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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

St. John the Baptist—3:00 PM—3:45 PM

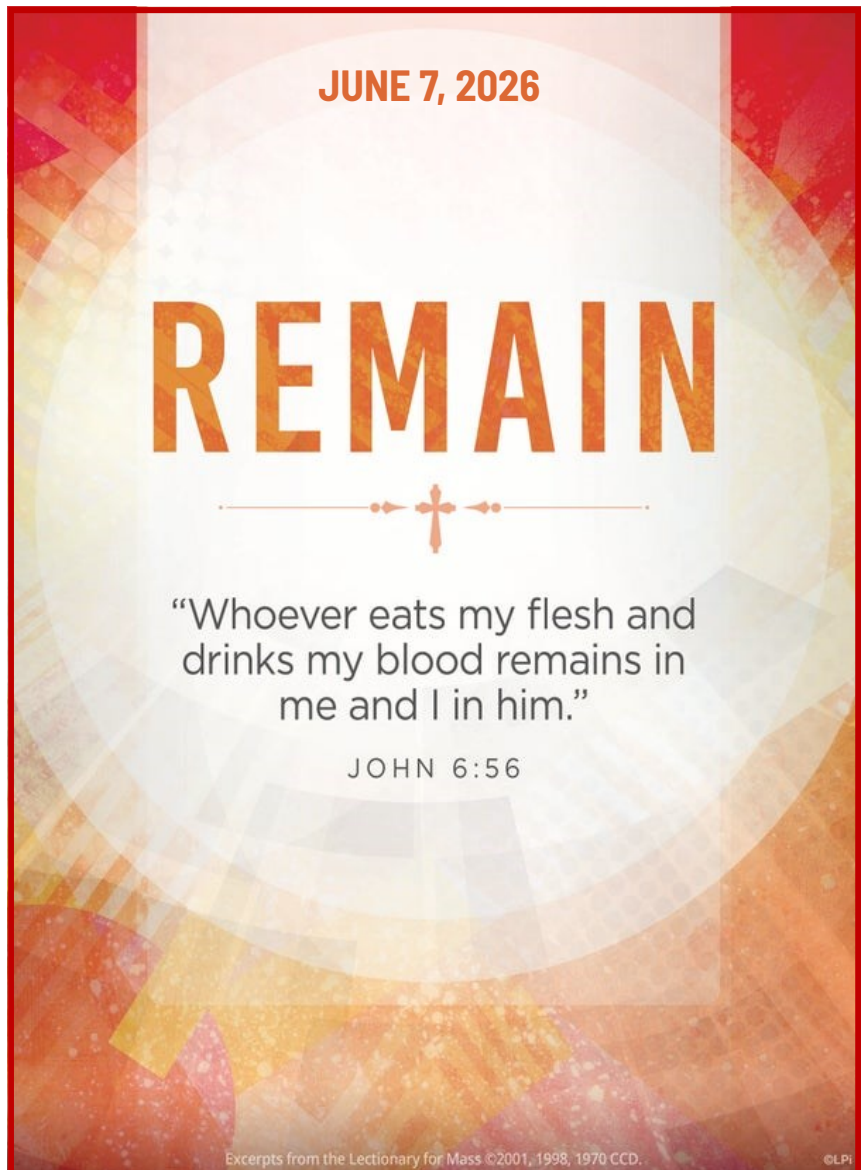
Epiphany—3:00 PM—3:45 PM

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.



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

On this Feast of Corpus Christi, the Church pauses in wonder before the greatest gift Christ has entrusted to His people: His own Body and Blood in the Holy Eucharist.

In the first reading, Moses reminds Israel that God fed them with manna in the desert. That heavenly bread sustained them on their journey, but it pointed toward a greater gift still to come. In the Gospel, Jesus reveals Himself as the true Bread from Heaven: “Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life.” The manna nourished earthly life for a time; the Eucharist nourishes us with the very life of God.

St. Thomas Aquinas captured this mystery in the *Tantum Ergo*, praying that “faith supply what the senses fail to grasp.” Our eyes see only bread and wine, yet faith recognizes the living Christ truly present among us. The Eucharist is not merely a symbol or a reminder of Calvary. As St. John Paul II taught, it is the sacrifice of the Cross made sacramentally present in every age, the gift of Christ Himself to His Church.

