

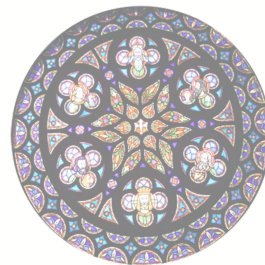
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— MATTHEW 20:4 —

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 20, 2026

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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 & 10 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

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A Isaiah 55:6-9; Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a; Matthew 20:1-16

In the Gospel, Jesus tells of workers hired at different hours of the day, yet all receiving the same wage. Those who worked from the morning complain because they feel that the master has been unfair. But the master has not cheated them; he has given them exactly what he promised. Their difficulty is not injustice, but envy.

This parable teaches us that God's grace is not a salary earned by human effort. It is a gift flowing from his goodness. God is generous to the person who has served him faithfully for many years, and equally generous to the person who turns to him sincerely at the last moment.

How often do we compare ourselves with others: their opportunities, gifts, jobs, marriages, children, success or recognition? Comparison can quietly steal our joy and make us resent the blessings of others. Instead of saying, "Why has God been good to them?" we should thank God for his goodness and ask how we may use what he has given us.

The parable also challenges those who have come late to the vineyard. It is never too late to return to God, to begin again, to forgive, to pray, to seek Confession, or to serve the Church. But we should not delay our conversion. The master continues to call workers throughout the day, and he calls each of us now.

God's ways are higher than our ways. Let us rejoice in his generosity, work faithfully in his vineyard, and be grateful for the grace we have received.

Fr. Anthony Onoko, Pastor

PRAYER FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

Heavenly Father, as we enter the month of September, we come before you with faith and confidence, placing all our needs and the needs of our brothers and sisters into your loving hands. Your Word assures us, "Do not be afraid, for I am with you; do not be alarmed, for I am your God" (Isaiah 41:10).

Lord, remember all who are sick and suffering. We pray especially for those battling cancer, diabetes, heart problems and other serious or long-term illnesses. As your Word says, "Heal me, Lord, and I shall be healed" (Jeremiah 17:14). Strengthen them in moments of weakness, comfort them in their pain, bless their treatments and guide the doctors, nurses and families who care for them.

We pray also for all who are looking for employment. Open doors of opportunity for them, especially those who have experienced repeated disappointment. Provide for families struggling financially and bless the work of their hands, for "my God will fulfil all your needs" (Philippians 4:19).

May this month of September bring healing to the sick, employment to jobseekers, hope to the discouraged, peace to troubled hearts and abundant blessings upon our families. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Fr. Anthony, Pastor

WISDOM NUGGET

The beautiful thing about life is that you can always grow, change and get better. You aren't defined by your past. Some of the greatest rewards you will ever achieve comes from what no one else is doing. Keep doing the good work that sets you apart. Balance brings clarity as it helps you to see what matters.

All the hard good work you are putting in now will be worth it. The road maybe tough but the destination worth it. Have faith in God with your good works. The Lord lifts.

Fr. Anthony Onoko, Pastor

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

Bernadette Dayner, Laurel Wachinski
George L. Cowan, Dolores Petrisin
Fr. Ronald Simboli, Margaret Flint
Gerald Saxson

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

St. Sebastians, Epiphany of Our Lord, and St. John's
invites you to...



**Three nights of
Prayer, Praise, and Adoration**
6:30PM, All on Fridays

September 25th, St. Sebastian's, Belle Vernon
October 16th, Epiphany of our Lord, Monessen
October 30th, St. John The Baptist, Perryopolis

Come to all three or just one. All are welcome! Bring a friend!
These events will be directed by the Holy Spirit! Come Holy Spirit!

Priest's Convocation/Retreat

Every year the Priests of the Diocese get together for a convocation. At this meeting many aspects of ministry and parish life are discussed. This year the convocation will be next week from Monday **September 28 until Friday, October 2.**

There will be no daily Mass while the Priests are on Retreat.

No Communion Service may be scheduled.

Daily 8:30 AM Mass at St. Andrew the Apostle, Pittsburgh Diocese is as follows:

Monday—Charleroi Worship site.

Tuesday—Donora Worship site

Thursday—Donora Worship site

Friday—Monongahela Worship site

Saturday—Charleroi Worship site

Wednesday Mass is at 7:00 PM in Monongahela.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS RECRUITMENT

Monessen Knights of Columbus Council #954, will be holding a recruitment drive at each of the Masses at St. Sebastian's Church on Saturday, September 26th (4:30 PM) and Sunday, September 27th (9:00 AM & 11:00 AM).

