

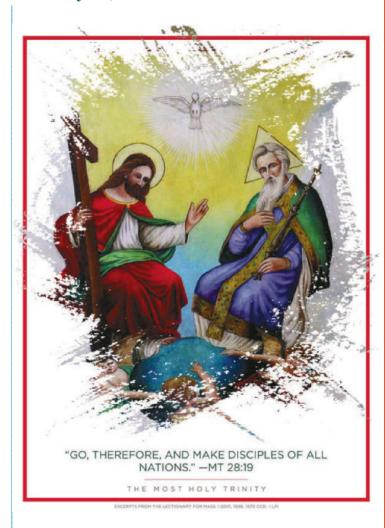
# St Sebastian Catholic Church



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### **Mass Schedule**

Saturday

Tuesday, 8:00 AM

4:30 PM

Friday, 8:00 AM

Sunday 9:00 AM

11:00 AM

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#### **Baptism Preparation**

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

### **Religious Education/Formation**

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

#### (OCIA) Order 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 anytime for an appointment for confession.

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## From the Pastor—Trinity Sunday



As we move right along with the Church calendar, the week after Pentecost is Trinity Sunday. Today our Liturgy focuses on this great mystery of life and faith. We start off by hearing the wonderful words taken from the collection Wisdom literature. In the book of Proverbs we see that Wisdom is presented to us as feminine personification. This genre

of literature is a collection of images on how we are to live our lives. It is filled with wise sayings based on one's observations on life. The two dominant images that evolve in this biblical form are wisdom and folly and the eternal conflict that exists between them. The writer personifies wisdom as beautiful and alluring women who do good things. Wise people practice honesty, generosity, self-control, industriousness, prudence; those of folly are greedy, dishonest, drunkards, hotheads, misers and liars.

Today we are told that Wisdom was created before anything else existed and lives on a different plane from all other creatures. She determines the order of all things and speaks to humans and is available to anyone who would listen and learn. The church uses this reading from Proverbs on Trinity Sunday because it sees a resemblance between Wisdom's role as a master-worker or crafter of the universe and the Word of God, Jesus, who became flesh, but pre-existed from the beginning. Wisdom is seen as a person. Jesus is incarnate and is God personified. Christians in the early church saw Jesus as the wisdom of God incarnate. The author of Proverbs invites us to look around and see the divine in what we often take for granted, how God's goodness has graced our world and is at the heart of creation.

St. Paul picks up on this idea in the second reading by telling us that there is a strong sense of relationship among the persons in God, a certain intimacy that has been given to us in faith, and now we live in right relationship with God. The Gospel has Jesus giving his farewell speech to the apostles telling them that he will send the Spirit upon them as the source of wisdom to guide them to speak truthful words. The Spirit comforts us and gives us strength to witness our faith to others.

It is the indwelling of the Spirit within us that assures us of the triune God's working within and through us: the Fathers love, the Son's mission, the Spirits truth. The gospel today assures us that we are never alone. God will forever be a mystery to us. We can only know something about God because of what has been revealed to us. One of the things we do know about god is that God is person, and we can have a relationship with God. Trinity is the way we express our most fundamental relationships with God. For God to be person, there must be relationship within God. As we become closer to the relationship of the Father, Son and Spirit we must in turn be in relationship with one another. Nobody can be totally alone, it would be unbearable. It is through our love of God that we share that love with those we are in relationship with. It is through the saving mystery of Jesus that we learn to "be" for one another, and it is through the help of the Spirit that we find the heart to make that happen.

# We Congratulate Our 2024 SSRCS 8th Grade Students Who Graduated on Friday, May 24.

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#### **Pastoral Council**

There will be a meeting of the Pastoral Council this Tuesday, May 28th, at 6:30 pm in the Parish Center.

# Stewardship of Treasure May 19, 2024

Regular Offertory:	\$ 6,911.00
Utilities & Maintenance:	\$ 142.00
Votives:	\$ 197.00
Catholic Accent:	\$ 121.00
Cap. Project/Roof Fund:	\$ 53.00
Catholic Communications:	\$ 438.00
Ascension:	\$ 363.00

Total May 18/19 \$\_8,225.00

### **Annual St. Sebastian Junque Sale**



This year's Junque Sale will be held July 26 & 27. We are collecting donations at the Parish Garages on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 10 am—12 pm and 6 pm—8 pm.

