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October 5, 2025

• 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME •

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Mass Schedule

Weekend: St. Sebastian: Sat. 4:30 PM Sunday 9 & 11 AM

Epiphany: Sat. 4:00 PM Sun. 8:30 & 10:30 AM

Epiphany of Our Lord, 44 Pennsylvania Blvd. Monessen, PA.

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, PA

Friday: 8:00 AM at St. Sebastian

10:15 AM—School Mass

Reconciliation—Saturday

Epiphany—3:00—4:00 PM

St. Sebastian—3:15—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.

Fr. Anthony's reflection:

REFLECTION ON THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGEL, OCTOBER 2, 2025
NEH: 8:1-4a,5-6,7b-12; PSALM: 19:8-11; GOSPEL: MATTHEW 18:1-5,10

On Monday, the 29th of September, we celebrated the feast of the Archangels and we tried to explain who they are and their roles.

Today, the Church invites us to celebrate this feast in honor of our Guardian Angel. Who is a Guardian Angel? A guardian angel is an angel that God has assigned to each one of us, to a group, a town, kingdom or a country.

How do we know we have?

The word of God says it. Too many references, even the entire readings of today reflect this. St Jerome while commenting on the Gospel of today, Matt 18 says "great is the dignity of each soul since each one has from his birth an angel commissioned to guard it. Many Saints and people had the grace of being able to converse with their Guardian Angels. For instance, St Gemma of Galgani. Also, we have St Pio of Pietrelcina who from childhood often interacted with his guardian angel.

Even the Quran testifies to this. According to Quran 13:11, everybody has 2 guardian angels, one in front and one behind, and also 2 recorders (right and left), the reporters will report all your deeds before God.

What do guardian angel do?

1. They protect us body and soul (e.g Peter from prison and Paul from ship-wreck).
2. They strengthen us in temptations (an angel ministered to Jesus in Mk 1:13)
3. They warn us of dangers
4. Tries to discourage and prevent us from sin.
5. They help us to attend to our spiritual affairs. For instance, they inspire us to confession, to study the Word of God. They follow us to Church and kneel with us whenever we kneel to pray or to receive communion.
6. They pray with us and for us
7. They also present our souls before God after death.

What are we to learn or do today?

1. We should thank God today for making this provision for our salvation and wellbeing.
2. Let us avoid anything that will grieve our guardian angels. A life of sin offends God and our Guardian angels.
3. Finally, let us be conscious of the presence of our guardian angel, let us listen to him, let us greet him. Talk to him, ask his advice, ask him to pray to God for you.

May our Guardian Angel continue to be our help as we journey through life and may they guard and guide us through life to a glorious eternity.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

I write to you today with a heart full of love and gratitude for your faith and dedication to our parish family. Recently, I had considered adjusting the Mass times in our churches so as to meet the many pastoral needs placed before us.

However, I am aware that such a change would have been difficult for many of you, and I have heard the concerns you have shared with sincerity and devotion.

Please know that your integral well-being (spiritual, physical, and emotional) is always my greatest concern. The Eucharist is the heart of our parish life, and it is important to me that you are able to gather as a family of faith without added burdens or anxieties. For this reason, I have prayerfully decided to leave the Mass schedule as they are. I will do my best, with God's help, to manage our responsibilities and continue to serve you faithfully within the present structure.

I ask for your continued patience, understanding, and especially your prayers as together we seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit for our parishes. We are a people united not only by schedules but by our shared love for Christ and His Church. With trust in God's providence, I believe He will show us the best way to take our parishes to greater heights.

Thank you for your faith, your love, and your constant encouragement. Please be assured that I carry each of you in my heart and prayers at the altar of the Lord.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Anthony A. Onoko, Pastor



Say the prayer to your guardian angel as often as possible: "Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God's love commits me here. Ever this day be at my side, to light and guard, to rule and guide. Amen"

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Registration for Formation classes for children from 3 years of age through 12th grade is now available online. Registration information is available in the bulletin, on our website and on our facebook page. There are options for our younger ones up to 5th Grade. Start dates depend on site: St. Anne's **Oct.5**. St. Peter's **Oct 6**, St. Sebastian **Oct. 14**. Any questions, please email Julianna at jbaluch@dioceseofgreensburg.org.

Grades 6—Grade 12 at St. John the Baptist CALLED Youth Ministry for **Grades 6 thru 8** will meet on Sundays from 6:00-7:30pm.

IMPACT Youth Ministry for **Grades 9 thru 12** will meet on select Sunday evenings. Any questions, please email or call Adelle: aslebodnik@dioceseofgreensburg.org (724-244-9434).



Paint & Sip
October 11, 12:00 PM the Ladies of Faith will host a Paint n Sip. The cost is \$35. Space is limited. Call/text Patty at 724-288-8644 for tickets.

SENIOR PARISHIONER DINNER
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2025

All parishioners age 70 and over (and their spouses) are invited to dinner in the Parish Hall at **4:00 PM** on October 17th.

Reservations are Required

Please return the form below to the Parish Office by Sunday, October 12.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Number Attending _____



ST. CARLO ACUTIS
EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES

An **Exhibit of the Eucharistic Miracles** and a **First Class Relic** will be on display in St. Sebastian Parish Hall the weekend of October 24-26. All are invited to come and venerate the First Class Relic of this



young man. Don't miss this opportunity! 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 24, 3 PM-7 PM; 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

Ministry of Care

As part of this parish Ministry, the names of those in need of prayer will be printed in the Sunday bulletin. If you or a member of your family find you are in need of prayer, please call the parish office and the name will be listed in the bulletin for at least two weeks. If you wish the request to continue, please call the parish office again. All parishioners are invited to be a part of this Ministry by lifting to the Lord in prayer the needs and concerns of our brothers and sisters in Christ.

