



# Saint Sebastian Catholic Church

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May 17, 2026

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**HEAVEN.**

JOHN 17:1

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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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.*

**St. John the Baptist: Sat. 4:00 PM Sun. 9:30 AM**

*St. John the Baptist, 3332 Pittsburgh Rd, Perryopolis, 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**

**Friday: 8:00 AM at St. Sebastian  
10:15 AM at St. Sebastian**

**Reconciliation—Saturday**

**Epiphany—3:00—3:45 PM**

**St. Sebastian—3:30—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.

## *A Note From Fr. Anthony*

Dear brothers and sisters,

On behalf of our three parishes, I warmly congratulate all our children who are receiving their First Holy Communion this year. This is a beautiful and sacred milestone in your journey of faith.

Today, for the first time, you receive Jesus truly present in the Holy Eucharist.

What a great blessing and joy for you, your families, and our parish communities. May your hearts always remain close to Jesus, and may your love for the Holy Mass continue to grow throughout your lives.

I sincerely thank all our catechists, parents, guardians, clergy, volunteers, and everyone who has helped prepare our children for this special day. Your dedication, prayers, and sacrifices are deeply appreciated.

To our dear children, always remember that Jesus loves you and desires to remain your closest friend. Continue to pray, attend Mass faithfully, and live as shining examples of kindness, faith, and love.

May God bless you abundantly and may Our Lady continue to watch over you always.

Congratulations once again to all our First Holy Communion children and their families.

*Fr Anthony Onoko*  
*Pastor*



## *From the Pastor*

Grace and peace, dear brothers and sisters in the Lord.

Welcome to the beautiful month of May, a month traditionally dedicated in a special way to Our Blessed Mother Mary. As we begin this new month, I pray that the Lord may fill your homes with peace, protect your families, and grant each of you fresh grace and strength.

I would also like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank you for all that you do for our parish community. Thank you for your prayers, your generosity, your service, your faithfulness at Mass, and the many hidden acts of kindness that help make our parish a place of welcome, worship, and love. So much of what happens in parish life is possible because of your dedication and support. May God reward you abundantly.

During this month of May, I warmly encourage us all to deepen our devotion to Our Lady. Let us pray the Rosary more faithfully, entrust our families to her maternal care, and ask her intercession for our needs and intentions. Mary always leads us closer to Jesus.

I also encourage you, when possible, to light votive candles in church as a sign of prayer, hope, and trust in God. Let each candle represent a prayer for your family, for the sick, for peace in the world, for our parish, and for those most in need of God's mercy.

May this month be one of spiritual renewal, greater prayer, and deeper love for Christ through Mary. Let us continue to support one another and walk together in faith.

Wishing you all a blessed and grace filled month of May.

*Fr Anthony Onoko*  
*Pastor*

## **Sympathy and Prayers**

Please remember in your prayers those who have died: **Loretta Crone**. We extend our sympathy to her family. May she rest in peace.





## Junque Sale

July 23-25

Donations are being accepted on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon and 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM in the Parish Garage.

Remember when donating, we do not take TV's, clothing, large exercise equipment, electronics, magazines/encyclopedias, or furniture.

Please let us know if you can donate time by helping out at the garage or in the parish hall the month of July.

If needed, the office will help you get your "clearances." To volunteer or for more information, please call the parish office,

724-929-9300, or Maggie Kelly at 954-850-0849.

**ATTENTION PLEASE!—DO NOT LEAVE ITEMS OUTSIDE OF THE PARISH GARAGE DOORS, THE CHURCH OR OFFICE DOOR OR THE SCHOOL DOORS.**

**THIS CAN LEAD TO HAZARDOUS SITUATIONS.**



To commemorate our Nation's 250th Birthday celebration, join our St. Sebastian Ladies of Faith praying a Patriotic Rosary on Sunday June 14th at 12:30 pm. All are welcome to pray for our country through this special rosary devotion.

## Paschal Candle Flowers & Altar Candle Ring 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 Paschal Candle are \$100, and flowers for the Altar Candle Rings are \$100 for the pair.



