



# Saint Sebastian Catholic Church

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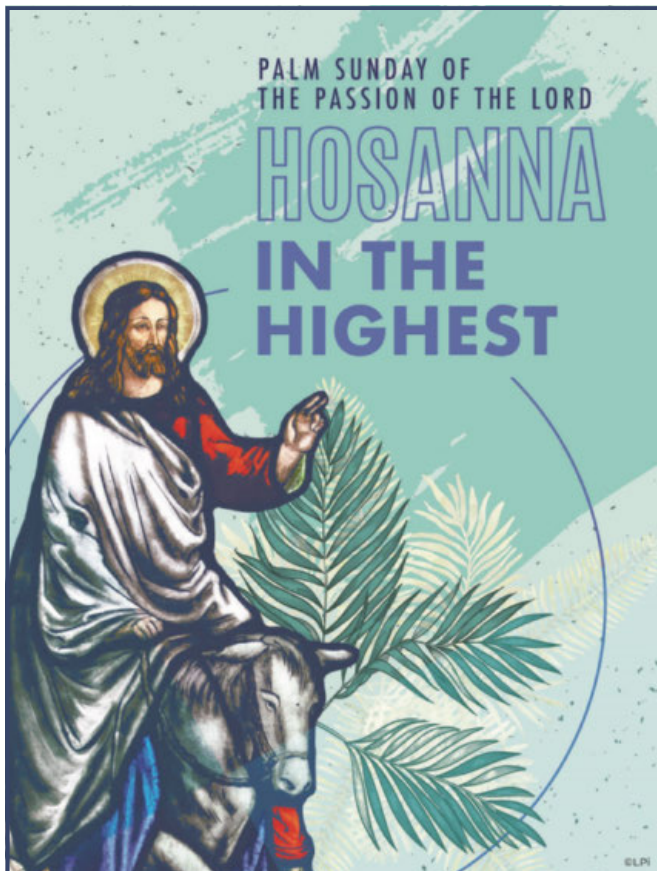
## Mass Schedule

**Weekend: Saturday 4:30 PM, Sunday 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM**  
**Weekday: Monday, Thursday, 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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## April 13, 2025—Palm (Passion) Sunday



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### Baptism Preparation

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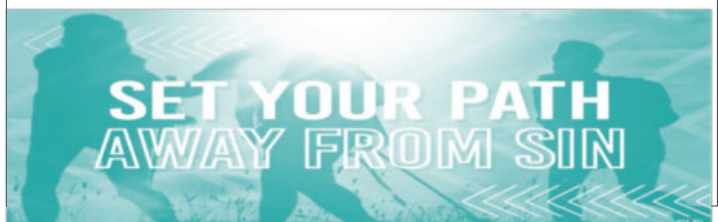
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## Liturgies this Week

### April 12—Vigil

4:30 PM (Death Anniv) Bernard Gorski—Cliff & Kim Gorski & Family

### April 13—Palm (Passion) Sunday

9:00 AM For All the People of Saint Sebastian Parish  
11:00 AM Iggy & Mary Alice Popelas—Joan & John Timlin

### April 14—Monday of Holy Week

8:00 AM Mass at Epiphany of Our Lord

### April 15—Tuesday of Holy Week

8:00 AM Nathan A. Campus & Nathan J. Campus—Lynn Nallo & Family

### April 16—Wednesday of Holy Week

8:00 AM Jackie Koliscak—PJ & Karen Vesely  
Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help



### April 17—Holy Thursday

7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Last Supper

### April 18—Good Friday

1:00 PM Commemoration of the Lord's Passion

### Holy Saturday, April 19

1:00 PM Blessing of Baskets

### Holy Saturday, April 19—Easter Vigil

8:30 PM Intention of the Celebrant

### Easter Sunday, April 20—Resurrection of the Lord

9:00 AM Intention of the Celebrant  
11:00 AM Intention of the Celebrant

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

## Kindergarten 2025/2026 School Year

Screening and Registration are open for Kindergarten students for the 2025/2026 School Year on Friday, **May 2** from 8 AM—2 PM. Please call the school secretary, Erika Fouch, to make your reservation (724-929-5143) or email: EFouch@sssbv.org.

**BUNCO PARTY**—The Ladies of Faith will be holding a Bunco Fundraiser on **April 26**. Cost is \$25 and includes a Light Lunch & Prizes. Doors open at 12-Noon. Tickets can be purchased at the Church Office. Last day to purchase tickets is April 19. For more info call Janet at 724-684-8202.

### Offertory for April 6, 2025

Regular Offertory:	\$ 9,545.05
Utilities/Maintenance:	\$ 165.00
Votives:	\$ 331.00
Catholic Accent:	\$ 4.00
Sanctuary Flowers:	\$ 87.00
Holy Thursday:	\$ 60.00
Good Friday:	\$ 60.00
Easter:	\$ 155.00
Cap. Project/Roof:	\$ 405.00
Lenten Season:	\$ 797.00
Ash Wednesday:	\$ 10.00
<b>Total Apr. 5/6</b>	<b>\$11,619.05</b>

Thank you for your support.

## CDA Epiphany Meeting

Members of The Catholic Dughters of the Americas are asked to participate in the Eucharistic Adoration at 6 PM at Epiphany Church before their next meeting on Tuesday, April 22. After Adoration please go downstairs for the 7 PM meeting. Any questions call Regent Debbie Genemore @ (724) 708-8335.