Rosary Prayer Breakfast

Please join in the 2nd Annual Rosary Prayer Breakfast, **October 3**, with Mass at 9:00 AM, Rosary, Breakfast and guest speaker, Deacon William Newhouse, presenting "Holy Mary, Mother of God. Fill out the form below or a form from the church pamphlet racks and return to Darleen at the Parish Office.

Rosary Prayer Breakfast—October 3, 2026

Name _____

Phone _____

Reservation cost of \$10, must be included with this form.

Check _____ Cash _____

Please make checks payable to St. Sebastian Ladies of Faith. RSVP by Wednesday, September 23.

Return to St. Sebastian Parish Office.

No Parking!

Please do not park in the turn around space. This makes it difficult to exit from the small lot behind our Parish Office.



The **2027 Cash Calendar Parish Fundraiser** will be available for purchase before and after Mass each weekend and during the week at the Parish Office

while supplies last.

Help support our Parish and our Calendar sponsors. Pick up a **2027 Cash Calendar!** You'll have 365 chances to win!

Appalachian Christmas Shoe Box Project

Once again, we will be participating in the Appalachian Christmas Shoe Box Project through the Diocesan Central Council of Greensburg, Society of St. Vincent de Paul. The shoe boxes will then be given to recipients as gifts for Christmas. Flyers are in the church pamphlet racks listing the items most needed. Thank you and God bless you for your kindness. Last day to drop off your donations at the church vestibule is Sunday, Oct. 18.

Furthering Our Faith "Metanoia"

This fall, we will be looking at **Metanoia** for our Furthering Our Faith. The word metanoia means conversion, but much more than that. It means to change, to repent, to turn, to think differently. Conversion is for everyone at all times, inviting us to grow deeper in our faith. We will begin **October 1 and meet each Thursday for five weeks at 6:30 p.m. in the Epiphany of Our Lord Church Hall.**

There is no study guide for the series, so there is no cost. We will watch the video by Wild Goose and have a brief discussion.

Sometimes the Spirit descends upon you gently, as a dove. Other times, the Spirit gets right up in your face like a goose with a score to settle. To register, or if you have questions, call the Epiphany office at 724-684-7661.

Diocesan Lenten Appeal Continues

Help us reach our **Parish Goal** is \$116,726. So far we have received **\$90,302.55** in pledges. Your additional gifts will remain in our parish and will help with the continued upgrade and repairs to our Sound & HVAC systems. There are envelopes in the pews for your convenience or you may scan the QR code for this year's DLA.



Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass

Bishop Larry J. Kulick invites all married couples celebrating their **50th Wedding Anniversary** during **2026** to join him for the Diocese of Greensburg's annual **Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass**. The Mass will be celebrated on **Sunday, October 4, at 3 PM** at **Blessed Sacrament Cathedral in Greensburg**. This special celebration offers couples and their families an opportunity to give thanks to God for fifty years of married life, to renew their gratitude for the grace of the Sacrament of Matrimony, and to receive a blessing as they mark this joyful milestone. Register-www.dioeceseofgreensburg.org/GWA.



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Fr. Anthony's Office Hours

To meet with Fr. Anthony please call to set up an appointment. He could be available at St. Sebastian (724-929-9300) on Wednesday from 10:30 AM until 3:00 PM. He is available at Epiphany of Our Lord (724-684-7661) on Tuesday and is at St. John the Baptist (724-736-4442) on Monday. Please call the Parish Office to set up an appointment to meet with Fr. Anthony.

Sympathy and Prayers

Please remember in your prayers those who have died: **George Clark and Stanley Koliscak**. We extend our sympathy to their families. May they rest in peace.

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Registration is online only....you can scan the QR code. If you need assistance with registration, please reach out to Adelle To schedule a time to meet and complete the online registration together.

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Faith Formation
Registration

Adult Faith Formation Day

Adult faith formation catechists, youth ministry members, Christian Initiation catechists, Catholic school teachers and priests are invited to a Faith Formation Day on Saturday, **September 26**, from 9 AM—1 PM at Christ Our Shepherd Center. The day includes discussions and conclude with lunch. Registration required at DioceseOfGreensburg.org/FaithFormationDay.



