



# St Sebastian Catholic Church



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801 Broad Avenue · Belle Vernon, PA 15012

October 8, 2023

## Mass Schedule

<b>Saturday</b> 4:30 PM	<b>Tuesday, 8:00 AM</b>
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	<b>Friday, 8:00 AM</b>

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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



## 27<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone." - Mt 21:42ab

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## Saint Sebastian Regional Catholic School

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**From the Pastor**  
**How well do we tend the Vineyard?**



One of the amazing realities about being a disciple is that we are never really done. Once we think we have everything figured out, we must look again because there is much more to learn. Today we are reminded about the bounty of God’s goodness. We are given the example of a vineyard, one prepared by God with tender and loving care. We have been put here on that vineyard to take care of it. Often we think that our responsibility is to care for one another and treat all people in a genuinely loving manner. That is only part of it, for the vineyard is made up of more than just people.

Isaiah in this beautiful poem portrays God as a tender friend who lovingly cares for the vineyard. Despite all the tender, loving care, the spading, the clearing of stone, the planting, the building of a watchtower – all symbols of the loving, down-to-earth quality of God’s love – the quality of the people’s response is symbolized by a vineyard overgrown with thorns and thistles and a rotten harvest. The Lord looks for justice and finds violence and bloodshed. God prepares us to bring forth good fruit from our labors but our behavior sometimes renders our work and devotion fruitless. One may think of the vineyard as valuable property, the produce of which could be used to bring justice to the society and insure an equitable distribution of goods. This has not happened!

Often we become so enveloped in our own problems and issues that we fail to appreciate the beauty of all that is around us. Have you ever had the experience where you get into your car to go somewhere, then, once you are there you have no recollection of how you got there. You were so caught up in your own world that you didn’t even notice the beauty that is around you. This is what Isaiah is talking about in the first reading and what Jesus refers to in the Gospel. We all need to feel a greater appreciation and responsibility in caring for the earth and all that is contained on it. The justice of Jesus speaks of taking care of all that God has blessed us with. This means that we have to appreciate the world in which we live.

As a society, we abuse the resources that have been entrusted to us. We don’t think enough about how we are to cultivate the land in which we live. We think nothing of the gasoline we burn or the trash that we throw around. We waste so many of the gifts that we have been given without even a second thought. Today we are reminded that it is our responsibility to care for and cultivate the vineyard. We all are called to be responsible not only to the people we live with but also to the world in which we live. All that we have has been freely given to us. The very least we can do is respond to those gifts with the same tender appreciation in the same manner in which it was given.

**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.

Sept. Expenses	Amount
Maintenance	\$ 157.25
Electric	\$ 1,472.87
Other Utilities	\$ 250.73
Property Tax	\$ 5,601.07
Misc. Office	\$ 137.45
Church/Liturgy	\$ 5,216.37
Payroll	\$ 23,448.31
Diocesan Expenses	\$ 14,396.87
(Breakdown)	
Accent	\$ 659.60
Ed. Assessment	\$ 6,495.76
Dio. Assessment	\$ 3,729.27
Insurance	\$ 3,477.24
Data Processing	\$ 35.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 50,680.92</b>

Week	Collection
Sept. 3	\$ 7,382.01
Sept. 10	\$ 9,722.00
Sept. 17	\$ 9,406.00
Sept. 24	\$ 7,863.00
Aug. Elec. Offerings	\$ 3,859.23
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 38,232.24</b>



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

**Stewardship of Treasure**  
**October 1, 2023**

Regular Offertory:	\$	7,470.00
Utilities & Maintenance:	\$	48.00
Votives:	\$	402.00
All Saints:	\$	15.00
Retired Religious:	\$	20.00
All Souls:	\$	25.00
Catholic Accent:	\$	53.00
Cap. Project/Roof Fund:	\$	356.00
Sanctuary Flowers:	\$	30.00
Thanksgiving:	\$	17.00
Mission Co-Op	\$	30.00
Seminarian/Clergy:	\$	20.00

**Total Sept. 30/Oct. 1      \$ 8,486.00**

**WEDDING SOUP SALE—NOVEMBER 4!!**

Pre-order only—Wedding Soup at \$9 per quart. You may mail your order and payment to the Parish Office or drop in collection by **November 1**. Pick up on **November 4** between 4:00 pm–6:00 pm from the Parish Hall.