### Paschal Candle Flowers

This week's flowers are given in memory of George & Doris Sepic by the Pokol Family.

### Altar Candle Ring Flowers

This week's Altar Candle Flowers are given in memory of Barbara, Michael, Kathy and Eddie Kerestes by Sue and Jay Mohny.



## Cash Calendar Raffle Business Owner Parishioners,

please consider helping with this fundraiser for St. Sebastian Parish.

In January 2027 we will offer a

Calendar Ticket with **daily winners** for the year of 2027. Help support this effort by purchasing an ad to help off-set the cost of printing.

Ads can be purchased for \$100—full page, \$50—1/2 page and \$25—1/4 page.

For more information call our parish secretary, Linda, at 724-929-9300. The calendars will be offered for sale this Fall. All ads must be purchased by **June 1, 2026**. Thank you for helping in any way you can!

## 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) Mondays. Please call first.

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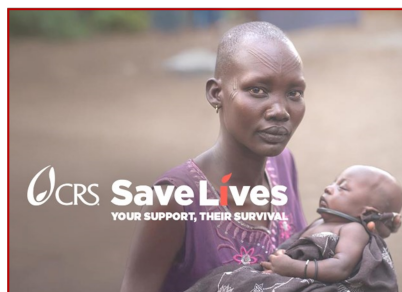
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The school is now accepting applications for the 2026-27 school year. For more information, please email [EFouch@sssbv.org](mailto:EFouch@sssbv.org) or you may call the school at 724-929-5143.

## DLA: Sharing Our Gifts

This year's DLA has started and the Diocesan Goal is **\$66,726**. In order to make repairs to the Church Sound and Heating systems, our Parish Goal is an additional **\$50,000** thus we are looking for **\$116,726** for our DLA this year. Any amount over the Diocesan Goal stays in our parish. Thus far we have \$42,675 in gift pledges! I am very grateful to those of you who have made your gift for this year. I am asking that you if you haven't yet, please consider making a contribution to this year's campaign. Envelopes are in the pews for your convenience. **Please return your envelope with donation or pledge to the Parish Office.** God bless you for helping in any way that you can.



## CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

In 2025, drastic cuts made by the current administration to lifesaving humanitarian aid threatened mil-

lions of lives in dozens of countries. Due to funding challenges, people need us more than ever. We are experiencing immediate and critical gaps in our ability to bring lifesaving programs across all areas of our work in the face of ongoing humanitarian assistance crisis

Every gift you give helps a child thrive, brings hope to a family and rebuilds a community. When you give, you help provide food to young children so they can study hard in school. You help prevent trafficking and provide welcome kits for survivors. You help mothers and babies around the world receive nutritional care and health exams. Your care is a blessing — whether you are providing nutritious food and clean water for school children, bringing safe shelter to people who have lost everything in disasters such as the earthquake in Myanmar and Thailand, or relief for people feeling the anguish of war. Please consider making a gift today at [www.crs.org](http://www.crs.org)

## Ministry of Care

If you or a member of your family are in need of prayer, please call the parish office and the name will be listed in the bulletin for at least two weeks. 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:**

Bernadette Dayner, Linda Skibo, George L. Cowan

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

**SAINT SEBASTIAN CHURCH, BELLE VERNON, PENNSYLVANIA**

**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:

New Parishioner     I would like Envelopes

Change Information

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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**YOU ARE INVITED**



**to a LISTENING SESSION**  
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180 Old Walnut Hill Road, Uniontown, PA 15401

*ALL are welcome*

**DEANERY 7**



**TUESDAY JUNE 2 - 6:00 PM**

**LISTENING SESSIONS  
IN DEANERY 7**

As part of our celebration of the 75th Anniversary of the Diocese of Greensburg, Bishop Larry J. Kulick has scheduled listening sessions in all seven Deaneries this spring. Bishop Kulick invites and encourages the faithful to gather and reflect on 75 Years: Our Foundation, Our Future as we work together with the help of the Holy Spirit to shape the future of our parishes, faith formation programs, Catholic schools and how we serve those in need. Bishop Kulick hopes these listening sessions will be a time of discussion and collaboration as we prayerfully discern the needs of our Diocese and future generations. **Deanery 7 listening session is on June 2 at 6:00 PM at St. Joseph's, Uniontown.**

**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](mailto:aslebodnik@dioceseofgreensburg.org). The Diocese requires all guest speakers to be vetted and have the required clearances. Thank you for your cooperation.

