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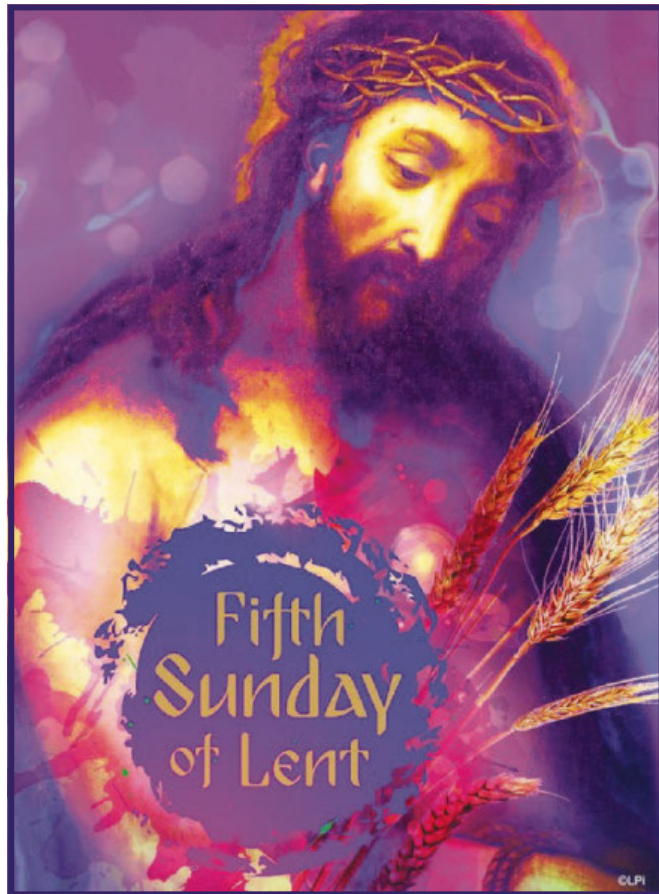
Mass Schedule

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 6, 2025—Fifth Sunday of Lent



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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.

Saint Sebastian Regional Catholic School

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Liturgies this Week

Faith Formation begins with 4:30 Mass

April 5—Vigil

4:30 PM Special Intention—Eolanta Tanuta

April 6—Fifth Sunday of Lent

9:00 AM For All the People of Saint Sebastian Parish
11:00 AM (Date of Birth) Ann R. Mazurek—Mom, Dad & Sean

Monday, April 7—St. John the Baptist de la Salle

8:00 AM Mass at Epiphany of Our Lord

Tuesday, April 8

8:00 AM (Date of Birth) Joseph Uhlman—Wife, Terri

Wednesday, April 9

8:00 AM (Date of Birth) Lorraine Nelson—Daughter, Patty & Tom & Family
Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help

Thursday, April 10

8:00 AM Mass at Epiphany of Our Lord

Friday, April 11—St. Stanislaus

8:00 AM (Death Anniv) Sr. Grace Snyder—Pawlak Family
10:15 AM Lois Cowan—Georgetta Hela & the Brian Kelly Family
6:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday, April 12

8:00 AM Mass at Epiphany of Our Lord

Saturday, April 12—Vigil

3:15 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation
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 Allice Popelas—Joan & John Timlin

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

Sympathy and Prayers

Please remember in your prayers those who have died: JEAN AMBROSE. We extend our sympathy to her family. May she rest in peace.

Kindergarten 2025/2026 School Year

Screening and Registration are open for Kindergarten students for the 2025/2026 School Year on Friday, **May 2** from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Please call the school secretary, Erika Fouch, to make your reservation (724-929-5143) or email: EFouch@sssbv.org.



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 This Week

On this Fifth Sunday of Lent, the readings invite us to reflect deeply on the transformative power of mercy and the call to renewal in Christ. The first reading from Isaiah reminds us that



God is doing something new—the promise of a fresh start amidst the shadows of our past. This theme resonates with the message in the Gospel of John, where we encounter the woman caught in adultery. Jesus' forgiveness demonstrates that no sin is beyond His mercy, and He challenges us to extend that same grace to others

Through these readings, we are reminded that true transformation begins with acknowledging our brokenness and embracing Divine mercy. As we journey deeper into Lent, may we open ourselves to the newness God offers, allowing His love to shine through our lives and our relationships

Flower/Fern Hanging Baskets Sale



The Ladies of Faith is offering vouchers for Hanging Baskets from McShane Florist before & after the weekend Masses **April 5/6 & 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.

BUNCO PARTY

The Ladies of Faith will be holding a Bunco (a game of Dice) Fundraiser 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.

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).