Because the Eucharist is Christ Himself, it is also the source of the Church's unity and mission. St. Paul tells us that though we are many, we become one body because we share in the one Bread. The Church draws her life from the Eucharist and receives from it the strength to proclaim the Gospel to the world.

As we celebrate Corpus Christi, may we renew our Eucharistic amazement, approach Holy Communion with reverence and gratitude, and allow the Bread of Life to transform us ever more fully into the Body of Christ for the life of the world.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rev. Michael Thomas".

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.

Prayer for the Month of June

Heavenly Father as we step into June we pause to acknowledge your presence and sovereignty. Thank you for carrying us through the first half of the year. We believe you are not done yet, you are just getting started. Your word says in Psalm 65:11 you crown the year with your goodness and your paths dripped with abundance, so Lord, we invite your goodness to crown this month. Let June be marked by grace, guidance and growth. silence the noise of fear and doubt and help us tune into your whisper. Give us peace, that surpasses understanding, Joy that outlast circumstances and faith that stands firm even in the unknown. Let this be a month of acceleration where things that took months begin to shift in moments. Restore what was broken, reignite what felt lost and realign us with heaven's agenda, bless our families, bless our children and our friends and our focus. Let us use every opportunity well and keep our hearts anchored in you. We commit June to you, Lord, do what only you can do beyond what we can ask think or imagine in Jesus mighty name Amen.

New month blessings to all of you.

Fr. Anthony Onoko
Pastor

Sympathy and Prayers

Please remember in your prayers those who have died: **Robert A. Trombino** We extend our sympathy to his family. May he rest in peace.

SAINT SEBASTIAN CHURCH, BELLE VERNON, PENNSYLVANIA



Congratulations to our 2026 High School Graduates who attended the 11 am Mass last weekend:

Grant Brewer
Ally Peden
Tessa Rankin
Lyla Teets
Richard J. Triggiani
Mallory Wasicek

We are proud of you our graduates. May God bless you and guide you on the path of your life's journey. Congratulations to you and your families.

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

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OR CONNECT WITH US ONLINE AT:

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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

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.

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.

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.

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.



DLA: Sharing Our Gifts

This year's DLA has started and we have surpassed our Diocesan Goal of **\$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 **\$76,654.11** in gift pledges! I am sincerely 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.

The Church acoustic's and the HVAC are in much need of repair and these can only be corrected with your help.

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.

Readings for the week of June 7, 2026

Sunday: Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/1 Cor 10:16-17/Jn 6:51-58

Monday: 1 Kgs 17:1-6/ Ps 121:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Mt 5:1-12

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 17:7-16/ Ps 4:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8/Mt 5:13-16

Wednesday: 1 Kgs 18:20-39/ Ps 16:1b-2ab, 4, 5ab and 8, 11/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3 (580)/Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13/Mt 5:20-26

Friday: Dt 7:6-11/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 10/1 Jn 4:7-16/Mt 11:25-30

Saturday: 1 Kgs 19:19-21/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10/Mt 5:33-37

Next Sunday: Ex 19:2-6a/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5/Rom 5:6-11/Mt 9:36-10:8

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.



Donations will continue to be accepted on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 AM to Noon and 6 PM to 8 PM in the Parish Garage.

After June 19, we will accept your "Unique Antique, Junque" in the **Parish Hall** from 10 AM until 8 PM on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

On Monday, Wednesday and Friday, donations will be accepted from 9 AM to 3 PM in the Parish Hall.

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 ENJOY YOUR SUMMER DAY AND LET PIZZA HUT DO THE COOKING!
 JUNE 29TH 10:30AM-10PM
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Question:

Why do we celebrate the Heart of Jesus in the month of June?

Answer:

Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is an ancient practice. We can see its Scriptural origins in Jesus' own references to His Heart. *"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest ... for I am meek and humble of heart"* (cf. Matt. 11:28, 29).

The devotion received a surge of popularity in the late 1600s. Jesus appeared several times to a French religious sister, St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, pointing to his heart. During this time, the Jansenist heresy had risen in France, which preached limited predestination for salvation. When appearing to Margaret Mary, Jesus affirmed his love for all mankind: *"Behold the Heart which has so loved men that it has spared nothing."* He asked for a special feast celebrating his Sacred Heart on the Friday following the feast of Corpus Christi. Over time, June has become known as the month of Sacred Heart.

