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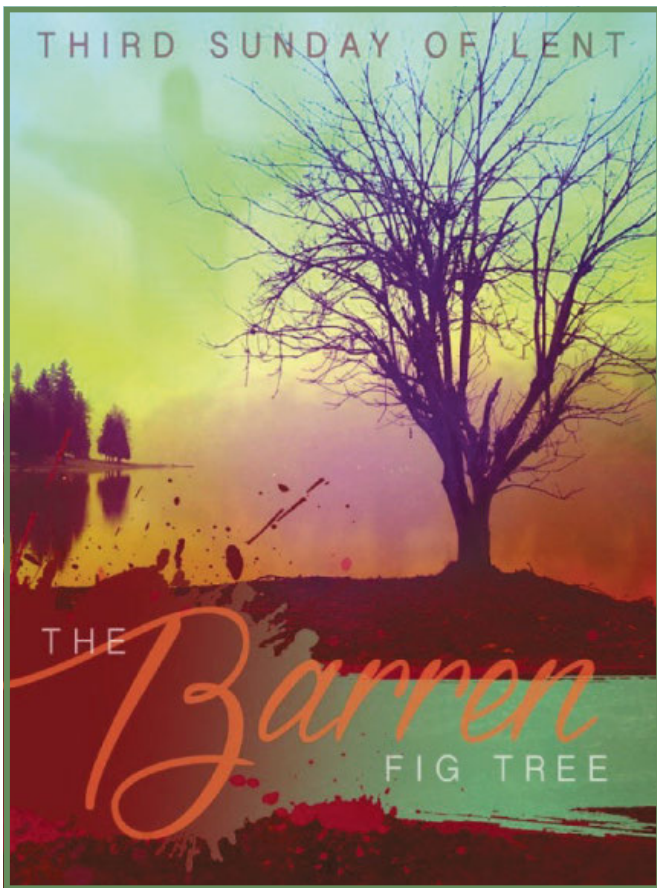
Mass Schedule

Weekend: Saturday 4:30 PM, Sunday 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM
Weekday: Monday, Thursday, Saturday—8:00 AM at Epiphany
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday—8:00 AM at St. Sebastian
Friday, 10:15 AM School Mass at Saint Sebastian



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March 23, 2025—Third Sunday of Lent



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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—11AM - 12-Noon

St. Sebastian—3:15-4:15 PM or by appointment anytime.

Consider online giving.

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Liturgies this Week

March 22—Vigil

4:30 PM (Death Anniv) Don Ondulick—Bob & Jeanine Gregory

March 23—Third Sunday of Lent

9:00 AM Stevenson & Wisniewski Families—M/M Randy Stevenson

11:00 AM (Death Anniv) Catherine Diederich—Family

Monday, March 24

8:00 AM Mass at Epiphany of Our Lord

3:00 PM Adoration/Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Tuesday, March 25—Annunciation of the Lord

8:00 AM (Death Anniv) John Bacha—Family

3:00 PM Adoration/Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Wednesday, March 26

8:00 AM (Death Anniv) R.J. Sokol—Lynn & Bobby Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help

3:00 pm Adoration/Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Thursday, March 27

8:00 AM Mass at Epiphany of Our Lord

3:00 PM Adoration/Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Friday, March 28

8:00 AM (Death Anniv) Linda Rodriguez—Husband & Children

10:15 AM Robert Niccolai—Gina Fedeli

3:00 PM Adoration/Chaplet of Divine Mercy

6:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 29

8:00 AM Mass at Epiphany of Our Lord

Saturday, March 29—Vigil

3:15 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation

4:30 PM Deceased of the Burrows & Walkush Families—Carol & Bucky Walkush

March 30—Fourth Sunday of Lent

9:00 AM For All the People of Saint Sebastian Parish

11:00 AM Pete & Evelyn Tallerico—Francine Mendicino

The Rosary is Prayed Sundays prior to Mass. Please join us!

Bethlehem Christian Families

This Weekend, **March 22/23** following all Masses, Roni Salsa representing the Bethlehem Christian Families, a not-for-profit organization through Land of Peace, will be with us to speak about the Christian situation in the Holy Land. The goal of this mission is to help Christian families in the Holy Land and Churches in the Middle East who have been affected by the continuous violence and the depletion of tourist to the area.



