

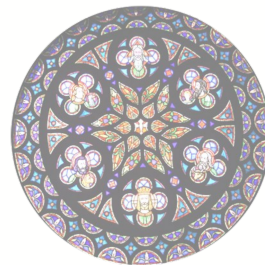
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Mass Schedule

Weekend: St. Sebastian:

Sat. 4:30 PM

Sun. 9:00 & 11:00 AM

Epiphany:

Sat. 4:00 PM

Sun. 8:30 & 10:30 AM

Epiphany of Our Lord, 44 Pennsylvania Blvd. Monessen,

St. John the Baptist:

Sat. 4:00 PM

Sun. 9:30 AM

St. John the Baptist, 3332 Pittsburgh Rd, Perryopolis

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

St. John the Baptist—3:00 PM—3:45 PM

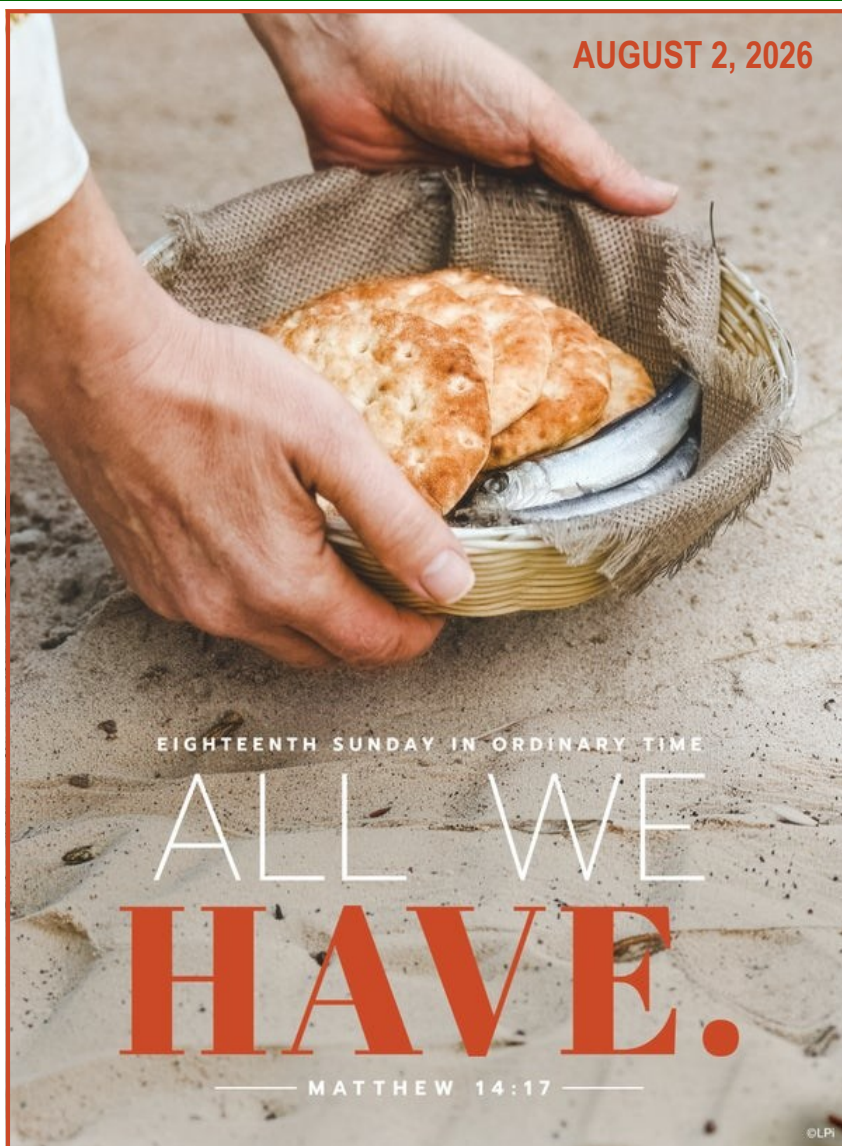
Epiphany—3:00 PM—3:45 PM

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.



AUGUST 2, 2026

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ALL WE
HAVE.

