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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—3:30 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.



JANUARY 18, 2026

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"Now I have seen and testified that he is
the Son of God." - Jn 1:34

Scripture Reflection for Sunday

The prayers of the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time draw us into the heart of the Church's faith: God's sovereign governance, Christ's redemptive sacrifice made present, and the unifying work of the Holy Spirit.



The Collect confesses that God is “almighty ever-living,” ruling heaven and earth not as a distant power but as a merciful Father who hears the pleas of His people. The peace we beg for is not merely the absence of conflict, but the biblically rich *shalom* that flows from right relationship with God. This peace comes through Jesus Christ, the Son who lives and reigns eternally with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, clearly professing the Church's Trinitarian faith.

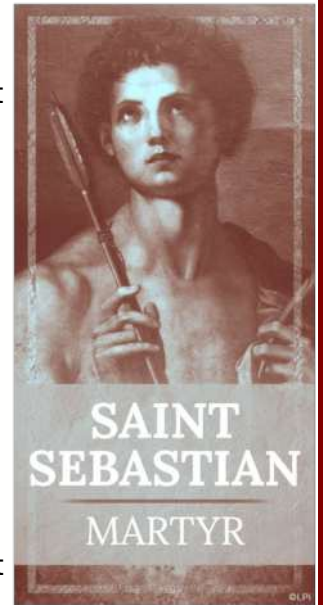
The Prayer over the Offerings turns our attention to the Eucharistic sacrifice. We ask for the grace to participate worthily, acknowledging both the holiness of what is offered and our need for God's help. The prayer teaches that the Mass is the memorial (*anamnesis*) of Christ's sacrifice: not a repetition, but the sacramental making-present of the one saving act of Calvary, through which the work of our redemption is applied to us here and now.

Finally, the Prayer after Communion invokes the Spirit of love poured into our hearts. Having been nourished by the one heavenly Bread—the true Body of Christ—we are asked to become what we have received: one in mind and heart. Thus the Eucharist bears its full fruit, forming the Church in charity and unity, for the glory of God and the life of the world.

St. Sebastian, Our Parish Patron Feast Day—January 20

Not much is known about the life of St. Sebastian (256 – 287), except that he was a Roman martyr whose name has been mentioned throughout history since early 350.

We see St. Sebastian many times in art, especially from iconic paintings from Guido Reni, Andrea Mantegna and Hendrick ter Brugghen. Historical scholars now agree that a spiritual story has the be-



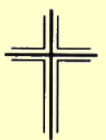
loved saint entering the Roman army because only there could he assist Christian martyrs without arousing suspicion on himself. Eventually he was found out, brought before Emperor Diocletian and delivered to Mauritanian archers to be shot to death. Pierced with arrows, he was left for dead, but managed to survive. He recovered from his wounds but still refused to leave.

One day, St. Sebastian took up a position near where the emperor was to pass. He confronted the emperor, condemning him for his cruelty to Christians. This time the sentence of death was carried out, and St. Sebastian was beaten to death with clubs. Today he is the patron saint of athletes.

Saint Sebastian, Pray for Us.

Sympathy and Prayers

Please remember in your prayers those who have died: ANTHONY ROSS, ELIZABETH “Betty” BILSKI and ROBERT JARABECK. We extend our sympathy to their families. May they rest in peace.



LITURGICAL MINISTERS NEEDED

Have you ever wondered if others are getting more out of the Mass than you are? Maybe **you need a new perspective.** **Serving at the altar** is more than just a role, it's a way to actively participate in the liturgy and experience God's presence in a profound way. Whether you're helping to proclaim His Word as a **reader**, offering the Eucharist as an **Extraordinary Minister**, leading the congregation in song as a **Cantor**, or assisting as an **Altar Server**, each role is an opportunity to serve the Lord and grow spiritually. If concern about scheduling is holding you back, know that we can work to fit it in your schedule. **If you are interested serving in any of the ministries, please call the office or talk to Fr. Anthony or Fr. Mike by Sunday, February 15** so we can schedule a training.