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Don't miss The Catholic Accent TV show, the Diocese of Greensburg's television program sharing inspiring stories of faith, community, and service. The upcoming episode highlights the Diocese's 75th Anniversary celebrations, including the Diamond Jubilee event June 6 at Christ Our Shepherd Center, along with summer parish festivals and the "People of Hope" Museum, June 5-6. Watch The Catholic Accent on WPXI-TV at 11:30 AM **Sundays**, May 31 and **June 7**, and on MeTV. You can also watch it anytime at TheAccentOnline.org.

Has your contact information changed?

Would you like to Join our Parish?

Please check all that apply:

New Parishioner I Would Like Envelopes

Change Information

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone (_____) _____

E-mail _____



Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

June 3 - 11



United States
Conference of
Catholic Bishops

This Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus draws its daily devotions from the [Litany of the Sacred Heart](#).

Each day reflects on the wisdom of saints and pontiffs on the Sacred Heart and offers opportunities for prayer and action, framed by Pope Francis' encyclical [Dilexit Nos](#) (He Loved Us) and Pope Leo XIV's apostolic exhortation [Dilexi Te](#) (I Have Loved You).

The novena concludes with the consecration of the United States to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.



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JOIN US IN PRAYER

On June 11, 2026, as part of the celebration of the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, the U.S. bishops will consecrate the United States of America to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Parishes around the country are encouraged to join the bishops in celebrating the consecration of our nation to the Sacred Heart.

Here at St. Sebastian, we will celebrate Mass for this special intention on Thursday, **June 11** during the 8:00 AM Mass.

Printed copies of the Novena and Litany of the Sacred Heart are available in the back of the church.

O Most Sacred Heart of Jesus:

You know the longings of our hearts, and you desire that we enjoy friendship with you.

From your pierced side, you have poured out the wellspring of life, for which we thirst.

Your heart burns with a love for all people to return to a right relationship with you.

We celebrate the abundant gifts you have given this nation, founded on the self-evident truths that our Creator has endowed all people with the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

We make reparation for the offenses against you and against human dignity that have taken place in this nation.

May our hearts be united to yours, so that our families and communities enjoy peace and happiness; may broken relationships be reconciled, injustices repaired, and the wounds of our land be healed.

May your holy Catholic Church serve as a sign, pointing all people to your infinite love.

O Desire of Nations and Center of History, we ask you to bless these United States of America.

Who live and reign with God the Father

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Summer Theater Camp
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Epiphany of Our Lord Parish
44 Pennsylvania Blvd, Monessen

Participants: K - 5th Grade
Helpers: 6th - 12th Grade

Register Below

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Offertory for May 31, 2026

Regular Offertory \$8,080.00
 Loose Collection: \$1,198.70
 Utilities/Maintenance: \$272.00
 Votives: \$204.00
 Catholic Accent: \$209.25
 Peter’s Pence: \$17.00
 Capital Projects: \$264.00
 Ascension: \$77.00
 Easter: \$20.00
 Sanctuary Flowers: \$67.00

Total May 30/31 \$10,405.95

Offertory for May 24, 2026

Regular Offertory \$6,038.00
 Loose Collection: \$596.00
 Utilities/Maintenance: \$54.00
 Votives: \$191.00
 Holy Thursday: \$7.00
 Good Friday: \$20.00
 Easter: \$50.00
 Capital Projects: \$14.00
 Catholic Accent: \$330.00
 Comm. Media: \$205.00
 Ascension: \$225.00

Total May 23/24 \$7,730.00

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Liturgies this Week

June 6—Vigil

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

June 7—Corpus Christi

9:00 AM † Lidia Salvino—Elaine & Tom Barger
 11:00 AM † Fred Fundy—Joe & Johnetta DeBlasio

Monday, June 8

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

Tuesday, June 9—St. Ephrem

8:00 AM Special Intention of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday, June 10

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

Thursday, June 11—St. Barnabas

8:00 AM Mass at Epiphany of Our Lord

Friday, June 12—Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus



8:00 AM † Joseph V. Vesely—Tom & Elaine Barger
Eucharistic Adoration

June 13—Vigil

4:30 PM † Mike Wassilchalk, JR.—Karen Heasley

June 14—Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM † (Date of Birth) Anna Mae Bukowski—Friend, Lou
 11:00 AM For All the People of Saint Sebastian Parish



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

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

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