



# 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, 8:00 AM & Friday, 10:15 AM at Saint Sebastian**



A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust A Parish of the Diocese of Greensburg

## September 15, 2024—Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

BUT WHO DO  
YOU SAY THAT  
**I AM?**

— MARK 8:29 —



### Parish Staff

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### Baptism Preparation

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—Saturdays

**Epiphany—11:30 AM**

**St. Sebastian—3:30 PM** or by appointment anytime.

### Saint Sebastian Regional Catholic School

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## Liturgies this Week

**September 14—Vigil—At Cedar Creek Park**

4:00 PM Elizabeth, James, & Tom Savarino—  
Family

**September 15—Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 AM Dorothy Wasco—Family

11:00 AM Joyce Gazdick—Joe & Cathy Gazdick

**Monday, September 16—Pope St. Cornelius & St. Cyprian**

8:00 AM Mass at Epiphany of Our Lord

**Tuesday, September 17—St. Robert Bellarmine/St. Hildegard of Bingen**

8:00 AM (Date of Birth) Timothy Ambrose—Family

**Wednesday, September 18**

No Mass Today

**Thursday, September 19—St. Januarius**

8:00 AM Mass at Epiphany of Our Lord

**Friday, September 20—Ss. Andrew Kim Tae-gon & Paul Chong Ha-sang & Companions**

10:15 AM (Date of Birth) Tom Costella & Tony Brightwell—  
Pam, Patti, Tom & Families

**Saturday, September 21—Vigil**

3:30 PM *Sacrament of Reconciliation*

4:30 PM (Date of Birth) Bill Picchiarini—Wife, Joan &  
Family

**September 22—25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 AM (Death Anniv) Steve Rudinec—Daughter, Terri  
Gardner

11:00 AM For 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!**

## Sympathy and Prayers

Please remember in your prayers those who have died:  
SEAN A. ROSSI and KAREN A. WEBB. We extend our  
sympathy to their families. May they rest in peace.



## Baptism Congratulations

To **Jack Thomas Campbell**, son of Ryan and  
Katie (Gauden) Campbell, who was baptized in  
Christ last Sunday. We welcome Jack into the  
Church and into our parish family. God bless  
him and his family.

## Scripture Reflection This Week

In the Sacrosanctum Concilium, the Second Vatican Council called all the faithful to a more “fully conscious and active participation” in the Liturgy. This week's readings remind us that we need to be fully conscious and active in our faith more than on Sundays or in groups where we feel comfortable. In a society like that of ancient Israel, which so often rebelled, turning its back on God, we are called to share the faith of Christ with the society all around us.

As St. Paul reminds us, one way to do this is to have a faith that feeds into good works and an active presence in the lives of all those we encounter. Often called the “corporal works of mercy,” we are constantly called to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, give shelter to travelers, visit the sick, visit the imprisoned, and bury the dead. These traditional acts of charity provide comfort to those we help and feed the life of Christ within our souls and our communities. However, these acts of charity must begin with and end with a love for God. A Christian is called to be more than a social worker. They are called to be Christ living and present in the world. And yes, sometimes we will encounter people who hate us for that. People occasionally will take offense because love for Christ rather than mere love of neighbor drives us to act. Or they may become enraged because we are so public about our faith. However, like the prophet Isaiah, we must never delude or hide our faith from those we encounter. We must stand with a “face of flint,” never wavering from our love for God and the love of neighbor that flows from it.

## 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/text Patty at 724-288-8644 for tickets.



## Bulletin OnLine

Receive our weekly bulletin emailed automatically to your email address. Instructions for signing up are at [www.parishesonline.com](http://www.parishesonline.com).

**SAINT SEBASTIAN CHURCH, BELLE VERNON, PENNSYLVANIA**



**WELCOME FR. MIKE!!**

Ladies of faith are hosting a Coffee and Doughnut Meet n Greet for Fr. Mike Thomas after the 9:00 and 11:00 AM Masses today. All are invited to the parish hall to welcome him to our parish.