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 (3rd Grade) and are:

- unbaptized
- baptized and would like to receive Confirmation and Eucharist
- those who just have questions

Adult and Youth Sessions will begin in September.
For more information contact:

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Youth: Maureen at mruschak@dioceseofgreensburg.org

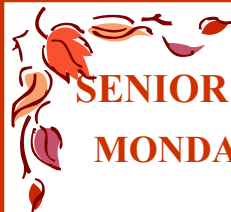


*Thank you to the Ladies of Faith
for providing Umbrella racks at
our Church entrances for those
rainy days.*

40 Days for Life—Join advocates for life for Mass and candlelit Eucharistic Procession to Planned Parenthood on Tuesday, **September 22**. Mass will be at 6 PM at Divine Mercy Parish, Epiphany Church in Pittsburgh. It is recommended to park downtown and walk to the Church, to be near your car when the event ends in front of PP. Bring a package of disposable diapers to assist area pregnancy resource centers.

ANNUAL SENIOR PARISHIONER DINNER

As a sign of thanks and appreciation, dinner will be served for all parishioners age 70 and over (and their spouses) at 4:30 PM on Monday, **October 12** in our Parish Hall. Doors open at 3:30 p.m. Please fill out the form below and return by Oct. 6.



SENIOR PARISHIONER DINNER MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2026

All parishioners age 70 and over (and their spouses) are invited to dinner in the Parish Hall at **4:00 PM** on October 12th.

Reservations are Required

Please return the form below to the Parish Office by Tuesday, **October 6th**.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Number Attending _____



SAVE THE DATE!

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2026 WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

 Mari Pablo
 Ali Hoffman

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

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Registration Opens September 1, 2026

ANNUAL HOME SCHOOL Mass

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 14 2026



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Our day begins with Mass at 10:00 AM followed by activities on the history of our Diocese and lunch.



All homeschool families in the Diocese of Greensburg are welcome!
Come and celebrate our Catholic faith!



follow the link below to register
DioceseofGreensburg.org/Home-School-Mass

PATHWAYS

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

This Fall, Discover the Path to Deeper Faith



You are invited to explore and learn more about the **Catholic faith** through this **informative and interactive series**. Gather with community members and local experts to discuss a range of topics from Sacred Scripture to Catholic Social Teaching, to **deepen your understanding** of the Church's teaching, and apply the richness of faith to your life. This is a comprehensive, 24-session course.

Saint Regis Parish Trafford Thursdays starting September 24 6:30PM-9PM	Saint Vincent Basilica Parish Latrobe Wednesdays starting September 30 6:30PM-9PM	Saint Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish Kittanning Mondays starting October 5 6:30PM-9PM
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To learn more, scan the QR code or follow the link below!
DioceseofGreensburg.org/Pathways



Prayer of the True Presence

My Lord and my Love
Bread of Life, nourish me.
Pascal Lamb, restore me.
Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament,
consume me



MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS – WE HOPE TO SEE YOU AT PAX: CHOSEN

Calling all middle school students! Get ready for an unforgettable night! Register now for PAX: CHOSEN, Friday, November 6, from 6-9:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Grace Parish, Greensburg. Join us for an evening of games, food, friends and a powerful faith experience. Keynote speaker Mari Pablo will remind you how God has CHOSEN you for greatness. Register at DioceseofGreensburg.org/PAX.

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Liturgies this Week

September 19—Vigil

4:30 PM † (DB) Merry K. Hewitt—Sissy & Dayna

September 20—25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

11:00 AM † Joanne Mathianas—Petrusin Family

Monday, September 21—St. Matthew

8:00 AM Mass at Epiphany of Our Lord

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday, September 22

8:00 AM † Tony Delverme—Wife, Rose & Family

Wednesday, September 23—St. Pius of Pietrelcina

9:00 AM Mass at St. John the Baptist

Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday, September 24

8:00 AM Mass at Epiphany of Our Lord

Friday, September 25

8:00 AM † John P. Timlin, JR.—M/M Joe DeBlassio

Eucharistic Adoration

10:00 AM Special Intention

September 26—Vigil

4:30 PM † Elizabeth, James & Thomas Savarino—Family

September 27—26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

11:00 AM † Warner Wisyanski—Wife, Pat & 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.*



GET READY FOR FALL!

Offertory for September 6, 2026

Regular Offertory \$6,838.00
Loose Collection: \$1,063.00
Utilities/Maintenance: \$130.00
Votives: \$171.00
Catholic Accent: \$66.00
Catholic Schools: \$175.00
Sanctuary Flowers: \$91.00
Assumption: \$20.00

Total Sept 5/6 \$9,280.00

Offertory September 13, 2026

Regular Offertory \$6,944.00
Loose Collection: \$959.00
Utilities/Maintenance: \$950.00
Votives: \$372.00
Capital Projects: \$123.00
Catholic Accent: \$31.00
Catholic Schools: \$68.00
Sanctuary Flowers: \$235.00
Assumption: \$80.00

Total Sept 12/13 \$9,762.00



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

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