



# St Sebastian Catholic Church



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801 Broad Avenue · Belle Vernon, PA 15012

**November 19, 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

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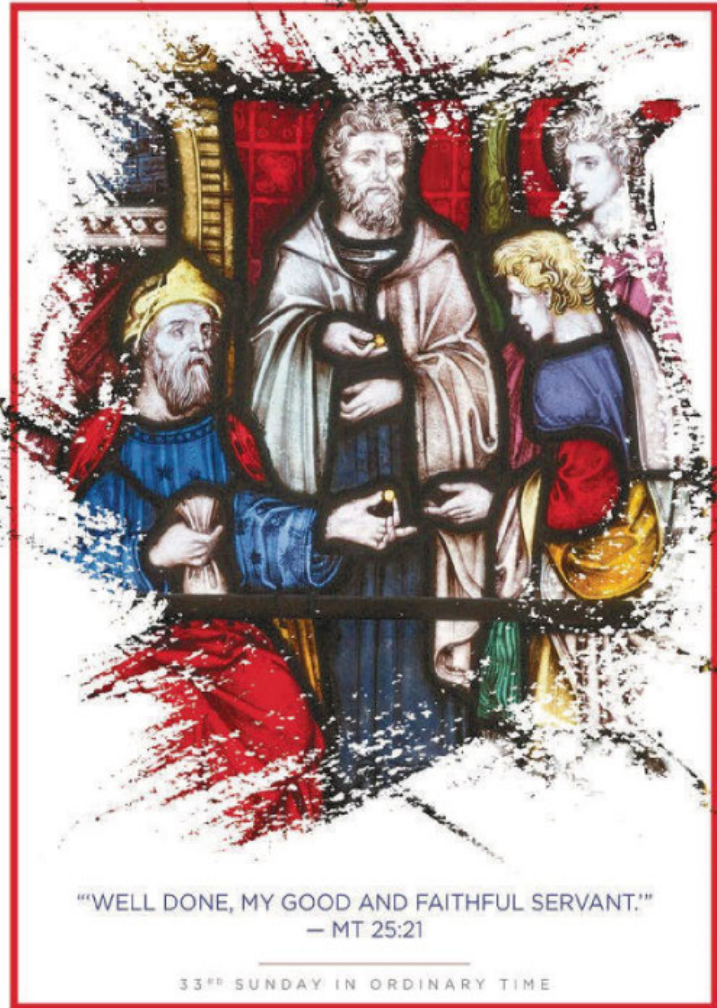
Please call the Faith Formation Office, 724-929-9300.

### (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



## Saint Sebastian Regional Catholic School

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## *From the Pastor* We are all stewards of God's gifts



Once again this week, we are given an illustration of what it means to be a strong individual and the model presented is a woman. Proverbs is a book about human living and human relations. It shows how we are to direct our lives. Today's passage deals with the role of woman as wife and mother. It also shows how we should not be entrapped by external appearances, "charm is deceptive and beauty fleeting." It is what is in a person's heart that really matters and creates strength. Although this was written at a time when women did not have many rights it certainly depicts a woman's role as being one of power, prudence, wisdom and generosity to those who might be in need, virtues we all should strive to make a part of our lives.

St. Paul picks up on the same notion when he refers to the last days. The image of a woman in labor reminds us that once things are in motion we cannot stop them. We are reminded that we are "children of the day" and "children of the light." This is in reference to the many gifts we have been entrusted with. It becomes our task if you will, to boldly share those gifts and proudly proclaim the good news that the gospels bring to life.

Our Gospel reading further explains just how we should make use of our strength of character by recognizing and developing the gifts and talents we have been given in life. In order to do so, we genuinely need to be secure in our strengths and abilities. The story tells us of a man who entrusted his stewards with talents before he begins a journey. A talent is a Greek word for money. Two of the stewards were not afraid to make an investment and were rewarded by increasing their initial amount. The third steward was fearful of what his master might do if he would lose the money entrusted to him, so he simply buried it and returned it to his master when he arrived home.

In this parable Jesus reminds us that all of life is a risk, and if we are afraid of taking a risk, then often we are the losers. The "talents" in the story represent the gifts and talents God gave to us. We all need to be aware of our abilities to be the presence of Christ in our world and use what we were given for the good of others. If we hide behind our talents, then we may as well just bury them like the man in the story. However, if we take the risk and use what we have to help others, then our gifts just multiply. Our task is to open ourselves up in risk and hope to be co-creators with God in building a stronger Kingdom of God here and now. By remembering that the needs of the community are great, and those needs will not be met if we bury our talents, we will be the wise stewards God created us to become.

