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Mass Schedule

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

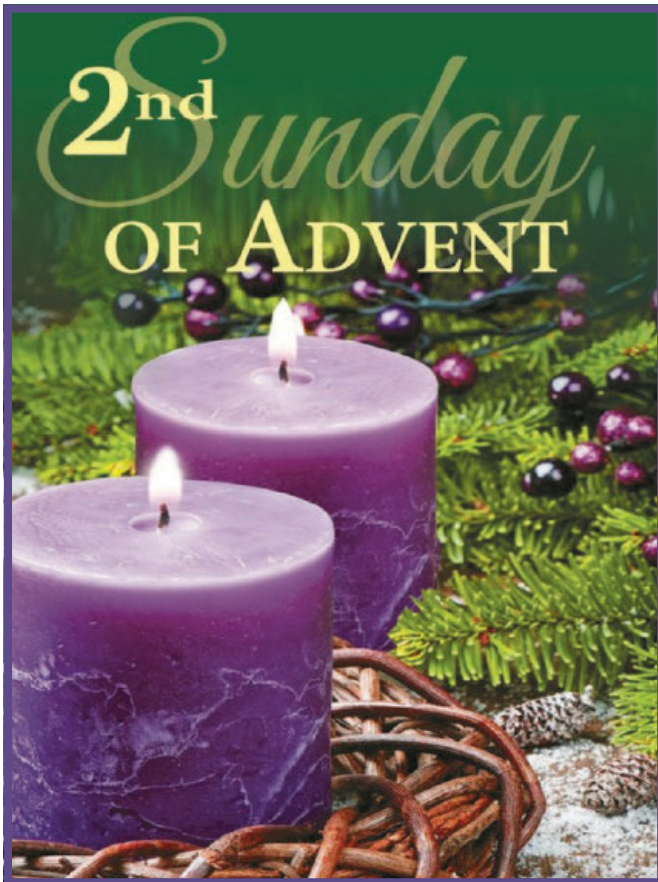
Weekday: Monday, & Thursday—8:00 AM at Epiphany of Our Lord

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



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December 8, 2024—Second Sunday of Advent



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

Faith Formation

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(OCIA) Order of Christian Initiation of Adults
For further information in becoming a Catholic, please call the Faith Formation Office.

Reconciliation

Throughout December the Saturday confessions will be cancelled in lieu of the Penance Services. Please see the Advent Schedule inside this bulletin.

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Liturgies this Week

Take & Eat Faith Formation begins with 4:30 Mass

December 7—Vigil

4:30 PM Joseph, Sr., Erma & Joseph Jr. Rygiel—
Stan and Kathleen & Family

December 8—Second Sunday of Advent

9:00 AM (Date of Birth) Vincenzo, Donna & Jeffrey
Ambrose—Family

11:00 AM (Date of Birth) Betty Eversburg—Tim Matesich

Monday, December 9—Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

9:00 AM *Mass at Epiphany of Our Lord*

6:30 PM Robert Dougherty—Wife & Children

Tuesday, December 10—Our Lady of Loreto

8:00 AM Joan Picchiarini—Pete & Karen Vesely

Wednesday, December 11—Pope St. Damasus 1

No Mass Today

6:00 PM *Penance Service—Seven Dolors, Yukon*

Thursday, December 12—Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:00 AM Mass at Epiphany of Our Lord

6:00 PM *Penance Service—St. Edward, Herminie*

Friday, December 13—St. Lucy

10:15 AM (Death Anniv) Tim Trasatti—Sister, Tammy

Saturday, December 14—Vigil

4:30 PM (Date of Birth) Sam Suppa, Jr.—Wife, Annette &
Family

December 15—Third Sunday of Advent

9:00 AM For the People of Saint Sebastian Parish

11:00 AM Gene Lancas—Wife, Paula

**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: . CHRISTA MARIE PATTERSON. We extend our sympathy to her family. May she rest in peace.

Offertory for November 24

Regular Offertory:	\$ 6,871.00
Utilities/Maintenance:	\$ 120.00
Votives:	\$ 328.00
Thanksgiving:	\$ 391.00
Sanctuary Flowers:	\$ 85.00
Cap. Project/Roof:	\$ 30.00
All Souls:	\$ 10.00
Retired Priests:	\$ 10.00
Poverty Relief:	\$ 736.00
Special Increase Offering	\$ 1,545.00
Total Nov. 23/24	\$ 10,126.00

Thank you for your regular support of
St. Sebastian Parish

*Due to the early
transmission of
this bulletin, the
financial report
for December 1,*

*will be in
a future
bulletin.*



Scripture Reflection This Week

We often hear in Church that “it would be nice to see new people” or “Where have all the young people gone?” St. Paul reminds us today of one of the most critical aspects of our prayer and spiritual life. We need to “pray with joy!” If someone is not already a fan, no one will come with you to a Penguins or Steelers game if you are only lukewarm about it. If Church and the various parish-related events we do are done only begrudgingly, then it is no wonder that people hesitate to join us there. The word Gospel literally means the “Good News.” We should always share it with the great joy of having the best possible news to share. We must approach our faith and the parish with joy, gladness, and enthusiasm. If we want others to know the great happiness of involvement in the Church, we must have the same joy in prayer and at mass as at Acrisure Stadium or PPG.

