



St Sebastian Catholic Church



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801 Broad Avenue · Belle Vernon, PA 15012

November 5, 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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Baptism Preparation

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

Religious Education/Formation

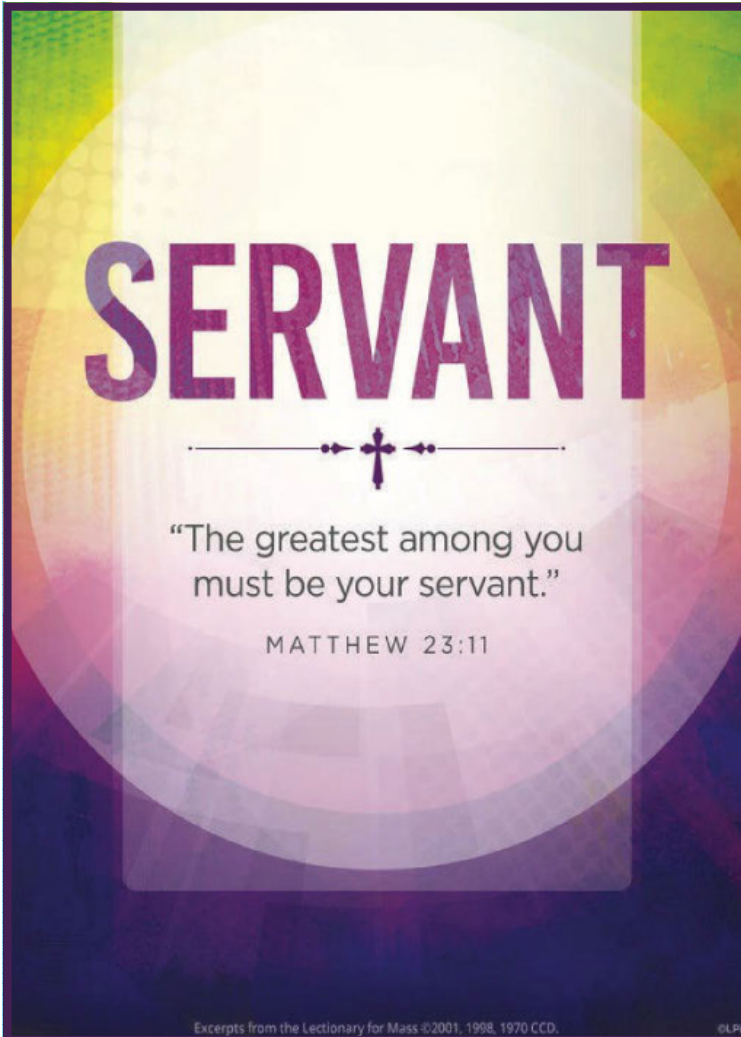
Please call the Faith Formation Office, 724-929-9300.

(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

God calls us all to be leaders...

Today our liturgy makes reference to the responsibility of leadership in the Church as well as in life. It is easy to see how people in leadership can become lax and start to use their position of authority for their own gain. It is amazing how power and control can take us over without our even being aware of it. Malachi in the first reading is reprimanding the leaders of the Church for not following the Lord's ways of justice, and we must remember that the leaders of the Church were often leaders in other aspects of life, so it was just not in matters of faith and morals that abuses were taking place. In the gospel we have Jesus taking this notion a step further by associating the responsibility of leadership to all of us. We are told that "the greatest among you must be your servant."

It is so easy for us sit back and recognize how many leaders in our world today are guilty of the things Jesus brings to mind. It is a whole different matter to look at ourselves and see just how often in life we too are guilty of mismanaging life, as well as the people around us. It is difficult to be a leader today and stay true to ourselves and the message of Christ's peace and justice. He clearly reminds us in the Gospel that there should be no other authority than that of God our Father. It is the love of God that should always be first and foremost in all of our actions with one another.

If we look at our lives and are honest, how many times do we busy ourselves with things we think are so important, when the time could have been spent on things that bring much more peace rather than more anxiety, and when we experience anxiety in life, we drag other people into it. We are all called to be aware of the simple fact that we are all leaders in life. We are all responsible for one another, even when it calls us to get out of our own comfort zones. In life we are both leaders and followers, and there should be not be any absolute models other than God our Father along with Jesus his son. When we are to call no one father or teacher, we are reminded that it is God the Father who should be the true leader for us to follow.

What is it that we hide behind in life? What excuses do we use for not helping others? Who do we blame when things go wrong? Today we are being reminded that we all need to be responsible for ourselves as well as the people around us. God will always exalt the humble, and humble those who exalt themselves. When our actions do not match what we preach, can we reach out in humility to God and one another. The questions we need to ask ourselves is: How often in life do we convince ourselves that we are too busy to help others, how often do we need to humble ourselves before one another?



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.