FAITH FORMATION

CALLED Youth Ministry (6th – 8th Grade)

Youth Ministry is back. We gather on Sunday evenings at St. John the Baptist. All are welcome and encouraged to bring a friend. For more information, contact Adelle Slebodnik at aslebodnik@dioceseofgreensburg.org

IMPACT Youth Ministry (9th – 12th Grade)

Youth are encouraged to join us on the 2nd and 4th Sunday at St. John the Baptist to continue to grow in faith and relationship with Jesus.

Bible Study at Epiphany

Women were essential to the ministry of Jesus and growth of the early church. For this Bible study we will focus on **Women in the New Testament**; women who were healed and transformed by him, followed him as disciples, and proclaimed the good news of his resurrection. We will meet on Thursdays for 6 weeks at 6:30 PM in the Epiphany Church hall, Monessen, from **February 12—March 19**. Cost for the books is \$15. Please register by January 22 by calling 724-684-7661.

Fr. Anthony's Office Hours

If anyone wants to meet with Fr. Anthony please call to set up an appointment. He could be available at St. Sebastian on Wednesdays from 10:30 AM until 3:00 PM. He is available at Epiphany of Our Lord, (724-684-7661) Tuesdays and is at St. John the Baptist, (724-736-4442)



St. Sebastian Regional Catholic School
Open House
Sunday, January 25, 2026
12:30-2:00 PM
RSVP to EFouch@sssbv.org

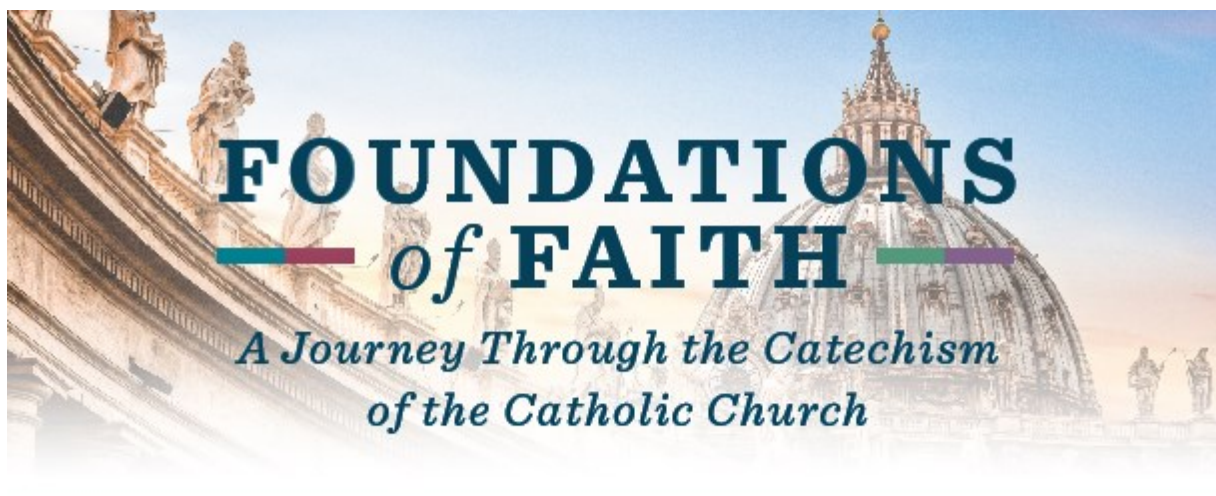
LISTENING DEVICES FOR MASS

The parish will be ordering additional hearing devices. These are used by our parishioners as an aid for hearing the priest during Mass. If you are interested in purchasing your own personal device and would like to order it through the church please call the Parish Office (724-929-9300) by January 30. The cost will be around \$150 for each Listening Device.



Baptism Congratulations:

To **Clara James Greguric**, daughter of Alexander & Geena (Barberio) Greguric, who was baptized in Christ last Sunday. We welcome Clara into the Church and into our parish family. God bless her and her family.