We are in need of volunteers and anyone needing community service hours.

We are not accepting clothing, televisions,

computers, stereo systems or large furniture. If anyone needs an appointment to donate items, please call Bonnie Halinka at 724-322-0355.

#### **2024 Vacation Bible School**

Everything is falling into place for our Vacation Bible School this year. We have the help....now we need the children! Our VBS this year will be June 26 – 27 – 28 from 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Our VBS will be held on Epiphany parish grounds. You can register by filling out the forms in church or you may



Register Online

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TRINITY SUNDAY





We Congratulate Our 2024 Graduates at the 11:00 A.M. Mass Today, Sunday, May 26. ~ \$\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*



There are so many things that we take for granted in life, and sad to Faith Formation say our Faith is one of those things.

We do not always appreciate how vital and important our belief in God can be. Almost every aspect of life can be linked back to our Church and belief in God. As with everything else in life we need to constantly feed that belief so that it remains that constant source of strength.

Our belief in God and our faith in the Church does not happen on its own, it needs constant nurturing and growth.

We need to come together and put our heads together and come up with a process where we can successfully pass on our faith as well as nurture the faith we already have. There will be a meeting about the Formation in our parishes on June 3rd at 6:30 at Epiphany Church Hall. At this meeting we will discuss the importance of formation not only for our children but for adults as well. We need to develop a team for welcoming new members into the Church as well as helping couples prepare for marriage and for baptisms. These are important issues which touch all of our lives, I am asking that you mark this date down and make an effort to attend.

### **Memorial Day**

This is Memorial Day weekend and it is a time when we look at the many men and women veterans who have died. Sacrifice is one of those things that changes lives, and when we look at the history of our nation there have been countless men and women who have done just that. We remember all of our deceased veterans with a prayer and a tinge of gratitude.

We will have Mass at Epiphany at 9:00 on Monday morning. What better way to remember all of our veterans than with a Mass.

PLEASE NOTE: The Parish Office will be closed Monday, May 27, in observance of Memorial Day.



# Liturgies of the Week

May 25—Vigil

4:30 pm (Death Anniv) Victoria Barnot—Son, John

May 26—Trinity Sunday

9:00 am (Date of Birth) Genevieve Ward—Pat Halpin-Murphy

& PA Breast Cancer Coalition

11:00 am (Date of Births) Steve & Marion Pawlak—Family

Monday, May 27-St. Augustine of Canterbury

(Memorial Day)

9:00 am Mass at Epiphany Of Our Lord

Tuesday, May 28

8:00 am Linda Rodriguez—Pete & Karen Vesely

Wednesday, May 29—Pope St. Paul VI

No Mass Today

Thursday, May 30

8:00 am Mass at Epiphany Of Our Lord

Friday, May 31—Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 am Frederick & Jarvis Families — Family

Saturday, June I—Vigil

4:30 pm (Date of Birth) Joseph Rygiel—Brother, Stan &

> Kathleen & Family Sacrament of Babtism

June 2—Body & Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi Sunday)

9:00 am (Death Anniv) Jim Clark—Family

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

Sacrament of Baptism

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

### **Baptism Congratulations:**



To Beau Andrew Bredniak, son of Robert and Alycia (Garnic) Bredniak was baptized in Christ last Sunday. We welcome Beau into the Church and into our parish family. God bless him and his family.

### Bishop Kulick to Lead Eucharistic Procession in Greensburg

Bishop Larry J. Kulick will lead a Eucharistic procession from Blessed Sacrament Cathedral to Courthouse Square in Greensburg next Sunday,

June 2, the Feast of Corpus Christi. The procession will follow the 11 a.m. Mass at the

cathedral, which will be celebrated by Bishop Kulick. The feast, also known as the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, is an annual celebration honoring the institution of the Holy Eucharist, the source and summit of the Catholic faith. Following Mass, the faithful are invited to join Bishop Kulick for the procession. At Courthouse Square, there will be an area for adoration and Benediction. For those unable to walk the distance between the cathedral and Courthouse Square, a shuttle bus will be provided.



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