Oct. Expenses	Amount
Maintenance	\$ 561.02
Electric	\$ 892.73
Other Utilities	\$ 517.59
Misc. Office	\$ 1,275.88
Faith Formation	\$ 1,766.66
Liturgical Expenses	\$ 1,201.77
Payroll	\$ 22,188.40
Diocesan Expenses	\$ 14,421.87
(Breakdown)	
Accent	\$ 659.60
Ed. Assessment	\$ 6,495.76
Dio. Assessment	\$ 3,729.27
Insurance	\$ 3,477.24
Data Processing	\$ 60.00
Total	\$ 42,825.92

Week	Collection
Oct. 1	\$ 8,486.00
Oct. 8	\$ 9,205.00
Oct. 15	\$ 8,101.50
Oct. 22	\$ 6,021.00
Oct. 29	\$ 8,585.00
Oct. Elec. Offerings	\$ 4,017.20
Total	\$ 44,415.70

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

Country Christmas on Broad



We are planning on having our Country Christmas this year. There are many ways that you can be involved, and many things that need done. I think it should be a lot of fun for everyone. If you would like to help in any way with this, there will be a meeting on this Monday, **November 6th** at 6:30 in the Church. At this meeting we will know what has to be done and how many people we will need. I hope to see many of you there on the **6 th!**

**Stewardship of Treasure
October 29, 2023**

Regular Offertory:	\$	7,539.00
Utilities & Maintenance:	\$	65.00
Votives:	\$	465.00
All Saints:	\$	31.00
All Souls:	\$	70.00
Catholic Accent:	\$	50.00
Cap. Project/Roof Fund:	\$	55.00
World Mission Sunday:	\$	310.00
Total Oct. 28/29	\$	8,585.00

Ravioli & Spaghetti Dinner Today

The Church of St. Anne, Rostraver Twp., will offer a Ravioli and Spaghetti Dinner today, Sunday, November 5 from 12:00 Noon until 4:00 p.m. The cost is \$15. Children 5 and under are free.

Ministry call out....

If any of you would like to be a Lector, Extraordinary minister of Holy Communion, take communion to the home bound, greeter or usher....please give us a call at the office. There is always a need for ministers in the Church. It seems that the more vital parishes in our country are the ones where there are many ministers serving in a variety of ways.

We are in need of people willing to take the Eucharist to some of our home bound parishioners. This is a gift that you are able to bring to people who are not able to get to church anymore. It is one more way to share the Love of Christ with somebody else. If you think you might be able to help with this, please give me a call at the office and we will make it happen!



Another Cancellation!

If someone were to ask you what an active, viable parish is, how would you answer?



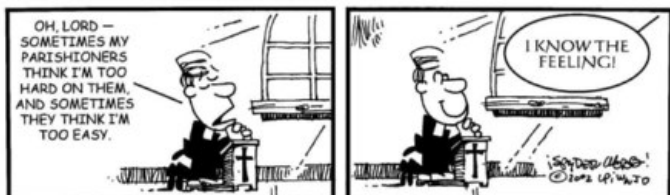
What does it mean to have an active "viable" parish? Does it mean that the bills are paid, and when we are able to pay the bills, what are we saying about our parish? To me a viable parish is one where there is financial solvency, but there is also a community of people who care for one another and work together for the better good. Once again, we had to cancel another event because of lack of interest. The **Catholic Trivia** program which was scheduled for this afternoon had to be **cancelled**.

I am not sure what this is saying about our parish, but it seems as though we cannot get people excited about much in our parish.

Mon Valley Catholic Class of 1963, 60th Reunion

The MVC class of '63 is celebrating their 60th Class Reunion on December 2, 2023. If you or someone you know is part of that graduating class and are interested in attending, please contact Tom Rodriguez ASAP or by November 16 at the latest.
email: trodriguez1338@yahoo.com.

31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Liturgies of the Week

November 4—Vigil

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

November 5—31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am For All the People of Saint Sebastian Parish
11:00 am Dolores Frazier—Husband, Fritz Frazier
Sacrament of Baptism

Monday, November 6

8:00 am Mass at Epiphany of Our Lord

Tuesday, November 7

8:00 am Mildred & Andrew Stefanick, Sr.—Ravenna & Family

Wednesday, November 8

No Mass Today

Thursday, November 9

8:00 am Mass at Epiphany of Our Lord

Friday, November 10

8:00 am (Death Anniv) David Sands—Bob & Peggy Gioella

Saturday, November 11—Vigil

3:30 pm *Sacrament of Reconciliation*
4:30 pm (Date of Birth) Sonny Forgas—Daughter, Lisa & Family

November 12—32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am (Death Anniv) Ronald Edwards—Marlene Spitznagel
11:00 am For All the people of Saint Sebastian Parish

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

MINISTRY SCHEDULE—November 11/12

	Lectors	Lit. Coord/EM	Servers
4:30 pm	S. Wawro	K. Molesky	A. Peden
9:00 am	M. Shaughnessy	B. Moskovitz	N. Jodon
11:00 am	C. Rhodes	S. Kroskie	H. Miller

Readings for the week of November 5, 2023

Sunday: Mal 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10/Ps 131:1, 2, 3/1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13/Mt 23:1-12
Monday: Rom 11:29-36/Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36/Lk 14:12-14
Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b/Ps 131:1bcd, 2, 3/Lk 14:15-24
Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9/Lk 14:25-33
Thursday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22
Friday: Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Lk 16:1-8
Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11/Lk 16:9-15
Next Sunday: Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (2b)/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13



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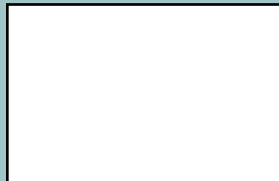
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