EAT-IN & TAKE-OUT

**Spaghetti Dinner**

**Fundraiser**



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**TUESDAY, MAY 19**

**11am to 6pm**

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FREE 3-day, 2-night event  
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### Quo Vadis Days

Young men of high school age (including those who will be freshmen this fall) are invited to join our seminarians for Quo Vadis Days, July 20-22. This 3-day, 2-night camp will allow participants to experience brotherhood through sports and campfires and to strengthen their faith through Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Liturgy of the Hours, dynamic witness talks, and conversations with the seminarians. It's worth noting that several of our current seminarians are alumni of Quo Vadis Days. RSVP required at GreensburgPriest.org (Click on News & Events Tab). Direct link: <https://greensburgpriest.org/events/quo-vadis-2026/>.

### SAVE THE DATE

The Parish Picnic will be held on Saturday, **September 19** at Cedar Creek Park. More information will be announced in future bulletins.

## Free Baseball Night With the Altoona Curve

This popular event returns for a second summer! On Tuesday, June 9, high school men (with signed parental release) and young adult men are invited to enjoy a FREE baseball game and fireworks night at the ballpark! Evening Prayer and complimentary dinner on the bus. This event is perfect for someone who has never attended a Priestly Vocations event before, as it provides a casual opportunity to get to know seminarians and priests of our diocese, and other young men who are open to the priesthood. Priests are invited to encourage young men from their parish to register, and to accompany them for this fun outing. Bus departs from Delmont at 4 p.m. RSVP required at GreensburgPriest.org.

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**SECOND COLLECION: The Annual Catholic Communication Campaign** will take place this weekend, May 16/17.

**Offertory for May 10, 2026**

Regular Offertory	\$7,183.00
Loose Collection:	\$1,024.75
Utilities/Maintenance:	\$785.00
Votives:	\$464.00
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Catholic Communication:	\$45.00
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Capital Projects:	\$191.00
Star Nails:	\$400.00
Ascension:	\$118.00
Easter:	\$85.00
Holy Thursday:	\$25.00
Lenten Season:	\$70.00

**Total May 9/10**    \$10,684.75

Consider online giving. Scan the QR code to set up your account. Thank you for your support.



### Liturgies this Week

**May 16—Vigil**

4:30 PM    † (Date of Birth) Michelle Spoonhoward—George & Cathy Bando

**May 17—Seventh Sunday of Easter**

9:00 AM    † Deceased Members of the H.S. Rosary Society—H.S. Rosary Society

11:00 AM    † Dolores Walker Harhai—Karen Heasley

**Monday, May 18—Pope St. John I**

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

**Tuesday, May 19**

8:00 AM    † (MM) Lidia Salvino—Daughter, Nancy & Family

**Wednesday, May 20—St. Bernardine of Siena**

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

**Thursday, May 21—St. Christopher Magallanes & Companions**

8:00 AM    Mass at Epiphany of Our Lord

**Friday, May 22—St. Rita of Cacia**

8:00 AM    † (Date of Birth) James Burrows—Daughter, Carol & Family  
*Eucharistic Adoration*

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

**May 23—Vigil**

4:30 PM    † (Date of Birth) Donald Ondulick—Carol Hennessy

**May 24—Pentecost Sunday**

9:00 AM    For All the People of Saint Sebastian Parish  
11:00 AM    † (Death Anniv) Doris Zeli—Linda Lesnak & Ted Collins

**The Rosary is Prayed on Sundays at 8:30 AM.**

*Please join us! Volunteers are needed to help lead the Rosary. Please call the Parish Office if you can help with this ministry.*

**Sacrament of Baptism**—Please call the Faith Formation Office (724-929-9300) to register for the baptism of your child.

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