MATTHEW 14:17

Fr. Anthony's Office Hours

If anyone wants to meet with Fr. Anthony please call to set up an appointment. He is available at St. Sebastian on Wednesdays. 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

The prophet Isaiah extends a simple but profound invitation: "Come to the water." God freely

offers the nourishment our hearts truly desire. Yet so often we spend ourselves chasing what cannot satisfy—comfort, possessions, entertainment, or the approval of others. In the Gospel, Jesus feeds the five thousand with five loaves and two fish, revealing that He alone can satisfy the deepest hunger of the human heart.

The Church has always understood this miracle as pointing toward the Holy Eucharist. Christ not only provides bread for the crowd but gives Himself as the Bread of Life, nourishing us with His own Body and Blood. As St. Augustine reminds us, our hearts remain restless until they rest in God (The Confessions Bk1, Ch1).

St. Paul then offers one of Scripture's greatest consolations: no hardship, suffering, persecution, or even death can separate us from the love of Christ. God never chooses to abandon His people. Yet this promise should not make us complacent. While no outside force can steal us from Christ, we can, through our own free choice and unrepentant sin, turn away from Him. The Good Shepherd never stops seeking His sheep, but He does not force them to remain with Him.

As we gather each Sunday, let us come to Christ with hungry hearts, receiving Him in the Holy Eucharist with faith, gratitude, and a sincere desire for conversion. Only Christ satisfies the deepest hunger of the human heart, and only by remaining faithful to Him will we receive the food that endures to eternal life.

Rev. Michael Thomas

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Prayer for the Month of August

Heavenly Father,

We come before You with humble hearts, lifting up all who are suffering in body, mind, and spirit.

We especially pray for those battling cancer, diabetes, and the dangers of heat and exhaustion. Surround them with Your healing presence, grant strength to their bodies, peace to their minds, and hope to their hearts. Guide the hands of caregivers and medical professionals, and bless families who walk this difficult journey alongside their loved ones.

As we enter the new month of August, we ask for Your continued mercy and protection. Let Your light shine upon all who are weary, renewing their strength day by day. May Your grace bring comfort in times of pain and restoration where there is illness. Fill us all with compassion, that we may support one another in love and faith.

We trust in Your goodness and place all our needs into Your hands, knowing that You are our refuge and our healer. Through every trial, help us to remain steadfast in hope, confident in Your promises.

We ask this in Your holy name. Amen.

New month blessings to all of you. The month of August shall favor you and your family. Amen.

Fr. Anthony Onoko, Pastor



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





Looking for answers?
Questions on how to grow in faith?
Not sure where to start?

The Order of Christian Initiation process involves a journey of faith and conversion. A person is introduced to the beliefs, life, liturgy, and apostolic work of the Catholic Church. Christian Initiation is for those over the age of 7 and are unbaptized, are baptized and would like to receive Confirmation and Eucharist, those just have questions.

All are invited to join us for an informal light meal with team members, those newly initiated, and others considering this journey of faith

St. Anne Parish Hall

1870 Rostraver Road, Rostraver Twp 15012

Monday, August 3 from 6pm to 8pm

RSVP to Barbara at 412-417-1595 or Adelle at 724-244-9434. If a last minute decision - just come 😊

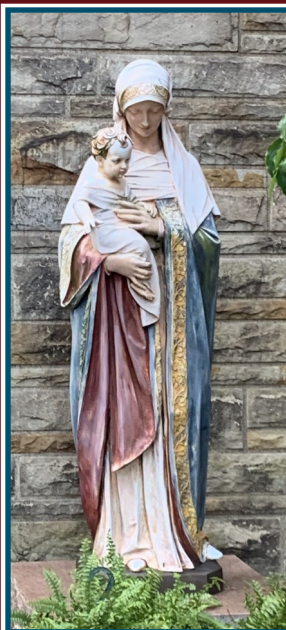
Diocesan Lenten Appeal

We have reached our Diocesan Goal of \$66,726. Our parish goal is \$116,726.

So far we have received \$89,522.55 in pledges. Your additional gifts will remain in our parish and will help with the upgrade and repairs to our Sound and HVAC systems. Thank you and God bless you for your generous support of our parish.

