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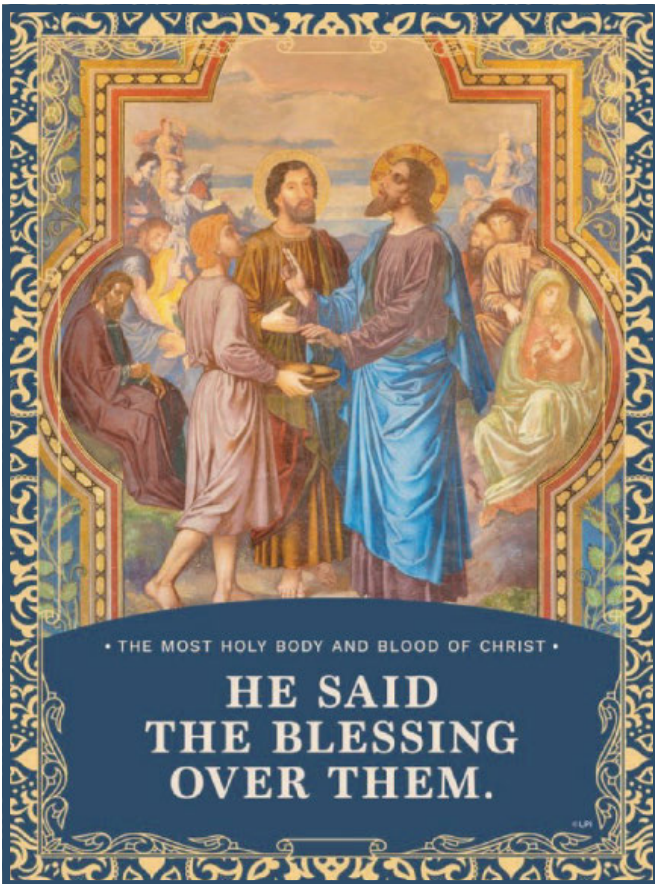
Mass Schedule

Weekend: Saturday 4:30 PM, Sunday 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM
Weekday: Monday and Thursday—8:00 AM at Epiphany
Tuesday and Friday—8:00 AM at St. Sebastian



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June 22, 2025—Corpus Christi



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THE BLESSING
OVER THEM.**

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Please scan the QR code for more information

Baptism Preparation
Baptism Registration



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

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Reconciliation—Saturdays
Epiphany—11AM - 12-Noon
St. Sebastian—3:15-4:15 PM or by appointment anytime.

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Liturgies this Week

June 21—Vigil

4:30 PM (Date of Birth) Eleanor Burrows—Carol & Bucky Walkush

June 22—Solemnity of the Body & Blood of Christ

9:00 AM John & Anne Gadus—Pokol Family
 11:00 AM Iggy & Mary Alice Popelas—Peg Hartman & Family

Monday, June 23

8:00 AM Mass at Epiphany of Our Lord

Tuesday, June 24—Nativity of St. John the Baptist

8:00 AM (Death Anniv) Joseph Uhlman—Wife, Terri

Wednesday, June 25

No Mass Today

Thursday, June 26

8:00 AM Mass at Epiphany of Our Lord

Friday, June 27—Sacred Heart of Jesus

8:00 AM (Date of Birth) Hazel Costella—Children, Pam, Patti & Tom & Families



Saturday, June 28—Vigil

3:15 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation
 4:30 PM Richard Wawro—Wife, Sandy & Family

June 29—Ss. Peter & Paul, Apostles

9:00 AM For All the People of Saint Sebastian Parish
 11:00 AM Heidi Valent-Frederick—Father, Joe

The Rosary is Prayed Sundays prior to 9 AM Mass. Please join us!

Altar 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 Altar Candle Rings are \$100 for the pair.

Second Collection

Peter's Pence, **June 28/29** for support for the Holy's See's activities and help Pope Leo XIV assist the victims of wars, oppression, and natural disasters around the world as well as those in need of humanitarian assistance.

Father Vincent's New Address:

Rev. Vincent A. Yee Concepcion
 Sts. Cyril and Methodius Church
 50 N Morgantown Street
 Fairchance, PA, 15436

Offertory for June 15, 2025			
Regular Offertory:	\$ 6,122.00	Sanctuary Flowers:	\$ 429.00
Utilities/Maintenance:	\$ 148.00	Cap. Project/Roof:	\$ 131.00
Votives:	\$ 145.00	Ascension:	\$ 25.00
Catholic Accent:	\$ 1,014.00		
Total June 14/15		\$ <u>8,014.00</u>	
Thank you for supporting St. Sebastian Parish.			

Scripture Reflection for Sunday

Today, we celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi, a special reminder of the profound gift Jesus gave us in the Eucharist. In this sacred sacrament, Jesus truly becomes present—His Body and Blood offered for our salvation. This mystery of faith is the source and summit of our Christian life, uniting us with Christ and one another. As we receive the Eucharist, let us remember that we are nourished by His love and grace, called to live out His teachings in our daily lives. The Eucharist is more than a symbol; it is the real presence of Christ among us, a divine gift that sustains us on our journey of faith. May this celebration deepen our trust in Jesus' love and inspire us to become living tabernacles of His presence in the world. Let us approach the altar with reverence and gratitude, recognizing the incredible gift of the Eucharist as the heart of our worship and the foundation of our hope.