Scripture Reflection This Week

In the parable of the fig tree, Christ reminds us of our call to bear fruit for God's kingdom. God continually gives us opportunities to grow, not only in our own spiritual lives but also through our prayers and penances for others. Saint Augustine of Hippo reflects on this, urging us to intercede for those outside the Church, asking God for patience and grace for them as we cultivate our faith.



This Lent, let us not only seek our own spiritual growth but also pray and fast for the salvation of all. Our efforts can help nurture the souls of countless others, just as many saints have done throughout the ages. Let us rise to this call and bear fruit for the world.

DIOCESAN LENTEN APPEAL 2025



Three new priests in the Diocese of Greensburg are now sharing their love of Jesus! Will you share your support of priestly vocations? Your donations are used for formation, and *Lent is a Time to Share!*

Visit: www.DiocesefGreensburg.org/DLA2025 to give a gift to priestly vocations.

SSRCS 2nd Grade Project

Throughout March, the second-grade classes from St. Sebastian Regional Catholic School will be sponsoring a service project for Little Things for Little People. They will be collecting diapers, baby wash & wipes, and infant/toddler socks. Look for a donation box at the school. Any donations are greatly appreciated!

BUNCO PARTY

The Ladies of Faith will be holding a Bunco (a game of Dice) Fund-raiser on **April 26** in the Parish Hall. Bunco is an easy dice game; if you can roll dice and count you will find this a fun game that's not hard to play. Cost is \$25 per person and includes a Light Lunch and Prizes. Doors open at 12-Noon. Tickets can be purchased at the Church Office. Last day to purchase tickets is April 19. For more information call Janet at 724-684-8202.

Fish Fry at Epiphany of Our Lord from 11 am to 6 pm. From 11 am until 3 pm will be take out.. More info call 724-684-5512.

HOMEMADE SAUSAGE SALE—The Epiphany Holy Name Society will hold a sausage sale on April 15 & 16. All orders must be in by **March 29**. The sausage is \$6.00 /lb. Minimum order is 2 lb. per item. **All orders MUST be made on the order form.**

LINK	LOOSE	
___ lbs.	___ lbs.	Sweet Sausage
___ lbs.	___ lbs.	Hot Sausage
___ lbs.	___ lbs.	Hot Hot Sausage

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Fill out the form above, placing it in an envelope marked "Sausage Order" and return to Epiphany Church, or call in order to Kenny at 724-929-3464. Please make checks out to **Holy Name Society**.

Offertory for March 16, 2025

Regular Offertory:	\$ 6,837.25	Lenten Offerings:	\$ 677.00
Utilities/Maintenance:	\$ 58.00	Home Missions:	\$ 25.00
Votives:	\$ 213.00	Sanctuary Flowers:	\$ 5.00
Catholic Accent:	\$ 337.00	Capital Project:	\$ 15.00
Ash Wednesday:	\$ 51.00	Mission Co-Op:	\$ 55.00

Total March 8/9 \$ 8,273.25

Thank you for supporting St. Sebastian Parish.

Lent

Daily Mass is celebrated Mon., Thurs. and Saturday at Epiphany, and Tues., Wed. and Fri. here at St. Sebastian.

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy/Eucharistic Adoration is prayed at 3:00 pm, Monday thru Friday at St. Sebastian.

On Fridays of Lent we will pray the Stations of the Cross together beginning at 6:00 pm.



When attending devotions at St Sebastian, please refrain from parking in the Auto or Clinic's lots. Be considerate of our neighbors and their patrons.

Reconciliation—Penance Services

We are already in third week of Lent and the Penance services for our region begin next week. Try to make an effort and take the time to come and share in this sacrament of God's forgiving love.

