



# Saint Sebastian Catholic Church

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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**



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## August 4, 2024—Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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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.

### Saint Sebastian Regional Catholic School

School Website ~ [sssbv.org](http://sssbv.org)

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## Liturgies this Week

### August 3—Vigil

4:30 PM Deceased of the Cupper Family—Barbara, Robert & Family

### August 4—Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM Salva & Clark Families—Family

11:00 AM Joseph & Ann Antal—M/M Ed Antal & Family

### Monday, August 5—Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major

8:00 AM Mass at Epiphany of Our Lord

### Tuesday, August 6—Transfiguration of the Lord

8:00 AM Thomas A. Savage—Family

### Wednesday, August 7—Pope St. Sixtus II & Companions/St. Cajetan

No Mass Today

### Thursday, August 8—St. Dominic

8:00 AM Mass at Epiphany of Our Lord

### Friday, August 9—St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

8:00 AM Mary Kovalsky—Betty Ann & Wayne Zackol

### Saturday, August 10—Vigil

3:30 PM *Sacrament of Reconciliation*

4:30 PM (Date of Birth) Claire Chatlak—Garnic Family  
*Sacrament of Baptism*

### August 11—Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM (Death Anniv) Donna Ambrose—Family

11:00 AM For 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!**

## Sympathy and Prayers

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

### Matters of Sexual Misconduct Information

If you have any suspicion about the sexual abuse (or any other type of abuse) of a minor child by anyone — please contact PA ChildLine immediately at 1-800-932-0313. If the alleged abuser is functioning in a parish, school or diocesan position as clergy, religious, paid staff or volunteer you are also requested to contact the Bishop's Delegate for Matters of Sexual Misconduct after you have called the ChildLine number and made the report. The Bishop's Delegate may be reached at 724-837-0901, ext. 1221.

## Scripture Reflection 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Eucharist: Bread and Wine



Our Catholic faith is centered on the Church's belief in Jesus' permanent presence among us in the bread and wine consecrated by the priest at Mass. What Jesus did at the Last Supper has been handed down to us from his apostles and their successors for over 2,000 years.

Have you ever wondered why Jesus chose the elements of bread and wine as symbols by which we would remember Him in the Holy Eucharist? Jesus loved us to the end, his body broken and his blood poured out on the cross. We are to grow to love like this as his disciples, giving our all to Him and to others. Bread and wine are symbols of this self-giving and dying to self.

Bread was originally kernels of wheat that had to be crushed to make flour, and that had to be baked before it could be eaten. Bread symbolizes the food we need to survive in the world. Wine is made of crushed grapes which are crushed and their very blood, once fermented, becomes a warm, festive drink. It symbolizes more than our existence (bread), but the deeper joy that makes life wonderful and hopeful.

In the Eucharist Jesus gives himself to us throughout our life journey inviting us to break through our self-centered living and deepen bonds of love with God and those whom we meet each day.

Msgr. Gaston

## Please pray for our parish ministry WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED



### A PRAYER FOR PREGNANT MOTHERS

O Blessed Mother, you received the good news of the incarnation of Christ, your Son with faith and trust. Grant your protection to all pregnant mothers facing difficulties.

Guide us as we strive to make our parish communities places of welcome and assistance for mothers in need. Help us become instruments of God's love and compassion.

Mary, Mother of the Church, graciously help us build a culture of life and a civilization of love, together with all people of good will, to the praise and glory of God, the Creator and lover of life. Amen

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

## From Monsignor Gaston

### "JUNQUE" SALE

Thanks to all who, in any way, were part of last weekend's Junque Sale. We achieved a record profit this year of \$14,090.16. None of this could happen without the efforts of so many people, including those who shared their own treasures with St. Sebastian's to be sold. I also hear that this is the best such event in the Mon Valley! I was personally impressed with the hard work of those in charge in very hot weather. It is clearly a well-oiled machine and was very well organized. Blessings to all. On behalf of St. Sebastian's Parish, thanks again for your good will, generous sharing of your time and talent, and for your support.

Msgr. Gaston



### Fall Fundraiser

Once again this Fall, the Ladies of Faith have paired up with McShane's Florist for a Fall Mum Fundraiser. All Mums are \$15 for 10" Mums in a variety of beautiful colors. Vouchers will be sold **the weekends of August 10/11, 17/18, & 26/27**. Mums can be picked up at McShane Florist, 1066 Ros-traver Road, Belle Vernon. Date to be announced. All proceeds benefit St. Sebastian Church.

### PARISH PICNIC 2024

Come one, come all, to 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 will conclude with Mass at 4:00 PM at the Park. There will be no 4:30 PM Mass at St. Sebastian that day.



### Epiphany Festival 2024

Friday, **August 2** from 5:00 PM 10:00 PM  
Saturday, **August 3**, from 3:00 PM to 9:30 PM.  
44 Pennsylvania Blvd, Monessen.

### Pilgrimage to National Shrine Sept. 21

Registration for the Diocesan pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C., on Saturday, **September 21**. For information or to register, visit [www.DioceseofGreensburg.org](http://www.DioceseofGreensburg.org) and click on the Events tab.

#### Stewardship of Treasure—July 28, 2024

Regular Offertory:	\$ 6,723.29
Utilities & Maintenance:	\$ 328.00
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Catholic Accent:	\$ 260.00
Sanctuary Flowers:	\$ 35.00
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## PARISH FAITH FORMATION 2024

### St. Sebastian/Epiphany of Our Lord

The **2024-2025 Faith Formation Program** will have a new look this year. The program will be entitled **"Take and Eat."**

**Take and Eat** is an "intergenerational program."

**For whom:** PK – grade 8 children, their families, and parishioners from both parishes are invited to participate.

**Schedule:** Gathering in St. Sebastian Church the First Saturday of the month, beginning September 7 and continuing on the First Saturday of the following months.

**4:30 Mass**

**5:30 Dinner**

**6:15 Breakout Sessions**

Adults will return to the Church

Children will be in the school classrooms

**7:15 Wrap up/Dismissal**

**Registration:** 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.

**This program is for all parishioners of all ages.** Sign up and take part in this exciting and informative Faith Formation Program.

Questions, please call the Faith Formation Office at 724-929-9300.

### Regional Faith Formation Kick-Off Event

Regional Parishes of: Epiphany of our Lord, Holy Family, St. Anne, St. Cecilia, St. John the Baptist, St. Peter, St. Sebastian

**Tuesday, September 10 @ 6:30pm**

at St. John the Baptist, Perryopolis

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Parents and Catechists as we begin  
our formation year.

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