Offertory for March 30, 2025

Regular Offertory:	\$ 8,977.60	Easter:	\$ 35.00
Utilities/Maintenance:	\$ 100.00	Good Friday:	\$ 10.00
Votives:	\$ 427.00	Cap. Project/Roof:	\$ 25.00
Catholic Accent:	\$ 3.00	Sanctuary Flowers:	\$ 474.00
Ascension:	\$ 10.00	Lenten Season:	\$ 765.00
Ash Wednesday:	\$ 20.00	Oplatki:	\$ 5.00
Holy Thursday:	\$ 10.00		

Total Mar. 29/30 \$ 10,861.60

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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.



A Service for Holy Week

Believe it or not, next week is Palm Sunday! It is amazing how quickly this month is passing by. As we look at the services of Easter, there is a matter that needs our attention.

On Holy Thursday, at the Mass of the Last Supper, Fr. Vincent would like to have representatives from the various ministries of our parish be a part of the Foot Washing:

Parish Council Member
Finance Council Member
Lector
Cantor/Choir Member
Eucharistic Minister of Holy Communion
Homebound Eucharistic Minister of Holy Communion
Altar Server
Usher
Greeter
Ladies of Faith
Money Counter

If you are interested please let us know by calling the office and letting us know which group you will represent.



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

The Eucharistic Adoration is prayed at 6:00 pm at Epiphany of Our Lord, Monessen.

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

Do You Attend Friday Stations?

Families, Couples, Individuals, we are asking for your help. If you attend the Stations of the Cross on Friday's during Lent, it would be a wonderful blessing if you could serve as: the Lector, Server, Cross-bearer. If you feel called to help with the Lenten Stations of the Cross, please let Fr. Vincent or Darleen know, by calling the Parish Office.

Reconciliation—Penance Services

It is the fourth week of Lent and the Penance services for our region begin this week. Try to make an effort and take the time to come and share in this sacrament of God's forgiving love.

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 11: Holy Family, West Newton—6:00 pm



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 (time to be announced). All are invited to attend.

LENTEN RECOLLECTION

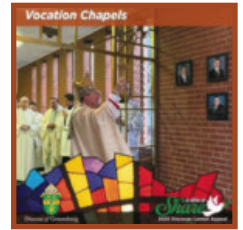
You are invited to a Lenten Recollection at Epiphany of Our Lord Church during Monday and Tuesday of Holy Week, **April 14 & 15**. Especially recommended for all parish ministers, parish and finance council and parish staff. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place from 6:00—7:00 PM followed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



Pray for Priestly Vocations

Support Priestly Vocations and make a Lenten Pilgrimage or a Lenten Donation at DioceseofGreensburg.org/DLA2025. Watch this video (link below) about a Pilgrimage Guide to our four vocations Chapels throughout the Diocese of Greensburg. Pray for our future priests this Lenten Season and commit your support because it truly is *A Time to Share!*

https://youtu.be/_LNsg5O74_s?si=eBvRzTncOdISckIz



Walking With Moms in Need—On Saturday, April 26,



a *Walking with Moms in Need* gathering will be held in the Westmoreland Room at the Christ Our Shepherd Center in from 9 am— 12-Noon. Th purpose of this gathering is for those parishes that have already begun *Walking with Moms in Need* ministries to share information, while providing ideas, materials and resources. Please

register to attend by emailing Deacon Bill Newhouse at: wnewhouse@dioceseofgreensburg.org.

Weekend Retreat in May



KERYGMA
DISCIPLESHIP RETREAT

Are you looking to learn more about Jesus or forming a relationship with Him? Are you active in your parish and would like to renew your relationship with Jesus and be able to share His message with others? Maybe you have been away from the church or have not heard the

Gospel before and want to learn more about Jesus, the Holy Spirit, and the Church.

The Kerygma Discipleship Retreat is for you! This weekend retreat at Christ our Shepherd Center is an opportunity to have a new encounter with Jesus and discover ways to sustain that relationship in your everyday life.

The retreat begins Friday, **May 16 at 9 am and concludes Sunday, May 18 at 5pm**. There are opportunities to stay at Christ Our Shepherd Center to make it a full retreat weekend or you can choose to commute home each night. This retreat is open to both men and women over the age of 18, so adult family members can attend together. Opportunities for discussion, silent prayer, confession, Eucharistic Adoration, and Sunday Mass are part of the retreat experience.

Please register for the retreat at:

<https://www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/kerygma-discipleship-retreat/>




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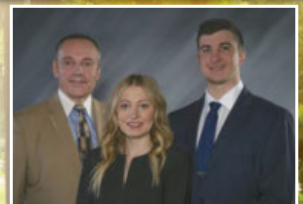
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