Dates – Time – Location

Start Date: **February 3**, Tuesdays
6:00-7:30 pm St. Sebastian Parish
Center, 801 Broad Ave. Belle
Vernon—9 Weeks (20 weeks total -
TBD) Ascension Press DVD Bible
Study Workbook/Sessions \$35
(discounted)
Optional: Online Access \$6.95

For More Information

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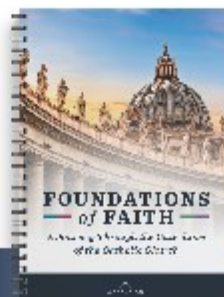
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Blessing of the Beloved

Dear God,
Bless and anoint us today. You are our Father and guide.
Remind us of our identity in You: loved, called, and
equipped for mission. Bless us as we journey, giving us
strength for each day and grace in each step.
Amen.

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End of the Year Statements

As you are gathering all of those important papers to file your taxes, if you need a copy of what you have contributed to the Church, please give us a call at the office and we will mail one out to you.

SAINT SEBASTIAN CHURCH, BELLE VERNON, PENNSYLVANIA

PAX—A Middle School Event

- Doors open at 9:30am.
 - The Most Reverend Larry J. Kullick will celebrate Mass for the Second Sunday of Lent at 4:30pm. Families are welcome to attend the Mass.
 - Registration closes February 20.
 - Open to all Middle School students - Bring a friend and come ready to encounter the Lord
 - Cost is \$25 per student. No one will be turned away for inability to pay.
- Contact:
ffd@dioceseofgreensburg.org for more information.



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 one month. 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 for Valentine's Day!

Star Nail & Spa is 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. Certificates available at the Parish Office.



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

Rita Mandarino
Bernadette Dayner
George L. Cowan
C.J. Moody

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

DCCW "Pray for Life" January 23,

Everyone is invited to join in a day of prayer hosted by the Greensburg Diocesan Council of the National Council of Catholic Women (DCCW) at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg, on Friday, **January 23**, the day of the March for Life in Washington, D.C. The day will begin with the Rosary for Priests at 11:30 AM, followed by Mass at noon, Rosary for Life at 1:30 PM, Stations of the Cross for Life at 2:15 PM, Divine Mercy chaplet at 3:00 PM, Litany for Life at 3:30 PM and Benediction & closing prayer at 4:00 PM There is no cost, and those attending can stay all day or part of the day. The DCCW will also be accepting donations of diapers and baby items for pregnancy centers in the Diocese.

Winter Closing Schedule

This winter, if there is a 2 hour delay for school, the parish office will also have a 2 hour opening delay. If there is a school cancelation, the parish office will also be closed. If a Mass was scheduled, it will be cancelled and rescheduled. Please follow your local school district. Questions, the parish office.

Would you like to join our Parish?

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.

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.

Please check all that apply:

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Change Information

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

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Total Jan. 10/11 **\$9,941.50**

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Liturgies this Week

January 17—Vigil

4:30 PM For Our Homebound Parishioners—A Friend

January 18—Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

11:00 AM † (Death Anniv) Alberta M. White—Nephew,
Ted Harhai

Monday, January 19

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

Tuesday, January 20—St. Sebastian

8:00 AM † Christine Kidder—A Friend

Wednesday, January 21

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

Thursday, January 22

8:00 AM Mass at Epiphany of Our Lord

Friday, January 23

8:00 AM † (Date of Birth) Robert A. Mallonee—Sister,
Barbara
Eucharistic Adoration

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

January 24—Vigil

4:30 PM † Francis & Betty Maguire—Daughter

January 25—Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM † Neil Belan—Annette Suppa & Family

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

**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 Slebodnik 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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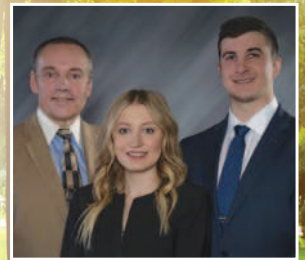
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