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## THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

To those who sold doves he said, “Take these out of here, and stop making my Father’s house a marketplace.” His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, Zeal for your house will consume me.

- Jn 2:16-17

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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—St. Sebastian**

### Reconciliation—Saturday

**Epiphany—3:00—3:45 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 worshipping 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.

## Scripture Reflection for Sunday

The Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica reminds us of God's constant love and care for His Church. The Basilica, first built by Saint Constantine and later dedicated to the Holy Savior and Saints John the Baptist and John the Evangelist, is considered the mother church of all Christians. It symbolizes how God's presence has been honored throughout history and how He continues to dwell among His people



In today's Gospel, Jesus cleanses the temple, driving out those who turned it into a marketplace. He reminds us that the true temple of God is not just a building, but His very Body—Himself. When Jesus was raised from the dead, He became the new temple, where God's grace and love are truly present.

As Catholics, we believe that our bodies and souls are temples of the Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 3:16). We are called to honor God's presence within us by living holy lives, free from distractions and sin. The Church and its sacraments help us keep our hearts focused on Jesus, the true and everlasting Temple

Let us thank God for the gift of His Church and the Holy Spirit dwelling within us. May we always remember that Jesus is the foundation of our faith, and through Him, we become living temples of God's love and mercy.



## COUNTY FOOD BANK HELP

On Sunday, November 9th, Weston Klamerus will be conducting a fund raising event as part of his Confirmation initiative following the 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM Masses in the grotto area between the church and parish office. He will be offering hot cider and cookies. Proceeds for the event will benefit the Westmoreland County Food Bank. Your support is greatly appreciated!



## The Book of Remembrance

is 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.

## Little Things for Little People

This ministry will be having a winter donation drive during the month of November. We will be collecting baby blankets, new or handmade, to give out as Christmas gifts when Santa visits our program. Items may be brought to the Parish Office.

## Pro Life News and Information

In order to stay informed of the latest local Pro-life News & Information as well as events, go to [DioceseofGreensburg.org/pro-life-ministries/](http://DioceseofGreensburg.org/pro-life-ministries/) and click on the "Sign-Up Email" button. After submitting your name, email address, and parish or school name, you will receive the latest in area pro-life news. For more information about the Pro-life News & Information emails, contact Deacon William Newhouse at [wnewhouse@DioceseofGreensburg.org](mailto:wnewhouse@DioceseofGreensburg.org).

### 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.

### 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 and can be reached at 724-810-3333. We thank them for their kind generosity. The certificates are available at the Parish Office.

### WEDDING SOUP SALE!

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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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### Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini

Maria Cabrini was the youngest of 13 children, only 4 of whom survived to adulthood. She was determined from her childhood to make religious work her life's vocation. After teaching in Italy, in Vidardo (1872–1874), she was appointed supervisor of an orphanage in Codogno (1874). In 1877 she took her vows and changed her name in honor of St. Francis Xavier, a patron saint of missionaries, and soon afterward she became known as Mother Cabrini.



She founded the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart in 1880, which served orphans and offered a day school. She planned to found a convent in China, but Pope Leo XIII directed her to "go west, not east," and she sailed with a small group of sisters for the United States in 1889. Their work in the United States was to be concentrated among Italian immigrants, whose communities were discriminated against and neglected—including by American Catholic clergy—because of anti-Italian and anti-immigrant attitudes that prevailed at the time. This journey was the first in a series that took her through the Americas and into Europe. She became a naturalized citizen of the United States in 1909. Although plagued by ill health most of the time, Mother Cabrini established 67 houses—one for each year of her life—in such cities as Buenos Aires, Paris, Madrid, and Rio de Janeiro. She also founded several schools, hospitals, and orphanages.

The canonization process to make Mother Cabrini a saint was expedited, beginning only 11 years after her death, when two miracles were attributed to her. She was beatified—the second stage in the canonization process—in 1938 by Pope Pius XI and was declared a saint in 1946 by Pius XII. In 1950 she was named the universal patroness of immigrants. A national shrine devoted to Mother Cabrini is located in Chicago, the city where she died.