**WEDDING SOUP ORDER**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

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**PICK-UP ON NOVEMBER 4 BETWEEN 4–6 P.M.**



### Religious Education for 1st Grader's

Parents, is your child in the 1st Grade in the Public School System? If so and you wish your child to receive the Sacraments of First Penance and First Holy

Communion when he/she is in the 2nd grade, then please register them for Religious Ed classes today! Registration forms can be found in the church pamphlet racks, at the Parish Office and on our Parish Website. Please take this opportunity for your child to grow closer to Jesus and learn of His great love for us. Classes are on Monday evenings from 6:30—7:30 p.m.



### October Count

Throughout the month of October it has been customary to count the people who attend church. This count is important

when we look at the Diocese and see where we are going and how we can best manage the support and coverage of our parishes.

### Support Ukrainian Refugee Fund

Support is needed for the Ukrainian Refugee Fund administered by Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg, which provides assistance to individuals and families who have been forced to leave their homelands because of war. Visit [ccharitiesgreensburg.org/donate/donate-now/](http://ccharitiesgreensburg.org/donate/donate-now/) to donate. More than 100 families are on a waiting list to resettle in Western Pennsylvania.



### 14th Year of the Epiphany Rosary Crusade

There will be a public recitation of the Rosary at Epiphany of Our Lord Church, 44 Pennsylvania Blvd, Monessen on Saturday, **October 14** at 12-Noon. Bring a lawn chair and dress for inclement weather. For more information call Shirley Beneccio at 724-684-7099.



### Mystery Dinner

The Epiphany Ladies will host a Murder Mystery Dinner on Saturday, **November 4** at 6:00 p.m. At Epiphany of Our Lord Church Hall, 44 Pennsylvania Blvd., Monessen. Come to the 1950s themed "A Dance with Death" by the Murder Mystery Company. Tickets are \$40 for dinner, dessert & show, BYOB. For more info, or to purchase tickets, call 724-684-7661.

## Liturgies of the Week

### October 7—Vigil

4:30 pm Trasatti & Flora Families—Tim & Tammy Trasatti

### October 8—27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

11:00 am (Death Anniv) Joseph E. Manack—Wife, Loretta & Family

### Monday, October 9

8:00 am Mass at Epiphany of Our Lord

### Tuesday, October 10

8:00 am (Date of Birth) Neil Cope—Wife, Kim

### Wednesday, October 11

No Mass Today

### Thursday, October 12

No Mass Today

### Friday, October 13

8:00 am (Death Anniv) Ruth Melnick—Carol Cocciolone

### Saturday, October 14—Vigil

3:30 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

4:30 pm (Date of Birth) Carol Durko—Joe Valent

### October 15—28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Walter & Helen Fryske—Daughters

11:00 am Thomas R. Hartman—Wife & Family

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

### MINISTRY SCHEDULE—October 14/15

	Lectors	Lit. Coord/EM	Servers
4:30 pm	J. Wasicek	K. Molesky	M. Wasicek
9:00 am	G. Klamerus	R. Smereczniak	N. Jodon
11:00 am	A. Hoffman	R. Hoffman	Volunteer Needed

### Baptism Congratulations—To Julia Ann

**Cranston**, daughter of Connor and Angela (Iacoboni) Cranston who was baptized in Christ last Sunday. We welcome Julia into the Church and into our parish family. God bless her and her family.

### Priest's Convocation

Every year the Priests of the Diocese get together for a convocation. At this meeting we discuss many aspects of ministry and parish life. This year the convocation will be this week from Tuesday the 10th until Thursday the 12<sup>th</sup>. Fr. Mike will leave following the 8:00 am Mass on Tuesday.

### High School & Young Adult Priesthood Discernment Group

The *Melchizedek Project* is designed for high school and young adult-aged men who would like to grow in their understanding of how to discern a vocation and learn more about the priesthood. Each gathering involves prayer, discussion on a specific topic related to priesthood, and dinner. Visit [greensburgpriest.org](http://greensburgpriest.org) for information, dates, and registration. Please note that groups are age-specific.



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