Upgrade to the Sound System: The first phase is completed and we are waiting for the acoustic panels to arrive to complete phase two for the body of the church and the choir area.

There are envelopes in the pews for your convenience. If you have not contributed to DLA prayerfully consider making a gift this year. **Please return your envelope with donation or pledge to the Parish Office.**



BEFORE

The statue, donated by the Dohan Family over 25 years ago, was badly in need of a fresh coat of paint. Bill and Karen have shared their talent by restoring the beautiful statue to honor Mary, our Mother and enhance the Mary Garden for prayer and meditation.

BEAUTIFULLY RESTORED

A very gracious **Thank You** to **Bill and Karen Pepke** for repainting the statue of the Blessed Mother with Baby Jesus in the Mary Garden, located by the Parish Office.



AFTER



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.

Altar Candle Ring Flowers this weekend are given in loving memory of Dave Moskovitz by his Wife, Barb.

Sympathy and Prayers

Please remember in your prayers those who have died: **Ann Revak, Sara J. Fleming** and **Michael Kovalak**. We extend our sympathy to their families. May they rest in peace.

Everyday Stewardship

When we journey on a pathway of stewardship, we are bound to experience moments of grace where we see even the smallest seeds we planted grow into something amazing. At these moments, we are reminded that God is real and that our stewardship is not in vain. The giving of our gifts and talents is not just a response to God's calling. The giving is one way that God breaks through into the lives of others. As we use what God has given us for his glory, he uses us as instruments of grace to be truly present to others.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
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Matters of Sexual Misconduct Information—If you have any suspicion about the sexual abuse (or any other type of abuse) of a minor child by anyone — please contact PA ChildLine immediately at 1-800-932-0313. If the alleged abuser is functioning in a parish, school or diocesan position as clergy, religious, paid staff or volunteer you are also requested to contact the Bishop’s Delegate for Matters of Sexual Misconduct after you have called the ChildLine number and made the report. The Bishop’s Delegate may be reached at 724-837-0901, ext. 1221.

★ ★ “JUNQUE” SALE THANKS

Thanks to all who, in any way, were part of St. Sebastian's Annual Junque Sale. None of this could happen without the efforts of so many people, including those who shared their own treasures with St. Sebastian's to be sold. It has been said that this is the best such event in the Mon Valley! The hard work of those in charge is so impressive during this in very hot weather. It is clearly a well-oiled machine and was very well organized. The total gleaned from the Junque sale will posted in a future bulletin.

Blessings to all. On behalf of St. Sebastian's Parish, thanks again for your good will, generous sharing of your time and talent, and for your support.

Ladies of Faith Fundraiser—Need a day free from cooking? Come to the **Foster House II** on Monday, **August 17**, between 5—11 PM. Percentage of food sales will be given to the organization. A basket raffle will also be held.

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.

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

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**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
CAR SHOW**

On Sunday, **August 9**, St. John's Inaugural Car Show will take place from 12-Noon to 4:00 pm. Cost to enter your car in the show is \$10. Trophies awarded at 3:45 PM. Come see the cars, join in the fun. There will be Food, Chinese Auction, Door Prizes. For info call 724-880-4296 or 724-620-8652.

EPIPHANY PARISH FESTIVAL

Join us at Epiphany of Our Lord, Monessen, on **August 7 & 8** for two days of food, fun, and fellowship! We have homemade ethnic foods, and street food, live music, games, a basket raffle and more. Join us on Saturday night as we close the festival with outdoor Mass (weather permitting) and celebrate our freedom to worship!

As a special welcome to parishioners from neighboring parishes, bring the bulletin coupon below for a free bottle of water at the festival

Come hungry, bring your friends, and make memories with us!

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I'm a member of St. Sebastian
Parish and am happy to come
celebrate with you!

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

Bernadette Dayner, Laurel Wachinski
George L. Cowan, Dolores Petrisin
Fr. Ronald Simboli

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

PRAYER SHAWL CRAFTERS will meet
Wednesday, **August 5**, 10:30 AM at the Parish
Center. For more info call Barb at 724-929-5499.