*Due to the early transmission of this bulletin, the financial report for November 12, 2023, will be in next Sunday's bulletin.*

## Can You Help

### Little Things for Little People is

looking for some new toys for our Santa to give out. We have some left over from last year but need mostly 1 year and under toys, that will work for either girl or boy. We are also looking for some toys for little boys age 2-4. There are enough girl toys at this time for the older girls. If you have a toy donation please call Laura at 724-797-3959.



## Special Events Coming Up.....

Don't stop, because I have a feeling that it will be



Christmas before we know it! There are a few events I want to remind you about so that you will not miss out. On the Second Sunday of Advent, **December 10**, we will present **Lessons and Carols** in Church. A nice way to prepare for the celebration of Christmas. Then the following week, **December 17**, we will have our **Country Christmas on Broad**. Please mark these events down so that you won't miss out on them.



## Country Christmas on Broad...

We are only a few weeks away from our Country Christmas on **December 17**. There are many ways that you can help make this a successful event. I am very grateful to all of the people who came to the planning meeting, but we will need all the help we can get to make it happen. First of all, there are some things that you can donate if you feel so moved:

- Pine Cones** (to make ornaments for Birds outside)
- Ingredients to make SMORES:**  
(Chocolate Bars, Marshmallows & Graham Crackers)
- Assorted candies for treat bags**
- Hot Chocolate Mix**
- Packages of Hand Wipes**
- Bales of Hay**

As we get closer to the event, I will let you know if we are in need of anything else. Please know that anything you are able to do to help will be greatly appreciated!

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



This week we celebrate another Thanksgiving and in looking back over the year, we all have an awful lot to be thankful for. I hope that as you gather with your

families and friends that you all just take a moment to reflect on the blessings God has shared with you.

**As a Parish Family we will celebrate mass at 10:00 on Thanksgiving Day.**

## Feast of Christ the King

Next week we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus, King of the Universe! It is the last Sunday of the Church year, and it commemorates the supremacy of Christ as King of the Universe.

This year the Church has focused on the importance of the Eucharist and it's centrality in all of our lives.

In commemoration of this great

day, we will have **Eucharistic Adoration after the**

**11:00 Mass until 3:30** at which time we will have Benediction and the Closing. I do hope that you will be able to stop in Church during this adoration and spend a few minutes in prayer.



## Christmas Fruit Baskets

Christmas is just around the corner. Are you looking for a gift for that person who has everything or just yourself? We will once again be selling fruit boxes for Christmas (as before they will be from DeCarlos Market in Elizabeth).

The cost is \$25 per box. The **deadline** to order is

**December 10. Pick up dates are Friday, December 22, 3—5 pm or Saturday, December 23, Noon—2 pm in the Parish Hall.** Please complete the order form and drop in the collection or return to the Parish Office with your payment.

### CHRISTMAS FRUIT BASKET ORDER

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

# FRUIT BOXES \_\_\_\_\_

PAYMENT IS ENCLOSED \_\_\_\_\_

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## Liturgies of the Week

### November 18—Vigil

4:30 pm (Date of Birth) Sarah Bednarczyk—Children

### November 19—33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

11:00 am (Death Anniv) Michael McGinley—Pete & Karen Vesely

### Monday, November 20

8:00 am Mass at Epiphany of Our Lord

### Tuesday, November 21

8:00 am (Date of Birth) Leonard Stringhill—Judy Stringhill & Family

### Wednesday, November 22

No Mass Today

### Thursday, November 23—Thanksgiving Day

10:00 am Deceased of the Turcheck Family—Family

### Friday, November 24

8:00 am James Salvino—Daughter, Nancy & Family

### Saturday, November 25—Vigil

3:30 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

4:30 pm (Date of Birth) Bill Wilson—Michael & MaryMartha Becher & Children

### November 26—Solemnity of Christ the King

9:00 am (Death Anniv) Sam Suppa, Jr.—Wife, Annette & Children, & Grandchildren

11:00 am Felix & Juanita Lisovich—Daughter, Lynette Carpenter

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

### MINISTRY SCHEDULE—November 24/25

	Lectors	Lit. Coord/EM	Servers
4:30 pm	S. Wawro	C. Farrier	A. Peden
9:00 am	G. Klamerus	M. Shaughnessy	N. Jodon
11:00 am	M. Patterson	R. Messick	B. Henderson

### Readings for the week of November 19, 2023

**Sunday:** Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 (see 1a)/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

**Monday:** 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158/Lk 18:35-43

**Tuesday:** 2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 19:1-10

**Wednesday:** 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15/Lk 19:11-28

**Thursday:** 1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Lk 19:41-44

**Friday:** 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Lk 19:45-48



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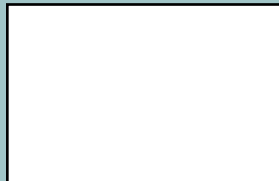
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