jesus addresses, as for the past two weeks, but His disciples. And unlike the focus in the past on the mysterious power of growing things, today we hear how wise people seize the moment: There is a treasure to be gained, there are fish to be caught and sorted for those of worth. Like the parables of the past few weeks, we are given a story to ponder in our hearts and see how they apply to our lives.

It seems we are always searching for treasure. We spend billions of dollars on lottery tickets each year hoping to hit the jackpot. Metal detectors enable us to comb beaches and parks for coins and other possible treasures. TV game shows are growing more and more popular. Our search for treasure isn't necessarily an indication that we are unhappy with our lot in life; it is an indication that we hope for more. So it is with our life in God! The stories we hear today show us different ways people find the Kingdom of God: by chance, by diligent search, by careful discernment.

The stage is set for the "wisdom" one needs to find this great treasure through the first reading with its presentation of the great King Solomon and his unusual request from God. No matter how we choose to set out finding the Kingdom there are two things that we will all need. First of all we will need the wisdom to recognize the overwhelming worth of the Kingdom when it appears, the same wisdom requested by Solomon of God. Secondly we will need the boldness to be willing to stake all on the kingdom. The gospel calls each of us to be wise and bold.

The wisdom that Solomon requested and for which he is famous is one of the most valued virtues of the Old Testament tradition. Like Solomon, we must ask for wisdom so that we can recognize the great treasure of the kingdom of God when it appears. We all need the "understanding heart" so that we can be wise and bold about our discipleship, about recognizing the presence of God's Kingdom and about cultivating grateful hearts for the great treasure God has offered us in Jesus Christ. There can be no other treasure than this: to have an "understanding heart" and to "know what is right."

The message that we find in the gospels is definitely good news. However, do we live our Christian life as a tedious routine or as the joyful response of people who know they have found the treasure and the pearl that fulfill all their dreams and aspirations? Ultimately the question we all must ask is: does our faith in Jesus make us happier? The question is worth asking, and no one but us can know what the answer is.

## Catholic University Collection

This weekend we are taking up the collection to benefit the Catholic University. The Catholic University of America. CU is a national research university with over 5,700 undergraduate and graduate students in more than 250 academic programs in the heart of Washington, D.C. By giving to the collection, you are supporting future Catholic leaders, both religious and lay, who are being formed by an exceptional, faith-rooted education. If you did not come prepared for this collection this week, you may put your envelope in next week. Please know how grateful I am to all of you for your generosity!

### Stewardship of Treasure—July 23, 2023

Regular Offertory:	\$	6,573.00
Utilities & Maintenance:	\$	308.00
Votives:	\$	89.00
Catholic Accent:	\$	352.00
Cap. Project/Roof Fund:	\$	258.00

**Total July 22/23**      **\$ 7,580.00**

## Brown Bag Sunday

Stores are already advertising "Back to School" Supplies. It is about time to start getting ready for our Brown Bag Sunday with school supplies. We will have our Brown Bag Sunday the Weekend of **August 12 - 13**. So...if you see any back packs or school supplies on sale pick them up now for the collection. Many students from our area have benefited from this collection in years past, know that you will be helping needy children with your generosity.



As always I am grateful for your generous spirits and the many ways you share your goodness with others.



### Epiphany of Our Lord

Plan for some great music and fun at the Epiphany of Our Lord Parish festival, in Monessen, on Friday, **August 4** (5 p.m.-9 p.m.) and Saturday, **August 5** (Noon – 10 p.m.) as we embrace the '50s! Street Level Band will be onsite Friday evening. And harkening back to playground days, we are having an *All Wheels Parade around the grounds*. Plan on how to deck out your bicycles, scooters, skate boards, toy cars, strollers (Doll and real, depending on age!), wheel barrows, lawn mowers and more! Any non-motorized float or entry is welcome to participate. If it rolls on people-power (hover boards and kiddie vehicles accepted), it's in! You may drop off your "Wheels" at the drop off point before parking. On Saturday we will have a car show, the Belairs, Elvis impersonator and American Pie Oldies Band! Weather permitting, fireworks at 9:30 p.m. and outdoor Mass at 10 p.m. Details on the website: [www.eolparish.com](http://www.eolparish.com)

Consider online giving, click the "my Eoffering" button on our parish website

## “Junque” Sale Thanks & Appreciation...

This weekend we sponsored our annual Junque sale on Friday and Saturday. It is absolutely amazing how much “Junque” we are able to collect each year. This in part is because of your generosity in re-cycling your treasures.