**VIRTUS TRAINING FOR VOLUNTEERS**

If you belong to a church organization that meets on church grounds, or are a volunteer in the ministries, you are required to have several clearances: PA Criminal History, PA Child Abuse Clearance, Mandated Reporter, a signed copy (or online) of the Diocesan Code of Conduct, a signed and notarized affidavit, and VIRTUS. All links for the clearances can be found on the Diocesan website: [dioceseofgreensburg.org](http://dioceseofgreensburg.org). Click on Higher Standards. VIRTUS training can be completed online, but if you prefer in-person training, it will be held on **Sunday, October 6 at 2:00 p.m. in the Epiphany Church Hall**. This is for Protecting God's Children, and is for those who have never done VIRTUS before. You may register for the class by signing up in the back of the church or calling the church office.

**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.

August Expenses	Amount
Maintenance	\$ 1,795.71
Electric	\$ 1,657.00
Gas	\$ 123.65
Other Utilities	\$ 368.70
Misc. Office	\$ 951.21
Church/Liturgy	\$ 2,145.00
Payroll	\$ 19,323.79
Diocesan Expenses	\$ 14,834.84
<i>(Breakdown)</i>	
Accent	\$ 602.65
Ed. Assessment	\$ 6,595.24
Dio. Assessment	\$ 3,823.32
Insurance	\$ 3,783.63
Data Processing	\$ 30.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 41,199.90</b>

Week	Collection
Aug. 4	\$ 9,026.26
Aug. 11	\$ 8,684.00
Aug. 18	\$ 9,132.00
Aug. 25	\$ 6,746.50
<b>EOfferings</b>	<b>\$ 3,954.75</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 37,543.51</b>



Consider online giving, click the

“my Eoffering” button on our parish website.

**Offertory for September 8**

Regular Offertory:	\$ 8,121.00
Utilities & Maintenance:	\$ 1,030.00
Votives:	\$ 252.00
Catholic Accent:	\$ 15.00
Easter:	\$ 2.00
Cap. Project/Roof Fund:	\$ 222.00
Sanctuary Flowers:	\$ 50.00
<b>Total Sept. 7/8</b>	<b>\$ 9,692.00</b>

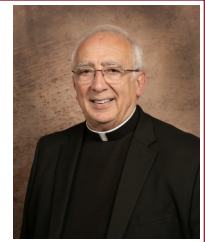
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**Offertory for September 1**

Regular Offertory:	\$ 7,695.00
Utilities & Maintenance:	\$ 185.00
Votives:	\$ 217.00
Catholic Accent:	\$ 35.00
Assumption:	\$ 55.00
Cap. Project/Roof Fund:	\$ 608.00
Sanctuary Flowers:	\$ 55.00
<b>Total Aug. 31/Sept. 1</b>	<b>\$ 8,850.00</b>

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**From Monsignor Gaston**



Fr. Mike and I were overjoyed at the turnout for our first intergenerational catechetical session. We saw families from both St. Sebastian and Epiphany. Similarly, many parishioners approached us both, commenting on how refreshing and joyful the church was with it so packed for the Saturday evening Mass. We expected some hiccups with such a significant change in how the parishes do C.C.D. and were overjoyed that we didn't experience any of them.

We both want to give our warmest thanks to all those involved in the program. It would not be what it is without all the tremendous help we received in setting up the event, teaching the children's sections, getting and serving the pizzas, and everything in between. As a reminder, it is NOT TOO LATE! You can still sign up as a family or an adult wanting to learn more about the faith. We will be continuing our look at the parts of the Mass on October 5th.

Blessings, Msgr. Gaston



**“Why Mass on Sunday?”**

**Msgr. Gaston and the Adult Faith Formation Session**

**Pilgrimage to the National Shrine**

Registration is open for the Diocesan pilgrimage to the 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.DioceesofGreensburg.org](http://www.DioceesofGreensburg.org) and click on the Events tab.

**Pennsylvania March for Life**

Bishop Larry J. Kulick and parishioners from the Diocese of Greensburg will attend the fourth annual Pennsylvania March for Life, Monday, **September 23**, in Harrisburg. Five buses will depart from 13 locations around the Diocese. To learn more about the itinerary and bus locations, or to register, visit [DioceesofGreensburg.org/pro-life-ministries/](http://DioceesofGreensburg.org/pro-life-ministries/). For additional information, contact Deacon Bill Newhouse at [wnewhouse@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:wnewhouse@dioceseofgreensburg.org).