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Mass Schedule

Weekend: Saturday 4:30 PM, Sunday 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

Weekday: Monday, & Thursday—8:00 AM at Epiphany of Our Lord

Tuesday & Friday—8:00 AM at Saint Sebastian

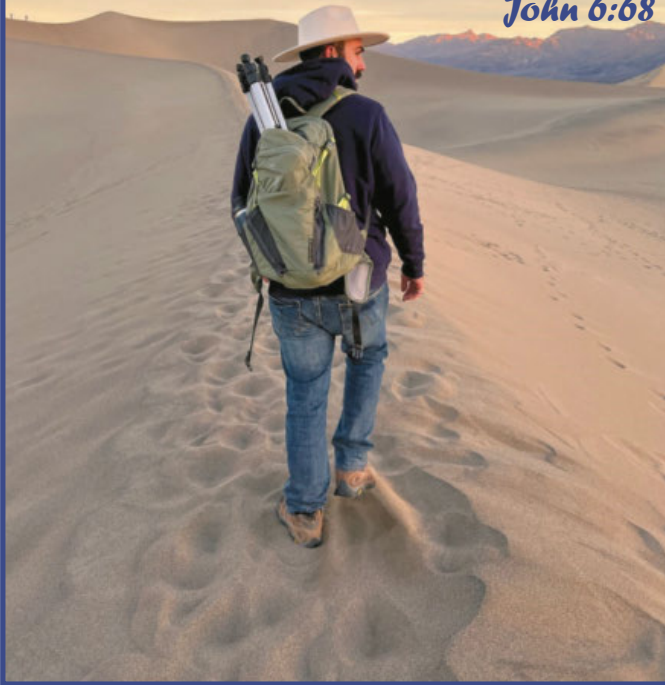


A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust A Parish of the Diocese of Greensburg

August 25, 2024—Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"Lord, to whom shall we go? You
have the words of eternal life."*

John 6:68



Saint Sebastian Regional Catholic School

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Baptism Preparation

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

Faith Formation

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

(OCIA) Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

For Further information 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.

Liturgies this Week

August 24—Vigil

4:30 PM Jack Koschalk—Frances & Mary Jane Sobek

August 25—Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM For the People of Saint Sebastian Parish

11:00 AM (Death Anniv) Thomas R. Hartman—Wife & Family

Monday, August 26

8:00 AM Mass at Epiphany of Our Lord

Tuesday, August 27—St. Monica

8:00 AM (Date of Birth) Pete Bednarczyk—Daughter, Kathy & Family

Wednesday, August 28—St. Augustine

No Mass Today

Thursday, August 29—Passion of St. John the Baptist

8:00 AM Mass at Epiphany of Our Lord

Friday, August 30

10:15 AM Frances Sobek—Leslie & Ron Pierce

Saturday, August 31—Vigil

3:30 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation

4:30 PM (Date of Birth) Thomas A. Sassak—Wife & Family

September 1—22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM James Burrows, Sr.—Karen Heasley

11:00 AM Trieste & Mary Garofalo—M/M Ed Antal & Family

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

Sympathy and Prayers

Please remember in your prayers those who have died: . JOHN ROCCO. We extend our sympathy to his family. May he rest in peace.

Bereavement Support Group

St. John the Baptist Parish, Perryopolis, offers a bereavement support group that meets the last Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Lodge Room. Those who have experienced loss of any kind are invited to join. For information, call 724-366-0917.

Mass Intention

The 2025 Mass Intention book is available for your Mass requests. Forms are available in the church pamphlet racks and at the Parish Office.

Scripture Reflection

“Will you leave me too?”

Jesus challenged his followers to believe in the one, true God: “Does it shake your faith?” he asked them. Peter responds for the others, saying that they will not forsake Jesus, who has the words of eternal life.

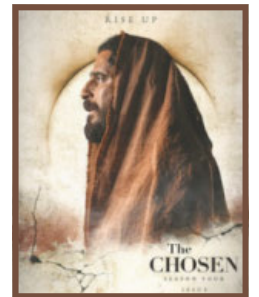
Jesus challenges us also to remain faithful to the one God. There are many in the world who worship other gods: power, money, pleasure, comfort, security, self-interest. Our prayer is that “all these attractions of a changing world serve only to bring us the peace of your Kingdom which this world does not give.” We want to say with Joshua and his people: “We will serve the Lord.” As Pope John Paul II states:

If certain forms of modern ‘imperialism’ were considered in the light of these moral criteria, we would see that hidden behind certain decisions, apparently inspired only by economics or politics, are real forms of idolatry: of money, ideology, class, technology.

