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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.

May 24, 2026

Lord,
send out
your Spirit,
renew the
face of
the earth.

PSALM 104



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.

Scripture Reflection

At Pentecost, the frightened disciples were transformed into missionaries. As St. John Chrysostom preached, the Holy Spirit did not come merely to comfort the Apostles, but to send them out into the world to proclaim Christ boldly (Homily 4 on Acts). The same Spirit has been given to us through Baptism and strengthened in Confirmation. The Catechism begins by reminding us that all the faithful are called to hand on the faith “from generation to generation, by professing the faith, by living it in fraternal sharing, and by celebrating it in liturgy and prayer (CCC, 3).

Pentecost challenges us to ask difficult questions. Is my faith something private and comfortable, or is it missionary? Do I know Christ deeply enough to explain why I believe? When was the last time I invited someone back to Mass — perhaps even my own child or grandchild, for whom I constantly prayer for and to whom I have the sacred duty of handing on the faith? When was the last time I spoke openly about Christ, defended the teachings of the Church, or prayed for the persecuted Church throughout the world? It is easy to focus only on our own parish concerns, buildings, preferences, or fears about decline. Yet the Holy Spirit was poured out not for self-preservation, but for evangelization.

The Church extends beyond our parish boundaries. Around the world, there are people who do not know Christ, Catholics who have fallen away, families struggling without hope, and Christians suffering persecution. Pentecost reminds us that we are responsible for them, too. The Spirit calls each of us to serve through prayer, works of charity, teaching the faith, supporting missions, welcoming the stranger, and courageously witnessing to Christ in daily life.

The same Spirit that descended upon the Apostles is alive in the Church today. 32rThe question is whether we are willing to let Him send us, rather than wait and hope someone else will do it for us.

Announcement

There will be training/refresher for all Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers, Sacristans/Liturgical Coordinators at Epiphany of Our Lord , Monessen on Monday, **June 1, at 6:00 PM.**

First Holy Communion

Recently nine of our young parishioners received Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament for the first time.

Brynlee Bilski

Jaxon Drusak

Elyse Karabin

Addie-Mae Thompson

Matalynn Connelly

Elizabeth Fowler

Lucas Pitek

Avery Trent

Aaron Waligur

Please keep these children in your thoughts and prayers as they continue to grow closer to our Lord this Easter Season and throughout their lives.

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

Altar Candle Flowers

If you would like to have flowers in memory of a deceased loved one/special intention contact the Parish Office. Altar Candle flowers are \$100 for the pair.

Paschal Candle Flowers this week are given in memory of John & Ann Gadus by the Pokol Family.

Altar Candle Ring Flowers this week are given in memory of Doris Zeli by Friends and Family.



Baptism Congratulations:

To **Darla Ann Campbell**, daughter of Ryan and Katie (Gauden) Campbell who was baptized in Christ last Sunday. We welcome Darla into the Church and into our parish family. God bless her and her family.

SAINT SEBASTIAN CHURCH, BELLE VERNON, PENNSYLVANIA

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



Pentecost and the Holy Spirit

At Pentecost, the Holy Spirit transforms the apostles. Before Pentecost, they were afraid. After Pentecost, Peter stands before the crowd and preaches Christ crucified and risen. About three thousand people are baptized that day.

What Pentecost Means for Catholics Today

Pentecost is not only something that happened long ago. The same Holy Spirit who descended on the apostles continues to guide the Church, sanctify the faithful, and strengthen Christians to proclaim Jesus Christ.

Pentecost reminds us that the Christian life cannot be lived by human effort alone. We need grace. We need courage. We need the Holy Spirit to renew our hearts and purify our desires.

On Pentecost 2026, Catholics celebrate the Spirit who gave birth to the Church's public mission and who continues to renew the face of the earth. So the proper response is not merely to remember what happened in Acts 2, but to pray with the Church to continue to live it anew each day: Come, Holy Spirit!

Youth Faith Formation 2026-2027



Faith Formation for our families with youth from infant through 12th Grade has been finalized. There will be multiple options to help meet the needs of our families.

Families are asked to sign-up for our new communication method: **Flocknote**.

Families that sign up will be sent our format for the coming year and registration information.

Mid Mon Valley Formation Communication

TEXT **MMVFORM** TO 84576

OR CONNECT WITH US ONLINE AT:

mmvformation.flocknote.com



Please Note: The Parish Office will be closed tomorrow, May 25 in observance of Memorial Day.

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 **\$74,047.05** 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.

Last Day of Class



Faith Formation for Grades K—5 ended last week. The students drew pictures in chalk of things they learned about this year. We offer grateful thanks and ask God's blessing on the students, parents and teachers who helped the children grow in their faith and love of God.

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

Bernadette Dayner, Linda Skibo,
George L. Cowan, Dolores Petrisin

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

Amen.

JUNQUE SALE—SET UP DAY!!

On Friday, **June 19**, starting at 4:30 pm, we need men, teenagers, and/or any able person to set up tables in the Parish Hall for our Annual Parish Junque Sale.



At 5:00 pm help is needed to place the donated items into trucks from the four-bay Parish Garage and taken to the Parish Hall.

