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Mass Schedule

Weekend: St. Sebastian:

Sat. 4:30 PM

Sun. 9 & 11 AM

Epiphany: Sat. 4:00 PM

Sun. 8:30 & 10:30 AM

Epiphany of Our Lord, 44 Pennsylvania Blvd. Monessen,

Daily Mass:

Mon. & Thur. 8:00 AM at Epiphany

Tuesday: 8:00 AM at St. Sebastian

Wednesday: 9:00 AM at St. John the Baptist

St. John the Baptist, 3332 Pittsburgh Rd, Perryopolis

Friday: 8:00 AM at St. Sebastian

10:15 AM at St. Sebastian

Reconciliation—Saturday

Epiphany—3:00 PM—3:45 PM

St. Sebastian—3:15 PM—4:15 PM

By appointment anytime.

Mission Statement

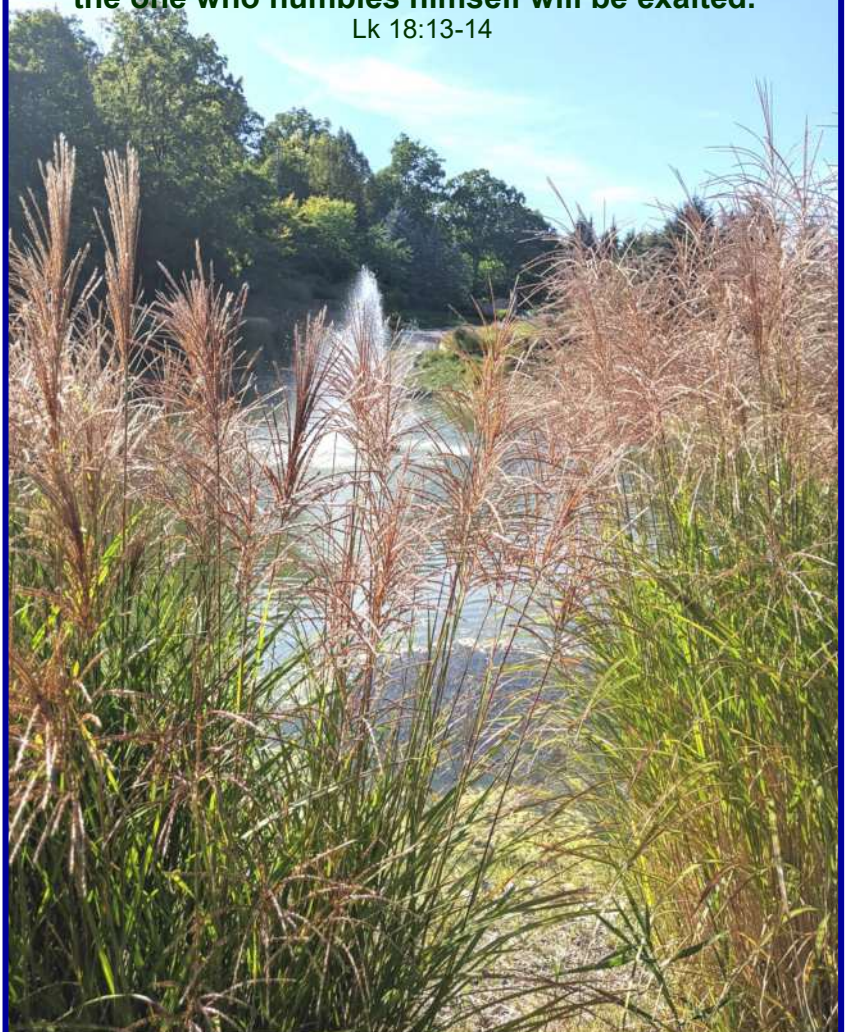
We the Parish Family of Saint Sebastian, Belle Vernon, serve people in Westmoreland and Fayette Counties. We are Roman Catholics of various ethnic backgrounds with strong family values demonstrating a variety of skills, trades and professions. The purpose of the parish is to glorify God by assisting the community on the "Journey of a Lifetime" through the Liturgy and Sacraments, teaching and preaching the Word of God, and witnessing to our faith. As a community of faith, we are committed to love of God and neighbor through worshiping together and serving others in caring for their spiritual, emotional and physical needs. Each of us is called to strengthen and reach beyond our parish through being responsible stewards of our time, talent and treasure in the spirit of our patron, St. Sebastian.