Gerard Darring in Spiritual Reflections on the Gospel Readings

The Chosen

This fall, Epiphany of Our Lord Parish will be showing **The Chosen**, beginning with Season One in their Church Hall. If you haven’t had the opportunity to watch this series before, now you can. If you’ve already seen Season One, it’s a good time to revisit it. The Chosen is a historical drama based on the life of Jesus and those who knew him. Set against the backdrop of Roman oppression in first-century Israel, the series shares an authentic look at Jesus’ revolutionary life and teachings. The first season chronicles Jesus’s life as he works to build his group of disciples. The show will begin on Monday, **September 16**. There will be more details in following bulletins, but mark your calendar now.



Marriage Recovery Program

Has your marriage become cold or unloving?

Are you making plans to move out?

Considering separation or even divorce?

Don’t give up—give Retrouvaille a try. The Pittsburgh Retrouvaille Community will offer a marriage recovery program beginning Friday, **September 13** in Pittsburgh. For location and other information, call 412-277-3434 or visit helpourmarriage.org.

PARISH PICNIC 2024

Come one! Come all! Come to the Parish Picnic at Cedar Creek Park, Pavilion #1 on **September 14**. Picnic begins 1:00 PM until 4:00 PM. Bring your favorite dessert or salad. The day concludes with Mass at 4:00 PM.



There will be NO 4:30 PM Mass on September 14.



PAINT & SIP

On **September 28**, at 1:00 PM the Ladies of Faith will host a Paint n Sip fundraiser. No artistic skills necessary to complete this beautiful fall painting. The cost is \$35/person and space is limited.

Call or text Patty at 724-288-8644 for ticket information.

Fall Fundraiser

The Ladies of Faith have paired up with McShane's Florist for a Fall Mum Fundraiser. Mums are \$15 for 10" vouchers, which will be sold before and after Mass **this weekend**. Mums can be picked up at McShane Florist. Date to be announced. All proceeds benefit Saint Sebastian Church.



Diocesan Pilgrimage to National Shrine



Registration is now open for the Diocesan pilgrimage to the magnificent Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C., on Saturday, **September 21**, led by Bishop Larry J. Kulick. Parish groups and individual parishioners are encouraged to participate in

what promises to be a very special experience. For information or to register, visit www.DiocesefofGreensburg.org and click on the Events tab.

Bulletin OnLine

You can receive our weekly bulletin emailed automatically free by signing up. Instructions for signing up are on the back of the bulletin by using this link: www.parishesonline.com.

Stewardship of Treasure—Aug. 18	
Regular Offertory:	\$ 6,852.00
Utilities & Maintenance:	\$ 143.00
Votives:	\$ 363.00
Catholic Accent:	\$ 295.00
Assumption:	\$ 1,362.00
Cap. Project/Roof Fund:	\$ 65.00
Catholic University:	\$ 45.00
Catholic Home Mission	\$ 2.00
Sanctuary Flowers:	\$ 5.00
Total Aug. 17/18	\$ 9,132.00

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

From Monsignor Gaston

TAKE AND EAT

Intergenerational Faith Formation Program 2024-2025

St. Sebastian & Epiphany Parishes

[First Saturday of Each Month beginning with 4:30 Mass]

Mass! Dinner! Message!

Themes

September 7: *Why Mass on Sunday?*

The importance of public worship & private prayer

October 5: *Understanding the Mass A*

The Liturgy of the Word

November 5: *Understanding the Mass B*

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

December 7: *Celebrating the Birth of Jesus*

(possible children's pageant)

January 4: *Forgiving and being forgiven*

Reflections on the Sacrament of Reconciliation

February 1: *Right or Wrong? What is a "sin?"*

Making good decisions

March 1: *Faith & the Internet*

The challenges of using social media

April 5: *Why did Jesus die for us?*

What do we remember during Holy Week & Easter?

May 3: *Mary—The Mother of Jesus and our Mother*

Why do we have devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary?

*** This program is for all parishioners of all ages.**

Sign up and take part in this exciting and informative Faith Formation Program.

*** Families with children can use the registration form available on the Parish website, in the church pamphlet racks or in the Parish office.**

*** Parishioners without children or children in the Catholic school can inform the office of their attendance if they will be present for the meal.**

*** If you have any questions, please call the Faith Formation Office at 724-929-9300.**

Blessings, Msgr. Gaston



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