

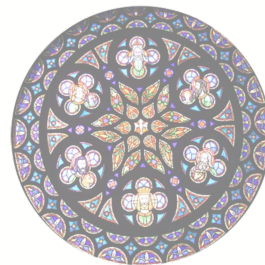
Saint Sebastian Catholic Church

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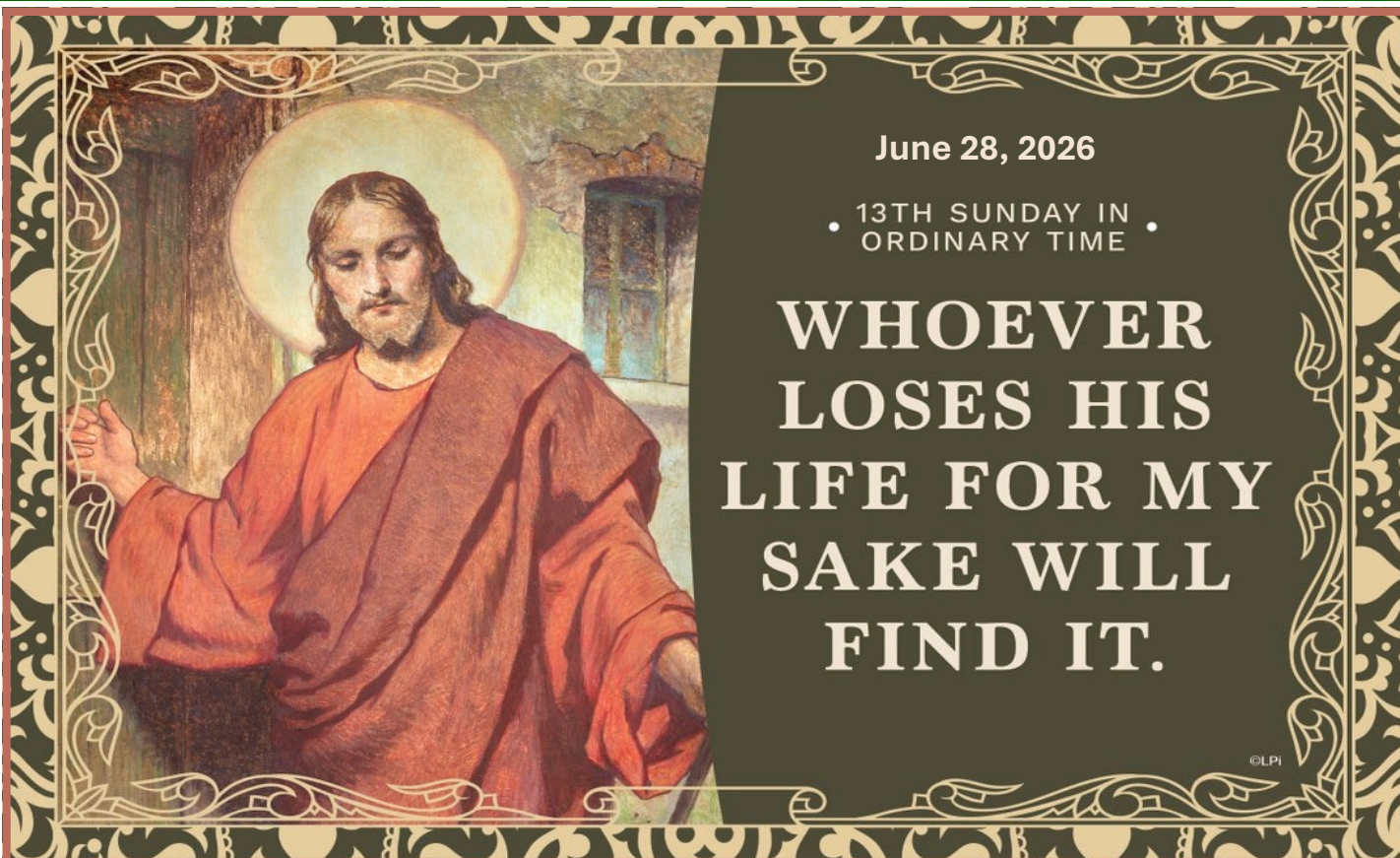
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724-929-9300/emergency sick call 724-397-7035



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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

Reconciliation—Saturday

St. John the Baptist and 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.