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

Warner Wisyanski

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



Sympathy and Prayers

Please remember in your prayers those who have died: **BRUCE M. CARROLL**. We extend our sympathy to his family. May he rest in peace.

**Has your contact information changed?
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.

OR

You can pick up a registration form from the church pamphlet racks and mail it to the Parish Office.

Or scan the QR code for the Parish registration form.



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New Parishioner I would like Envelopes

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Join **Bishop Larry J. Kulick** for Mass, lunch, and sharing!

ANNUAL HOME SCHOOL Mass SCHOOL

OCT. 8 | 2025 Christ Our Shepherd CENTER
St. Joseph Chapel 2900 Seminary Dr. Greensburg, PA 15601

All homeschool families in the Diocese of Greensburg are welcome!

10:00-11:00 AM Confessions available
10:30 AM Rosary for Families
11:00 AM Mass with Bishop Kulick
12:00 PM Lunch provided
1:00-2:00 PM Listening session with Bishop Kulick for parents, activities for kids.

Diocese of Greensburg SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER
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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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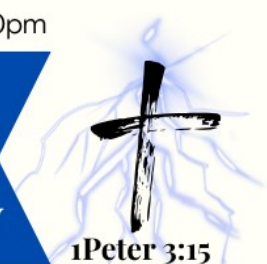


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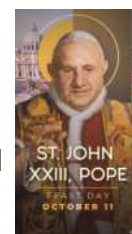
Sundays 6pm-7:30pm

Sessions are held at St. John the Baptist, Perryopolis

2nd & 4th Sunday 6pm-7:30pm



Saint John XXIII, Pope |
October 11



Saint John XIII was born Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli on November 25, 1881, in a small village in Italy. He was ordained in 1904 and later earned a doctorate in canon law. During World War I he served as a stretcher-bearer and chaplain for the Italian army. Beginning in 1925 he served as a Vatican diplomat, first in Bulgaria, then in Greece and Turkey. From 1935 through the Second World War he helped save thousands of Jewish people. In 1944 he was named papal nuncio to France. He was named cardinal and appointed patriarch of Venice in 1953. A quiet pastoral life passing into retirement, however, was not in God's plan for the saint.

Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli was elected Pope in 1958 and took the name John. His papacy was short, but full of action. He transformed the Vatican, calling for openness, a spirit of ecumenism, and the setting aside of politics. He called the Second Vatican Council in the fall of 1962, the first meeting of its kind in almost a century, setting the agenda to work for the spiritual regeneration of the Church. His efforts changed the face of the Catholic Church. At the same time worked diligently and publicly to ease tensions during the Cuban missile crisis, pleading with leaders for the end of the Cold War. Saint John XXIII's kindness, sense of pastoral care, and works of reconciliation and peacemaking made him beloved not only to Catholics but to people around the world. He died on June 3, 1963. He was beatified in 2000 by St. John Paul II, and canonized by Pope Francis in 2014.

Why Are People in a Hurry and Leaving Mass Early?
We have unofficial dismissals at Saturday evening and Sunday Mass. The Ritual of the Mass calls for one dismissal for all present. There are legitimate reasons for leaving Mass early, for example, illness or emergency. If we can't spend an hour at Mass on a weekly basis praising and thanking God, there is a need to re-evaluate our priorities. **THINK ABOUT IT!** Don't be in such a hurry to leave the celebration of the Eucharist early. Stay for the final blessing. Stay until the celebrant priest has exited.

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Jeremiah 29:11*

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Assumption:	30.00
Easter:	5.00
Holy Thursday:	5.00
Good Friday:	10.00

Total Sept. 27/28 **10,550.75**

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Liturgies this Week

October 4—Vigil

4:30 PM † (Date of Birth) Christa Marie Paholsky—Mom & George

October 5—27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM † Mary M. Strickland—Terry, Eric & Emily Krolik

11:00 AM † Catherine & Joseph Diederich—Family

Monday, October 6—St. Bruno/ Blessed Marie Rose Durocher

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

Tuesday, October 7—Our Lady of the Rosary

8:00 AM † Deceased of the Koury and Pietrowski Families—Family
Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday, October 8

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

Thursday, October 9—St. Denis & Companions/ St. John Leonardi

8:00 AM Mass at Epiphany of Our Lord

Friday, October 10

8:00 AM For All the People of Saint Sebastian Parish
Eucharistic Adoration

10:15 AM † (Date of Birth) Carol Durko—Joe

October 11—Vigil

4:30 PM † (Death Anniv) Joseph Manack—Wife & Family

October 12—28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM † In Memory of the Novinsky & Tretinik Families—Barb Moskovitz

11:00 AM † George & Matilda Galiotto—Daughter, Regina & Family

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

Altar Candle Ring Flowers

The flowers this weekend are In Memory of Catherine & Joseph Diedrich by their Family.

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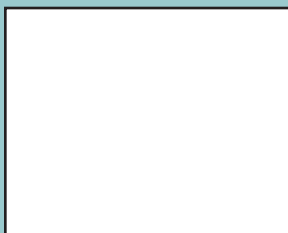


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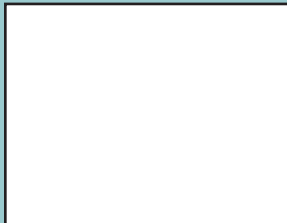
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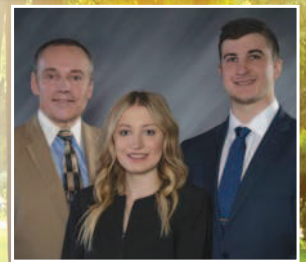
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