Please consider giving an hour or two of your time to make our churches largest fundraiser a huge success.

As they say "With many hands...makes light work."

Approximately 25 to 30 helpers are needed. Pick the time or the job that suits you best.

Please call Maggie at 954-850-0849 to sign up for this event.



Cash Calendar Raffle

Last Chance, Place you Ad this week!
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.

PLEASE NOTE:

All ads must be purchased by **June 1, 2026**.

Thank you for helping in any way you can!

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DIAMOND JUBILEE
SUMMER CELEBRATION

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Christ Our Shepherd Center
2900 Seminary Drive, Greensburg, PA 15601

SATURDAY JUNE 6
1:00-7:00PM

BISHOP LARRY J. KULICK
invites you to join him
for a celebration of the
75TH ANNIVERSARY
of the Diocese
of Greensburg

Bishop Larry J. Kulick invites all parishioners, families, & friends to a free Diamond Jubilee Celebration on:

Saturday, June 6 1:00–7:00 p.m. At Christ Our Shepherd Center

This daylong celebration will be filled with fun, fellowship, and reflection for all ages, including:

- Family-friendly activities for children and teens
- A petting zoo, live ethnic music, and cultural dancing
- Interactive exhibits celebrating our faith and service
- Food trucks on site all day with food and beverages available for purchase

At the heart of our celebration, Bishop Kulick will celebrate Mass at 4:30 p.m. in St. Joseph Chapel.

Help Plan the Parish Picnic!

Be a part of the planning session for this year's Parish Picnic. Come to the Parish Center on Wednesday, **June 3 at 5:30 PM** to share ideas to help make this a fun event for all parishioners.

The picnic will be on Saturday, September 19 at Cedar Creek Park.



SPRING VENDOR & CRAFT SHOW

The Church of St. Anne, Rostraver will hold a Vendor and Craft Show on Saturday, **June 6** from 10am til 3pm. Lunch will be available for purchase.

YOU ARE INVITED

to a **LISTENING SESSION**
at Saint Joseph Parish Hall
180 Old Walnut Hill Road, Uniontown, PA 15401

ALL are welcome
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TUESDAY JUNE 2 - 6:00 PM

Upcoming Diocesan Events for Youth and Middle School



The Fay-West Catholic Churches
of the Diocese of Greensburg present:

WALKING AS ONE


a young adult event
18 to 40 years

Friday, June 5, 2026 + 6pm to 9pm
St. Joseph Church, Uniontown
Cost \$25 per person or \$40 per couple

Dinner + Non-Alcoholic Drinks + Games
Guest Speaker: Marita Parker
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Adoration + Prayer




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AND YOUNG ADULT MEN FOR

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DEPART FROM DELMONT AT 4 PM

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Blessed are the Peacemakers

July 20 - 23, 2026
8:30am - 5pm
St. Joseph, Uniontown
Current 5th - 7th Grade Youth
Cost: \$150 *Deadline is July 5*

Fundraising opportunities available - talk to your youth minister
High School Volunteers Needed Cost: \$100

Camp Altitude is a day camp that allows youth the opportunity to explore their Catholic faith while also exploring the world around them. Camp Altitude will help participants to understand that they can enjoy each day to the fullest while being filled with faith and a love for God.

Camp Altitude focuses on The Beatitudes and will include dynamic talks, praise and worship, small group sharing, games, service and much more.

After lunch we will depart for a high adventure activity for our afternoon time.

➔ REGISTER NOW

Afternoon Activities include:
Jumonville; Urban Air Trampoline Park; Mt. St. Macrina; Idlewild



ANNOUNCING

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FOR DIOCESE OF GREENSBURG HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

Awaken the Heart

"I WILL GIVE YOU A NEW HEART." -Ezekiel 36:26



Special Guest Musician
and Speaker:
Dana Catherine



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Liturgies this Week

May 23—Vigil

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

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

Monday, May 25—Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church (Memorial Day)

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

Tuesday, May 26—St. Philip Neri

8:00 AM Blessings & Healing for the Recovery of Robert Bernardo, Jr.—Sister Diane & Family

Wednesday, May 27—St. Augustine of Canterbury

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

Thursday, May 28

8:00 AM Mass at Epiphany of Our Lord

Friday, May 29—Pope St. Paul VI

8:00 AM † Elizabeth Bilski—Stephen, Melanie & Charlotte Bilohlavek
Eucharistic Adoration

May 30—Vigil

4:30 PM † (Death Anniv) Victoria Barnot—Son, John

May 31—Most Holy Trinity Sunday

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

11:00 AM † Fred Fundy—Joan & John Ciccarella

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

Please join us!

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

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

Please scan the QR code for:

FAITH FORMATION



(OCIA) ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS



Offertory for May 17, 2026

Regular Offertory	\$6,339.00
Loose Collection:	\$993.00
Utilities/Maintenance:	\$401.00
Votives:	\$108.00
Catholic Accent:	\$6.00
Catholic Communication:	\$270.00
Good Friday/Holy Land:	\$10.00
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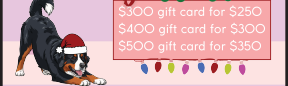
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