## Scripture Reflection This Week

In Luke 22:14—23:56, we witness the profound love of Christ as He faces betrayal, suffering, and death—a poignant reminder of His unwavering commitment to humanity. As we reflect on this Passion narrative, we are invited to consider the depths of God's mercy and the call to our own discipleship. The Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us that Christ's Passion fulfills the prophecy of Isaiah: "by his wounds, we are healed" (Isaiah 53:5; CCC 559). This passage underscores not only Christ's willingness to embrace suffering but also invites us to recognize the salvific power of our own trials



In moments of despair, we find solace in Jesus's words from the cross: "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do" (Luke 23:34). This call to forgiveness is central to our faith, echoing the catechetical teaching that "anyone who wishes to be a follower of Christ must take up his cross" (CCC 2015). As we journey through Lent, let us embrace our own crosses, trusting in the redemptive grace that flows from Christ's sacrifice, and engage in acts of love and mercy toward others. This holy season beckons us to grow ever closer to the heart of our Savior.



## Paschal Candle

The Paschal Candle is a symbol of the risen Christ. On Easter Sunday it is placed next to the pulpit for the 50 days of Easter; after Easter it is placed near the Baptismal Font and is lit for Baptisms and Funerals. If you would like to sponsor either a portion or the whole cost of the Paschal Candle, please call the Parish Office. This Candle may be in memory of a loved one, or for a special intention.

## Paschal Candle Flowers & Altar/Candle Ring Flowers

If you would like to have flowers in memory of a deceased loved one or for a special intention, please contact the Parish Office. Flowers for the Paschal Candle are \$100, and flowers for the Altar Candle Rings are \$100 for the pair.

## Easter & Mother's Day Gift Certificates

**Star Nail & Spa** are 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 (724-810-3333). We thank them for their kind generosity. For Certificates, call the Parish Office (724-929-9300).

## Flower/Fern Hanging Baskets Sale

The Ladies of Faith is offering vouchers for Hanging Baskets from McShane Florist before & after the weekend Masses **April 26/27**. The cost is \$20 per flower basket/\$25 per fern basket. Take your voucher to McShane's (date to be announced) to choose a basket from their selections.

*The Parish Office will be closed Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Monday. The office reopens Tuesday, April 22.*

# SAINT SEBASTIAN CHURCH, BELLE VERNON, PENNSYLVANIA

## 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.



### Living Stations of the Cross

A presentation of the Stations of the Cross by the Saint Sebastian Regional Catholic School Students will take place on **Wednesday, April 16**, in the Church (call 724-929-5143 for the time). All are invited to attend.

## Three Days

The Triduum celebrates the heart of Christian faith, to which all leads, and from which all flows: Jesus' redemptive death and resurrection; related to the Church year as Sunday is to each week. It begins with the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper and continues through Good Friday and Holy Saturday culminating with the celebration of the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday. We invite you and your families to be as much a part of this year's celebrations as you are able.

**Thursday: Mass of the Last Supper: 7:00 PM**—(Followed by Eucharistic Adoration until 9:30 pm.)

**Friday: Celebration of the Lord's Passion: 1:00 PM** (The Church will be open until 9:30 pm.)

**Saturday: Easter Vigil: 8:30 PM**

**Thursday: Chrism Mass 10:00 AM** At the Blessed Sacrament Cathedral in Greensburg, the Chrism Mass is when the Bishop along with all of the priests of the diocese blesses and consecrates the Holy Oils that will be used throughout the year. It is also the Mass where the priests of the diocese re-dedicate their ministry to the people of the church as well as to the Bishop.

### The Mass of the Last Supper

Holy Thursday liturgy marks the institution of the Eucharist. We remember that Jesus gathered with His Disciples for the last time and gave to them as well as to the future church this miraculous gift. It is through the presence of the Body and Blood of Christ that we are able to become "Church." As an example of what it means to be church and celebrate this gift, the women from our parish will "dress" the altar. Another important gift that Jesus gave to the Church is the example of what it means to serve as well as to be served. Through the symbolism of the washing of the feet, Jesus calls each of us to be of service to one another, as well as to be open to being served. As we commemorate what Jesus did for the Disciples through the washing of the feet. Fr. Vincent would like to have representatives from the various ministries of our parish be a part of the Foot Washing. If you are interested please call the office.



### Adoration after Mass

After the Liturgy on Holy Thursday there will be Eucharistic Adoration. The Blessed Sacrament will be in repose on the Blessed Mother side of the altar after Mass. As soon as Mass is over the altar will be stripped completely bare. While this is going on, I ask that the people remaining in church maintain a decorum of silence and reverence. You are welcome to come and spend some time in prayer until 9:30. Then the Blessed Sacrament will be taken from the altar and the church will be empty. Father will be available up until 9:30 PM for Confession.



### Blessing of Baskets

This year on Holy Saturday at 1:00 P.M we will bless Easter Baskets. It is a nice tradition to come and have your "Easter Meal" blessed.

### CATHOLIC CHARITIES



For 70 years, and with the ongoing support of the Diocesan Lenten Appeal, Catholic Charities remains committed to its mission provide help and create hope for those in need throughout the four counties of our Diocese. Catholic Charities Managing Director Melaney Hegyes says children are some of the neediest among us. Visit [www.DioceseofGreensburg.org/DLA2025](http://www.DioceseofGreensburg.org/DLA2025) to learn about their work or to make a donation.



### DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY April 27, 2025

The Sunday after Easter is known as Divine Mercy Sunday. In celebration of the Divine Mercy of Jesus, our Lord, there will be Eucharistic Adoration and the recitation of the prayers of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, following the 11:00 AM Mass.

Our Lord said to St. Faustina according to the *Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska* "**Encourage souls to say the chaplet which I have given you...Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death...Even if there were a sinner most hardened, if he were to recite this chaplet only once, he would receive grace from My infinite mercy.**"



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