## Cremation and The Church

### Question:

Can Catholics be cremated?

### Answer:

As the practice of cremation becomes more and more common, it's important to know what the Church asks of families who have chosen this for a loved one who has died.

As the US Bishops observe on their website, "Ideally, if a family chooses cremation, the cremation would take place some time after the Funeral Mass, so that there can be an opportunity for the Vigil for the Deceased in the presence of the body." However, if cremation takes place before the Funeral Mass, the cremated remains can be present at the Funeral Mass and the appendix to the Order of Christian Funerals provides adaptations for the texts and rituals that are part of the Funeral Mass and the Committal.

The primary concern is that the cremated remains should be treated with the same respect given to any human remains. The Order of Christian Funerals instructs, "This includes the use of a worthy vessel to contain the ashes, the manner in which they are carried, and the care and attention to appropriate placement and transport, and the final disposition. The cremated remains should be buried in a grave or entombed in a mausoleum or columbarium. The practice of scattering cremated remains on the sea, from the air, or on the ground, or keeping cremated remains on the home of a relative or friend of the deceased are not the reverent disposition that the Church requires" (no. 417).

It is becoming more and more common for parishes or diocese-sponsored cemeteries to include columbaria to house cremated remains in a way that respects Church teaching, allowing family and friends the opportunity to honor the remains of the one they have lost with dignity, reverence, and care.

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### Has your information changed?

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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## TURKEY BINGO



Epiphany of Our Lord Church, 44 Pennsylvania Blvd., Monessen, is holding a Turkey Bingo **Sunday, November 16** in their Parish Hall. Doors open at 12-Noon and Bingo begins at 1:00 PM. There will be 20 Turkey Games, 4 Cash Specials and Half the Take. Cost is \$10.00. Refreshments and other foods will be available to purchase and door prizes awarded. For information, please contact Pat Godla at 724-684-7235.

## Church of St. Anne Events

**Take out Ravioli or Spaghetti Dinner** today, Sunday, **November 9** from 12-Noon until 4:00 PM. All meals include a salad and bread.

Cost: Meat Ravioli—\$15; Half & Half \$15 (3 ravioli, spaghetti & 1 meat ball); or Spaghetti with 2 meatballs—\$10.

**Vendor/Craft Show**—The St. Anne Christian Mothers will hold a vendor/craft show and bake sale at Saturday, **Dec. 6**, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. The Holy Name Society will sell homemade ravioli, sauce and meatballs. Lunch and snacks will be sold.

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## Liturgies this Week

### November 8—Vigil

4:30 PM      † (MM) Warner Wisyanski— Pat & Lou Toth

### November 9—Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

9:00 AM      For All the People of Saint Sebastian Parish

11:00 AM      † (Death Anniv) Matilda Galiotto—Daughter,  
Regina & Family

### Monday, November 10—St. Leo the Great

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

### Tuesday, November 11—St. Martin of Tours

8:00 AM      † (Date of Birth) Donald Mitchell—Wife, Judy &  
Family

### Wednesday, November 12—St. Josaphat

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

### Thursday, November 13—St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

8:00 AM      Mass at Epiphany of Our Lord

### Friday, November 14

8:00 AM      † James Hoffman—Karen Heasley  
*Eucharistic Adoration*

10:15 AM      † (Date of Birth) Linda Rodriguez—Husband &  
Children

### November 15

4:30 PM      † (Date of Birth) Lois Cowan—Helen Marie &  
Scott Taylor

### November 16—33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM      † (Death Anniv) Donna Bitonti—Johnetta & Joe  
DeBlassio

11:00 AM      For All the People of Saint Sebastian Parish

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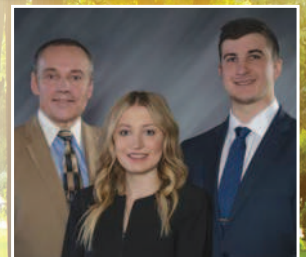
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