I am grateful to Bonnie Halinka who every year is at the helm of this fundraiser. She gives many hours of her time for well over a month! For her help and dedication we all are grateful. I am also amazed at the amount of people who work throughout the month of July to get things set up for the sale. It is gratifying to see so many of our parishioners giving of their time to guarantee that the sale is a success. I would also like to thank all of you our parishioners who donated 90% of what we had to sell this year. It is a good opportunity to “clean” out some of our treasures. All in all it was a successful event and we are looking forward to next year’s sale!



## International Food Festival!

Join us for an International Food Festival to support priestly formation in the Philippines.

Right now, nearly 20 Filipino priests serve as missionaries in parishes throughout the Diocese of Greensburg. Bishop Medil Sacay Aseo, Bishop of Tagum in the Philippines, will be present for the event. In 2018 Bishop Medil Aseo, then, Father Medil Aseo, was serving as Parochial Vicar at St. Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish in Kittanning and St. Mary, Mother of God Parish in Yatesboro, when he was appointed by our Holy Father, Pope Francis, as Bishop of the Diocese of Tagum.

To celebrate his visit, and give thanks for all our International priests, a Mass, celebrated by Bishop Kulick, and an International Food Festival will be held at the Christ Our Shepherd Center, on **August 25** at 5:30 PM to raise funds to support the priestly formation program in the Diocese of Tagum. The Diocese of Tagum has the largest group of priests serving our diocese in our International Priests Program.

Tickets are \$75 per person which include samples of food from Italy, Eastern Europe, and the Philippines, plus an entire room of desserts as well as two drink tickets per person.

Sponsorship opportunities are available. Your sponsorship will help provide additional support to priestly formation in the Philippine. To purchase tickets or to sponsor this event, visit [DioceseofGreensburg.org/foodfest](http://DioceseofGreensburg.org/foodfest).

## Vacation Bible School—Make A Splash!

VBS will take place next week, **August 8-11** at Epiphany of Our Lord Parish hall and grounds from 9:00—11:00 a.m. Water is the theme, so prepare to get splashed while hearing how Jesus uses water to teach us about God’s love!

Registration forms can be found in the church pamphlet racks. Please return your registration form by Tuesday, August 1. To volunteer call Scott Martin at 724-469-1095.



## Liturgies of the Week

### July 29—Vigil

4:30 pm Carl & Rita Pesì—Son, George

### July 30—Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am (Date of Birth) Dave Moskovitz—Wife, Barb

11:00 am For All the People of Saint Sebastian Parish

### Monday, July 31—St. Ignatius of Loyola

8:00 am Mass at Epiphany of Our Lord

### Tuesday, August 1—St. Alphonsus Liguori

8:00 am Linda Rodriguez—Carole Foglia

### Wednesday, August 2—St. Euseius of Vercelli

No Mass Today

### Thursday, August 3

8:00 am Mass at Epiphany of Our Lord

### Friday, August 4—St. John Vianney

8:00 am Salva & Clark Families—Family

### Saturday, August 5—Vigil

3:30 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

4:30 pm (Death Anniv) Chuck Buzalka—Wife, Louise & Family

### August 6—Transfiguration of the Lord

9:00 am (Death Anniv) Donna Ambrose—Family

11:00 am (Date of Birth) LeRoy Nicolaus—Wife, Marlene & Family

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

### MINISTRY SCHEDULE—August 5/6

	Lectors	Lit. Coord/EM	Servers
4:30 pm	J. Wasicek	K. Molesky	M. Wasicek
9:00 am	G. Klamerus	M. Shaughnessy	A. Frank
11:00 am	C. Rhodes	R. Messick	B. Henderson

## Altar Candle Flowers

The flowers this weekend are a Birthday Remembrance in loving memory of Dave Moskovitz by his wife, Barb.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry** will meet on Wednesday, **August 2**, in the Parish Center at 11:00 a.m. For more information call Joannie Brown at 412-657-7880.

## Ladies of Faith—Ice Cream Social

Women of the Parish, please join us in the Parish Hall on **August 3** at 6:30 p.m. and meet the Ladies of Faith and find out what our organization does at St. Sebastian Church. There is no obligation to join. If you have any questions please contact Anita at 412-393-9319.



## Grounds Work Thanks

A special thank you to **Virginia Ferguson** for doing some much needed flower planting, weeding and general clean up of our parish grounds between the church & school. Thank you and God bless you, Virginia, for your dedication and service.



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