October 26, 2025

30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"But the tax collector stood off at a distance...and prayed, 'O God, be merciful to me a sinner.' I tell you, the latter went home justified, not the former; for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

Lk 18:13-14



Scripture Reflection for Sunday



This beautiful passage in our first reading from the Book of Sirach reminds us of the compassionate justice of our God, who hears the cries of the oppressed and responds with mercy and fairness. As Catholics, we are called to mirror God's justice in our own lives, recognizing that God's love is universal and impartial (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2443). The Lord's special concern for the vulnerable—the orphan, widow, and oppressed—reflects His own justice and mercy, which we see exemplified in Jesus Christ, who stood for the marginalized and vulnerable (Luke 4:18-19).

Our prayers, especially those of the humble and lowly, are powerful and reach God's ears. The psalmist affirms that "the prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds" (Psalm 102:1-2), encouraging us to pray with humility and persistence. The Catechism teaches that prayer is a vital means of communion with God, and that God listens to the sincere cries of His children (CCC 2558).

Furthermore, the Lord's patience and justice remind us of our duty to seek justice and act with charity in our daily lives. As Pope Francis reminds us in his encyclical **Fratelli Tutti**, justice and mercy are essential in building a society rooted in love and fraternity. Let us pray and work tirelessly to imitate God's justice, knowing that He hears our prayers and will judge justly, fulfilling His promise of righteousness.

Baptism Congratulations:

To **Shylei Michelle Marie Holmes**, daughter of Sheyanne Holmes who was baptized in Christ last Sunday. We welcome Shylei into the Church and into our parish family. God bless her and her family.

Lord, please remember the sick of our parish and community:

Stacie Bickerton

Lord, give them strength in body, courage in spirit, and patience in pain. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

ST. CARLO ACUTIS Eucharistic Miracles

An **Exhibit of the Eucharistic Miracles** and a **First Class Relic** will be on display in St. Sebastian Parish Hall the this weekend of **October 24-26**. This exhibit is the result of three years of research, compilation and design by the newly canonized, Saint Carlo Acutis. For more information call 724-288-7901.

October 25, 1 PM-7 PM;
October 26, 9 AM-4 PM.



"To always be close to Jesus, that is my life plan."

St. Carlo Acutis

ALL SAINT'S DAY



Because All Saint's Day—November 1st, falls on a Saturday this year, the obligation to participate in Mass is abrogated for the faithful in the United States. However, participating in Mass is strongly encouraged to honor all the saints in heaven and offer right worship to the Lord, whose holy friends and collaborators the saints are.

**The Parish Office will be closed
Friday, October 31.**

ALL SOULS MASS

On Sunday, **November 2nd**, we recognize those souls who have not yet attained the glory of Saint-hood with the celebration of All Souls. *During all the Masses next weekend, we will remember, by name, all those who have died from our parish since last All Soul's Day.* I encourage everyone to pray for all of their loved ones who have died.

Book of Remembrance

The Book of Remembrance will be located on the Tabernacle side of the Church during November. You are encouraged to write the names of those who have died. As we see the Book of the Dead in the church, it is a visual reminder of our departed loved ones as we offer our prayers for the repose of their souls, as well as for those who have no one to pray for them. This is one way the Catholic tradition continues to maintain solidarity with those who have died. The Church is not just for the living, but includes those in Purgatory and Heaven.

SSRCS Fundraiser

The 2026 Enjoy books are being sold for the benefit of our Regional School. You may pick up a copy at the School Office. For more information, call 724-929-5143.



BUNCO PARTY

The Ladies of Faith will be holding a Bunco (a game of Dice) Fundraiser on **November 15** in the Parish Hall. Cost is \$25 per person and includes a Light Lunch and Prizes. Tickets can be purchased at the Church Office. Last day to purchase tickets is November 7.



WEDDING SOUP SALE NOVEMBER 9!

St. Sebastian will be holding the annual Wedding Soup sale. The cost is \$10 a quart and pick up will be Sunday, **November 9**, 2025 from 10:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Orders are due by November 3. You can submit the order form along with payment either in the collection basket or at the of-

HELP MAKE THE SOUP!

Helpers are needed to make the Italian Wedding Soup on **November 8** at 9:00 AM in the Parish Hall. For more information please call Terri at 724-929-8675.

WEDDING SOUP ORDER

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PICK-UP ON NOVEMBER 9, BETWEEN 10:30AM-1 PM

Tunnel Vision

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

There are some parents on the playground I really can't stand.

You know them, probably, if you're a parent, or if you're not, you know a different version of them. They'll tell you about how their little Brayden is a bilingual violin prodigy who sleeps through the night and only ever asks to snack on vegetables. But as soon as Brayden starts to chase your screaming kid with a stick, they're conveniently scrolling on their phone, unaware.

You're not irritated that their kid is smarter than yours and likes veggies (well, maybe you are, a little). You're irritated that they have tunnel vision. In striving for perfection, they have become unable to acknowledge imperfections.