- April 1: Seven Dolors, Yukon—6:00 pm
- April 3: St. Edward's, Herminie—6:00 pm
- April 7: Epiphany of Our Lord, Monessen—6:00 pm
- April 8: St. John the Baptist, Perryopolis—6:00 pm
- April 9: St. Anne's, Rostraver—6:30 pm
- April 10: St. Sebastian, Belle Vernon—6:00 pm
- April 12: Holy Family, West Newton—2:30 pm

BIBLICAL WAY OF THE CROSS

Do you want to enrich your spiritual life this Lent? Come to St. Sebastian on **Saturday, April 5 at 12:00 Noon**. All are welcome to follow **John Paul II, Biblical Way of the Cross**, hosted by St. Sebastian Ladies of Faith. Listen to Fr. Michael Thomas discuss "The Seven Last Words of Christ." Enjoy light refreshments in the Parish Hall, following this inspirational Lenten Reflection.

LENTEN RECOLLECTION

You are invited to a Lenten Recollection at **Epiphany of Our Lord Church** during Monday and Tuesday of Holy Week, **April 14 & 15**. Especially recommended for all parish ministers, parish and finance council and parish staff. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place from 6:00—7:00 PM followed by the Lenten Recollection from **7:00—8:00 PM**. Parishioners and non-parishioners are encouraged and most welcome to attend.

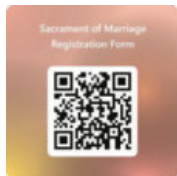


SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE Planning & Preparing

Congratulations! Preparing to enter into the Sacrament of Matrimony is a blessed time. Once you choose a date, we encourage you to begin the process so that date is reserved.

The preparation process for the Sacrament takes approximately 6 to 9 months. It involves sessions with both the Pastor and Regional Director of Faith Formation. There is also paperwork that will need to be completed. We are here to make this as easy as possible, while coming to grow in relationship with God as a couple. To begin this process, please scan the QR Code.

If you prefer a link, please email aslebodnik@dioceseofgreensburg.org and one will be sent to you.



BACK TO BASICS

Keep Holy the Sabbath Day

God insisted that His people rest on the sabbath. For the Jews, this was and is Saturday (sundown Friday to sundown Saturday) for Christians, the sabbath is Sunday, the day of the Lord's resurrection.

The third commandment connotes not just rest, but worship. The Catechism number 2176 says, "The celebration of Sunday observes the moral commandment inscribed by nature in the human heart to render to God an outward, visible, public and regular worship as a sign of his universal beneficence to all."

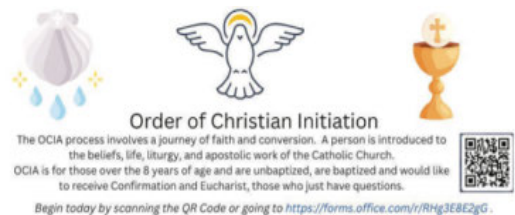
For Catholics, attending Mass is an integral part of the third commandment. Intentionally skipping Mass is a mortal sin. The Catechism number 2181 explains: "The Sunday Eucharist is the foundation and confirmation of all Christian practice. For this reason the faithful are obliged to participate in the Eucharist on days of obligation, unless excused for a serious reason (for example illness, the care of infants) or dispensed by their own pastor. Those who deliberately fail in this obligation commit a grave sin."

The Church understands that it is not always possible to refrain from work on Sunday. The Catechism number 2185 says, "Family needs or important social service can legitimately excuse one from the obligation of Sunday rest. The faithful should see to it that legitimate excuses do not lead to habits prejudicial to religion, family life, and health."

Gus Lloyd, A Minute in the Church

VIRTUS TRAINING FOR VOLUNTEERS

If you belong to a church group that meets on church grounds, or volunteer in the ministries, you are required to have clearances, one of which is VIRTUS. VIRTUS training can be done online, or there will be an in person training, **Sunday, APRIL 6 at 1:00 PM. 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 Darleen at the church office.



INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

The OCIA process involves a journey of faith and conversion. It is for anyone over 8 years of age. Those inquiring are introduced to the beliefs, life, liturgy, and apostolic work of the Catholic Church. OCIA is for the unbaptized, for the baptized who would like to receive Confirmation and Eucharist, and for those who just have questions. If you would like to ask questions or start this journey, please complete the form via the QR code above and Adelle will contact you to set up an initial meeting. If you prefer a link, please email aslebodnik@dioceseofgreensburg.org and one will be sent to you.




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