Father Anthony's Reflection and Prayer

13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A 2026

In today's Gospel, Jesus reminds us that discipleship requires commitment and courage. He tells us that whoever loves father or mother more than Him is not worthy of Him, and that whoever does not take up his cross and follow Him is not worthy of Him. These words are not a rejection of family or relationships. Rather, Jesus is teaching us that God must have first place in our lives.

Every day we face choices between comfort and faithfulness, popularity and truth, convenience and commitment. Following Christ is not always easy, but it is always worthwhile. When we place Him first, everything else finds its proper place. The paradox of the Christian life is that those who seek only themselves lose themselves, while those who surrender themselves to God discover true life.

Let us pray:

Lord Jesus, help us to love You above all things and to follow You faithfully each day. Give us the courage to carry our crosses with trust and perseverance. May our words and actions always reflect Your truth and love. Teach us to place You at the center of our lives, that we may find lasting joy and peace in You. Amen.

Fr. Anthony Onoko

Pastor

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

Walking with Moms in Need

is a program that offers help to local pregnant moms and families in need.

You are invited to join us. Come to the a start up meeting on **June 30** at 6:00

PM in the Parish Center. Learn how we can help Moms in Need in our community.



FUNERAL HOME ROSARY



The Ladies of Faith will pray the Rosary at the Funeral Home if the family makes this request to the Funeral Director.

The time for praying the rosary will be 3:00 PM on the day the family chooses.

All are welcome to join us!

If you are interested please call the parish office at 724-929-9300 and you will be added to the list and someone will get back to you.

Sympathy and Prayers

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

SAINT SEBASTIAN CHURCH, BELLE VERNON, PENNSYLVANIA

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

This year our VBS took place at Epiphany of Our Lord Parish with the theme of “the Parables of Jesus” which centered on The Good Shepherd, The Loaves and the Fishes, the Prodigal Son, and the Good Samaritan. Special thanks to our adult catechists and helpers Adelle Slebodnik, Maureen Rushack, Tracy Plevel and Maureen Bush. Also to our youth helpers, Louisa Assenat, Gabriella Lopresti, Joey Tom and Dahlila Wells Koury.



VBS—JUNE 15-18, 2026



Our picnic is Saturday **September 19**, at Cedar Creek Park at 12-noon in **Pavilion #16**. Food will be catered by John & Son this year so we need an RSVP by August 23, 2026.

Cost is FREE but reservations are needed. The Saturday 4:30 Mass will be held at the park that day. *(There will be no Mass celebrated in the Church on Saturday, September 19.)*

Anyone wishing to help set & clean up that day please contact the parish office.

Please fill out the reservation form below and return it to the Parish Office by August 23.

St. Sebastian Parish Picnic RESERVATION FOR SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

NAME _____

PHONE _____

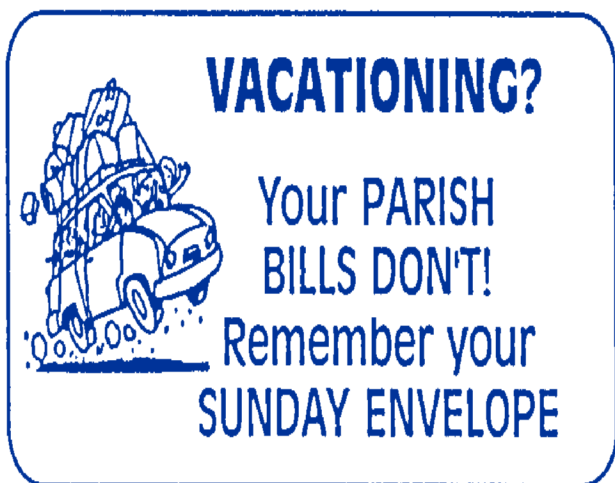
ADULTS _____
(12 and older)