MASS & ADORATION CHANGES

Due to the current situation of having only two priests serving three parishes, it is necessary to modify the existing weekday schedule to ensure all communities continue to have access to Mass and pastoral care. This adjustment will help distribute the priests' available time more effectively, allowing them to serve each parish adequately while maintaining the spiritual needs of our parishioners. We appreciate everyone's understanding and cooperation as we implement these changes to better support our shared faith community.

Monday 8 AM Mass at Epiphany
 Tuesday 8 AM Mass at St. Sebastian's
 Wednesday: No Mass

Thursday 8 AM Mass at Epiphany
 Friday 8 AM Mass at St. Sebastian's
The 8 AM Saturday MORNING Mass will be abrogated.

Adoration will be held for one hour immediately following morning mass, based on the following schedule:

Monday at Epiphany of Our Lord, Monessen
 Wednesday at St. John the Baptist, Perryopolis
 Friday at St. Sebastian, Belle Vernon

ANNUAL JUNQUE SALE—St. Sebastian's Junque sale will be **July 24, 25, 26**. We are collecting Tuesdays & Thursdays from 10 AM-12-Noon and 6-8 PM in the Parish Hall. Times don't suit, call Bonnie at 724-322-0355 for an appointment. We are in need of volunteers. If you don't have your clearances, please call the Parish Office. Those previously cleared are good for 5 years.

**Fr. Anthony's reflection for:
DIVINE GENEROSITY**

**Tuesday, June 17, 2025, Week XI, Year I
2 Corinthians 8:1-9; Psalm 146; Matthew 5:43-48**

In today's First Reading, St. Paul exhorts the Christians in Corinth to embrace the virtue of generosity.

For context: Paul was organizing a collection for the impoverished Christian community in Jerusalem. Initially, he was reluctant to solicit help from the Churches in Macedonia (Philippi, Thessalonica, and Berea), knowing they were themselves experiencing hardship and persecution.

To his amazement, however, not only did these Churches insist on contributing, but they also gave beyond expectation—with joy, abundance, and sacrifice. Deeply moved, Paul held them up as a powerful example to inspire the Corinthians.

Here are five key lessons we can draw from the generosity of the Macedonians:

- A. Generosity flows not from abundance, but a state of mind (perspective).
It is a mindset, a value system. Like the poor widow in Luke 21:1-4, true generosity is not measured by quantity but by depth of heart and sacrifice.
- B. True generosity is joyful, loving, and rightly ordered. It becomes a virtue only when it is cheerful (cf. 2 Corinthians 9:7), arises from pure intention, and is directed toward what is good. Not all giving is holy—some are generous with the wrong things or for the wrong reasons.
- C. To give is a privilege, not a burden.
The Macedonians saw their contribution not as a loss, but as a grace-filled opportunity to participate in God's work. They "begged earnestly for the favor of sharing" (2 Corinthians 8:4).
- D. Generosity is not limited to material gifts.
As seen in Acts 3:1-10, even when we lack silver or gold, we can be generous with our prayers, encouragement, time, presence, kindness, and acts of service. Today's Gospel reminds us: be generous in mercy and love, as our Heavenly Father is.
- E. Christ is the ultimate model of generosity.
He gave Himself completely. "Though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that by His poverty you might become rich" (2 Corinthians 8:9). This is the divine standard of giving.

Let us therefore pray for a generous heart, one that reflects the magnanimity of God—joyful, selfless, and full of love. ❤️

VBS Continues

Scan the code to register. **Cooking Camp** will take place two different days, Thursday, **July 17** and Friday, **August 8** at Holy Family Parish in West Newton.

The Historic Church of St. Peter, Brownsville, will hold **Stem**

Camp July 30—August 1. Any

questions contact Juliana at

jbaluch@greensburg.org. You may register for any of the camps using the QR code or

<https://forms.office.com/r/4uh1YHR79E>



CAMP VIRTUE: St. Peter's Brownsville

Camp Virtue, scheduled **July 22-24**, is a day camp that provides 6th-8th grade youth the opportunity to explore their Catholic faith while also exploring the world around them. Camp Virtue will help participants understand that they can enjoy each day to the fullest while being filled with faith and a love for God. Students in grades 9-12 and adults may volunteer as counselors.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA—Just for Fun

Question: What is the instrument used to sprinkle holy water on the congregation during Mass called?

Answer: The aspergillum.

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- ✓ Monetary donations should be sent to the location of each respective camp, or contact Julianna at jbaluch@dioceseofgreensburg.org.
- ✓ We are looking for magazines, plastic bottles, bottle caps
- ✓ Volunteer your time for setup, camp time, or cleanup



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