If you're reading this, you're probably in church. If you're in church, you're probably someone who is concerned with what is right and what is wrong. I've got news for you: that might just make you (and me) more at risk of being like Brayden's parent than the people who stayed home today.

Unclutch your pearls! It was good of you to come to Mass. Definitely keep doing that. That's the right choice. Just don't forget that in making the right choice, we don't *become righteous*.

Look, I'm not going to lie to you. Sometimes, it's my kids who are doing the chasing with the stick. They're kids, and kids do dumb things, just like everyone else. And maybe it's because they hate vegetables and sleep terribly that I'm less reluctant than Brayden's mom to admit their mistakes. It's a hard fall from the pedestal.

If we're churchgoing followers of Christ, we are hopefully people who earnestly want to do the right thing. Maybe, sometimes, we do exactly that. The Pharisee did the right thing sometimes. He fasted. He tithed. But he gazed so long at his own holiness that he became blinded by it. He stood before God, and he could only think of what he had done right.

We need to stay vigilant, folks. Just when you look away, that's when Brayden grabs the stick.

October's Paint & Sip

This special event provided a fun afternoon for all in attendance. A variety of 38 different styles of the "Fall Pumpkin Face" were created. Thanks to all who planned, prepared and painted.



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Would you like to Join our Parish?

Simply fill out this coupon and drop it into the collection basket and a registration form will be mailed to you.

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Or scan the QR code for the Parish registration form.

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Change Information

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Address _____

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Phone _____

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WISDOM NUGGETS

The Catechism of the Catholic Church says "Prayer is the life of the new heart." Our help is in the name of the Lord. Who made heaven & earth. Have you said a prayer today?

TURKEY BINGO

Get ready for fun and a little friendly competition! Family friendly Turkey Bingo at Epiphany of Our Lord Church Hall, 44 Pennsylvania Blvd., Monessen, is set for **Sunday, November 16**. Doors open at Noon and the Bingo begins at 1:00 PM. There will be 20 Turkey Games, 4 Cash Specials and Half the Take, Admission cost is \$10.00. Refreshments and food will be available to purchase and door prizes will be awarded. For additional information, please contact Pat Godla at 724-684-7235.

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HOMEMADE SAUSAGE SALE

The Knights of Columbus will hold a sausage sale on December 9 and 10. All orders must be in by **Sunday, November 23**. Put in your order now to make sure you get it! The sausage will be sold at \$6.00 /lb. Minimum order is 2 lb. per item. **All orders MUST be made on the order form.**

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___ lbs.	___ lbs.	Hot Hot Sausage

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Phone: _____

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Lucecitas Playgroup

Mondays 10:30-12:00

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No registration and no cost.

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NCYC

BECAUSE HE IS THE GREAT I AM, I CAN BE

EXODUS 3:14

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The Second Collection next weekend, November 1 & 2 is the annual appeal for our Retired Religious and Diocesan Priests. Thank you for your generous support.

Liturgies this Week

October 25—Vigil

4:30 PM Fr. Vincent A. Yee Concepcion—Ladies of Faith

October 26—30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM For All the People of Saint Sebastian Parish
11:00 AM † Elise Kravets Matava—Joseph & Therese Kravets Smith

Monday, October 27

8:00 AM Mass at Epiphany of Our Lord
Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday, October 28—Ss. Simon and Jude

8:00 AM † Jackie Koliscak—Dwight & Cecilia Williams

Wednesday, October 29

9:00 AM Mass at St. John the Baptist
Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday, October 30

8:00 AM Mass at Epiphany of Our Lord

Friday, October 31

8:00 AM † Jack Koschalk—Judy Mitchell
Eucharistic Adoration

10:15 AM For All the People of Saint Sebastian Parish

November 1—Vigil

4:30 PM † (Death Anniv) Dennis A. Zucconi II—Mother

November 2—All Soul's Day

9:00 AM For All the People of Saint Sebastian Parish
11:00 AM † Jean Ambrose—Cliff & Kim Gorski

The Rosary is Prayed Sundays at 830 AM. Please join us!

PLEASE NOTE: If you plan to invite any guest speaker to a church event, please first contact Adelle at 724-244-9434 or aslebodnik@dioceseofgreensburg.org. The Diocese requires all guest speakers to be vetted and have the required clearances. Thank you for your cooperation.

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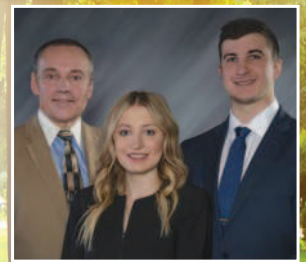
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