CHILDREN _____
(their ages)

RSVP by August 23, 2026



Please Note: **JULY 10** will be the last day to drop off donations. There will be **NO EXCEPTIONS** to this date. The Hall is at capacity. Please do not leave any items outside. Your donations of “Unique Antique, Junque” can still be brought to the **Parish Hall** from 10 AM-8 PM on Tuesdays & Thursdays and on Monday, Wednesday & Friday, from 9 AM-3 PM. We appreciate and feel blessed. **You have made this event possible.**



Readings for the week of June 28, 2026

Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19/ Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42)

Monday: Vigil: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Gal 1:11-20/ Jn 21:15-19 Day: Acts 12:1-11/ Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19

Tuesday: Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12/Ps 5:4b-6a, 6b-7, 8/Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday: Am 5:14-15, 21-24/Ps 50:7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13, 16bc-17/Mt 8:28-34

Thursday: Am 7:10-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 9:1-8

Friday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 20:24-29

Saturday: Am 9:11-15/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/ Mt 9:14-17

Next Sunday: Zec 9:9-10/Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14/ Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-3

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

Bernadette Dayner, Linda Skibo, Laurel Wachinski

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.



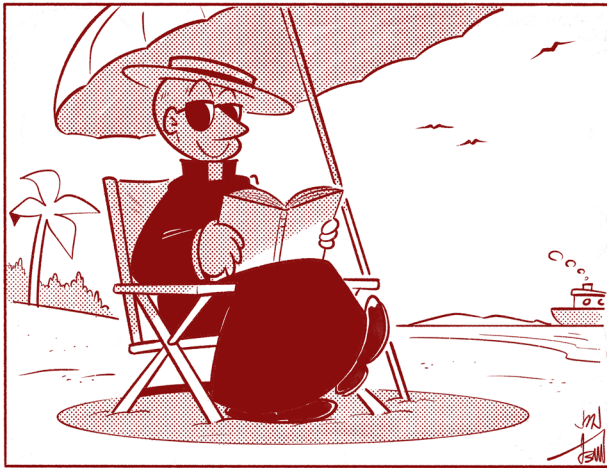
Want to know more about becoming Catholic?
For information contact Adelle at: 724-244-9434 or
aslebodnik@dioceseofgreensburg.org.

Anima Christi

Soul of Christ, sanctify me;
Body of Christ, save me'
Blood of Christ, inebriate me;
Water from the side of Christ, wash me;
Passion of Christ, strengthen me;
O good Jesus, hear me;
Within your wounds hide me;
Separated from you, let me never be;
From the evil one protect me;
At the hour of my death, call me;
And close to you bid me;
That with your saints, I may be praising you
forever and ever. Amen

SAINT SEBASTIAN CHURCH, BELLE VERNON, PENNSYLVANIA

"What do you call it when a priest spends the weekend at the beach?"



THE FAITHFUL FUNNIES

"Sancti-Vacation!"



We all need a vacation from time to time so we can relax and recuperate. Even our priests go on vacation!

CLP

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 _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

DINE IN OR TAKE OUT

PIZZA HUT

ENJOY YOUR SUMMER DAY AND
LET PIZZA HUT DO THE COOKING!

JUNE 29TH 10:30AM-10PM

50 SARA WAY BELLE VERNON



Present coupon for 20% profit donated to SSRCS!

CATHOLIC TRIVIA

JUST FOR FUN

Question: What is the "Holy See"?

Answer: The Pope, the Diocese of Rome, and sometimes the papal government.

A BIT OF HUMOR

Good Show for the Money

Dad criticized the sermon. Mother thought the organist made a lot of mistakes. Aunt didn't like the choir's singing. But they all shut up when little Steve chipped in with this remark: "I think it was a darn good show for a dollar."