LADIES OF FAITH meeting will be held this
Thursday, **August 6** at 6:30 PM in our Parish Hall.
All women of the Parish are invited to attend.



SAINT SEBASTIAN PARISH PICNIC

Our picnic is Saturday **September 19**, 2026 at Cedar Creek Park beginning at 12-noon at **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.

St. Sebastian Parish Picnic
RESERVATION FOR
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

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PHONE _____

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CHILDREN _____
(their ages)

RSVP by August 23, 2026

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 (Register to find out your
 pick-up time)

11:00 Bus arrival in Harrisburg

11:00-Noon Rally

Noon-1:00 March for Life

1:30-2:15 Mass at Saint
 Patrick's Cathedral

3:00-3:45 Meet with representatives,
 group photo

4:00 Bus departure for home

TBD Stop for dinner, drop-off at
 same pick-up location

SEPTEMBER 21, 2026 - HARRISBURG, PA
Questions? Contact Deacon Bill Newhouse at WNewhouse@DioceseofGreensburg.org

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 THROUGH HIS MOTHER'S EYES

**THURSDAY
 OCTOBER 22
 2026**

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Join us for this experiential event to
 encounter Christ through the eyes of His
 Blessed Mother. Explore the ways Mary
 leads us more deeply to her Son.

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 Christ Our Shepherd Center • Greensburg • 2:00 PM and 6:00 PM
 Registration Opens September 1, 2026

Bishop Larry J. Kulick invites you to join him for the
Diocese of Greensburg 75th Anniversary Pilgrimage
 to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the
 Immaculate Conception in Washington D.C.

SATURDAY • SEPTEMBER 19 • 2026

**Special Exhibit - Relics of Saint Bernadette
 and Water from the Grotto at Lourdes**

During our pilgrimage, the National Shrine will be hosting the
 relics of Saint Bernadette and a special Immersive Experience
 allowing us to participate in the same spiritual practices that
 pilgrims to Lourdes have done for over 160 years.

SAVE THE DATE!

Spirited
 2026 WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Mari Pablo
Ali Hoffman

*"Chosen and
 precious in the
 sight of God."
 -1 Peter 2:4*

**NOV 7
 2026**

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

More Details and Registration Coming Soon.

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CHOSEN

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 6-9:30PM • Our Lady of Grace Church • Greensburg

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Offertory for July 26, 2026

Regular Offertory	\$6,463.00
Loose Collection:	\$1,050.00
Utilities/Maintenance:	\$120.00
Votives:	\$471.00
Peter's Pence:	\$5.00
Capital Projects:	\$40.00
Sanctuary Flowers:	\$10.00
Assumption:	\$10.00
Catholic Accent:	\$378.00

Total July 25/26 \$8,547.00

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Scan the QR code to set up your account.

Thank you for your support.



Liturgies this Week

August 1—Vigil

4:30 PM † Phil & Sam Iacovangelo—Daughter, Tammy

August 2—Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM † (DB) Dave Moskovitz—Wife, Barb

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

Monday, August 3

8:00 AM Mass at Epiphany of Our Lord

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday, August 4—St. John Vianney

8:00 AM † Elizabeth Chorb—Ed & Chris Kroskie & Family

Wednesday, August 5—Dedication of Basilica of St. Mary Major

9:00 AM Mass at St. John the Baptist

Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday, August 6—Transfiguration of the Lord

8:00 AM Mass at Epiphany of Our Lord

Friday, August 7—Pope St. Sixtus II & Companions

8:00 AM † (DB) Frances Sobek—Pat Amprim & Kim Zuchowski

Eucharistic Adoration

August 8—Vigil

4:30 PM † Salva & Clark Families—Family

August 9—Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

11:00 AM † (DA) Jack Rocco—Margaret Pennline & 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!

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:

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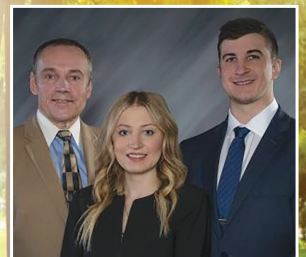
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