Oplatki or Oplatek, Christmas Wafers

Oplatki wafers are available in the church vestibule for \$3.00. Each package contains four separate wafers. Please place your donation in the basket provided, in the collection basket or in the drop-box located in the Parish Center breezeway.

Gift Certificates

Star Nail & Spa is offering \$50 gift certificates for their services: nails, pedicure, and waxing. The owners, parishioners of St. Sebastian, are donating 100% of all proceeds to the Church. Star Nail is located at 825 Broad Ave and can be reached at 724-810-3333. We thank them for their kind generosity. The certificates are available at the Parish Office.

Christmas Fruit Baskets

The cost is \$25 per box. The **deadline** to order is **December 11. Pick up date is Sunday, December 22 after the 9 & 11 AM Masses (10:15 AM—12:30 PM) in the Church Hall.** Please complete the order form and drop in the collection or return to the Parish Office with your payment.

CHRISTMAS FRUIT BASKET ORDER

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PAYMENT IS ENCLOSED _____

PICK-UP: **DECEMBER 22 BETWEEN 10:15 AM—12:30 PM.**



Immaculate Conception

December 8 is usually the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the patronal feast day of the United States. This year, because December 8 is a Sunday, and it such an important feast for the U.S. church, it remains a holy day of obligation this year although it is being moved to Monday, December 9.

Mass this Monday will be celebrated at Epiphany of Our Lord at 9:00 AM and here, Saint Sebastian at 6:30 PM.

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, December 9, and will reopen on Tuesday, December 10.

Advent Penance Services

Advent is the time to prepare for the greatest gift God has given us, the forgiving love we find through His Son.

Our Region Penance Services, are:

December 11	Seven Dolors, Yukon, 6 PM
December 12	St. Edward, Herminie, 6 PM
December 16	St. Anne, Rostraver, 6 PM
December 17	St. John, Perryopolis, 6 PM
December 18	St. Sebastian, Belle Vernon, 6 PM
December 19	Holy Family, West Newton, 6 PM
December 21	Epiphany, Monessen at 11:30 AM

Throughout December the Saturday confessions will be cancelled in lieu of the Penance Services

Angel Tree



Remember, for those who took ornaments from the Angel Tree, to return your gifts **NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 15.**

When you bring them back, be sure to attach the tag with the number on it so we can get them delivered to the right person.

Sacrament of Confirmation

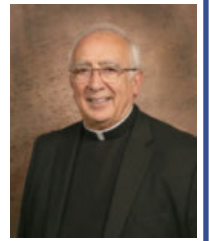
Parents and children of the 2025 Confirmation class will have a meeting **this Tuesday, December 10** at St. John the Baptist Church, Perryopolis from 6:30—7:30 PM. This meeting will be repeated at the Church of St. Anne, Rostraver, **this Thursday, December 12** from 6:30 - 7:30 PM. The Sacrament of Confirmation is scheduled for June 2 at 6:00 PM at St. John the Baptist in Perryopolis.



SACRAMENT OF FIRST PENANCE

This year the Sacrament of First Penance will take place on Tuesday, **January 7** at 6:00 PM at Saint Sebastian Parish. Please keep our young parishioners in your prayers as they prepare to receive this Sacrament.

From Monsignor Gaston



During the Fall each year St. Sebastian's, along with the other parishes of the diocese, invites our members to review your level of giving and, as you are able, increase your financial support for 2025. As a parish of good stewards of God's gifts, we are all obliged to do our best in supporting and maintaining the parish's programs, facilities and grounds in the midst of the increasing cost of living that we all must face.

Please review the materials that you received recently which outline St. Sebastian's many reasons for "Giving Thanks" this year. Let your faith in Christ Jesus and your love of this parish dictate how you will respond.

Thanks and blessings,
Msgr. Gaston

National Shrine of Divine Mercy

The Church of St. Anne, Rostraver, is planning a trip to Stockton, Massachusetts the weekend of **April 26/27**, Divine Mercy Sunday. Included will be Mass, confession, adoration, rosary, chaplet of the Divine Mercy and benediction. If interested call 724-872-3555 or visit www.shrineofdivinemeracy.org.



Christmas Night Market—December 14 at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg

The Christmas Night market is a festive, fun and faith-filled event! Stroll the outdoor attractions under the twinkle of Christmas lights and warm yourself with hot chocolate by the fire, or head inside to enjoy dozens of food and craft vendors.

Join Bishop Larry J. Kulick for Mass at 4:00 PM. Explore collectibles created by St. Nicholas-inspired artist, Pipka Ulvilden, who will present a free lecture on "The Madonna in Christian Art." Children can learn about the traditions surrounding Christmas cookies, and why we leave a treat for Santa each Christmas Eve as a sign of our thankfulness for God's many blessings, as well as create their own edible Christmas scene and enjoy a visit with St. Nicholas. Register for the Christmas beer and wine tastings showcasing the cultural nuances of St. Nicks from many countries (must be 21).

For details or to register, visit ChristmasNightMarket.org. Admission and parking are free!



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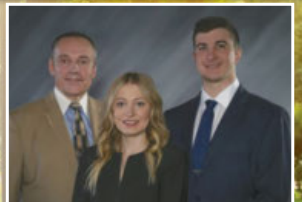
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