PARISH FESTIVAL

St. John the Baptist
3332 Pittsburgh Rd, Perryopolis

Our Famous BBQ Chicken
Homemade Pierogi, Halupki, Haluski
Hamburgers, Hot Dogs & Fresh Cut
Fries and more.....

Games, Basket Raffle, 50/50

Outdoor Polka Mass 9:30am

Party Time Polka Band 11am - 1pm

Tim Litvin Band 1:30pm - 4:30pm

June 28, 2026

10:30am - 5pm

PRIESTLY VOCATIONS
DIOCESE OF GREENSBURG

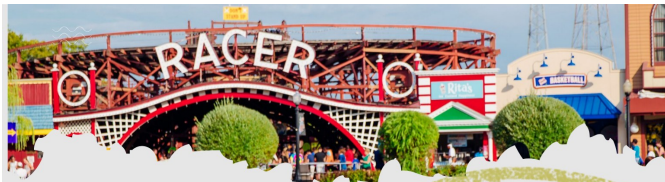
QUO VADIS DAYS

FREE 3-day, 2-night event
for High School Men
JULY 20-22, 2026

Brotherhood
Daily Mass
Prayer & Adoration
Talks on the Priesthood
Help with Discernment
Recreation

Info: 724.837.0901

Register:
GreensburgPriest.org



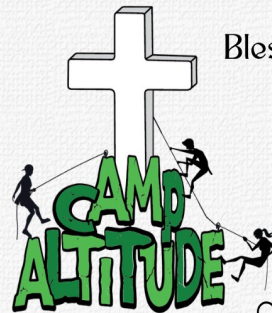
RIDING THE CALL

Vocations in Full Thrill

Catholic Kennywood Day 2026
July 14th 2026

A full day at Kennywood – Ride your favorites!
Family-friendly fun & community vibes
Kids games & activities
Energetic Praise & Worship
Holy Mass celebrated by Bishop Eckman
Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)
Delicious Community Meal
Holy Moments & lasting memories

For a full schedule and to register, please scan the QR code
Presented by the Dioceses of Pittsburgh and Greensburg



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.

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

REGISTER NOW



The Parish Staff

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Website | sssbv.org



The **Second Collection this weekend June 27/28** is the Annual Peter's Pence collection for the **Holy See**, the Pope's charitable works of mercy.

Offertory for June 21, 2026

Regular Offertory	\$6344.00
Loose Collection:	\$857.00
Utilities/Maintenance:	\$139.00
Votives:	\$229.00
Peter's Pence:	\$130.00
Capital Projects:	\$170.00
Sanctuary Flowers:	\$378.00

Total June 20/21 \$7,201.00

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



Liturgies this Week

June 27—Vigil

4:30 PM † Richard Wawro—Wife, Sandy

June 28—Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM † (MM) Robert Trombino—Ed & Gloria Raitano

11:00 AM † Joanne Mathianas—Heather, Tim & Jack

Monday, June 29—Ss. Peter and Paul

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

Tuesday, June 30—The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

8:00 AM † (DB) George Petrisin—Family

Wednesday, July 1—St. Junipero Serra

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

Thursday, July 2

8:00 AM Mass at Epiphany of Our Lord

Friday, July 3—St. Thomas

8:00 AM † James Salvino—Wife & Family
Eucharistic Adoration

July 4—Vigil

4:30 PM † John P. Timlin, Jr.—Wife, Joan

July 5—Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM For All the People of Saint Sebastian Parish
11:00 AM † (DA) John Patrick "Tim" Timlin, Jr.—Kurisko Family

(Mass Intention abbreviations: **MM**—Month's Mind; **DA**—Death Anniversary; **DB**—Date of Birth.)

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



**THE PARISH OFFICE WILL
BE CLOSED
ON FRIDAY, JULY 3rd
IN OBSERVANCE OF
INDEPENDENCE DAY.**

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



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OF ADULTS

