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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

10:00 AM at St. Sebastian

Reconciliation—Saturday

St. John the Baptist—3:00 PM—3:45 PM

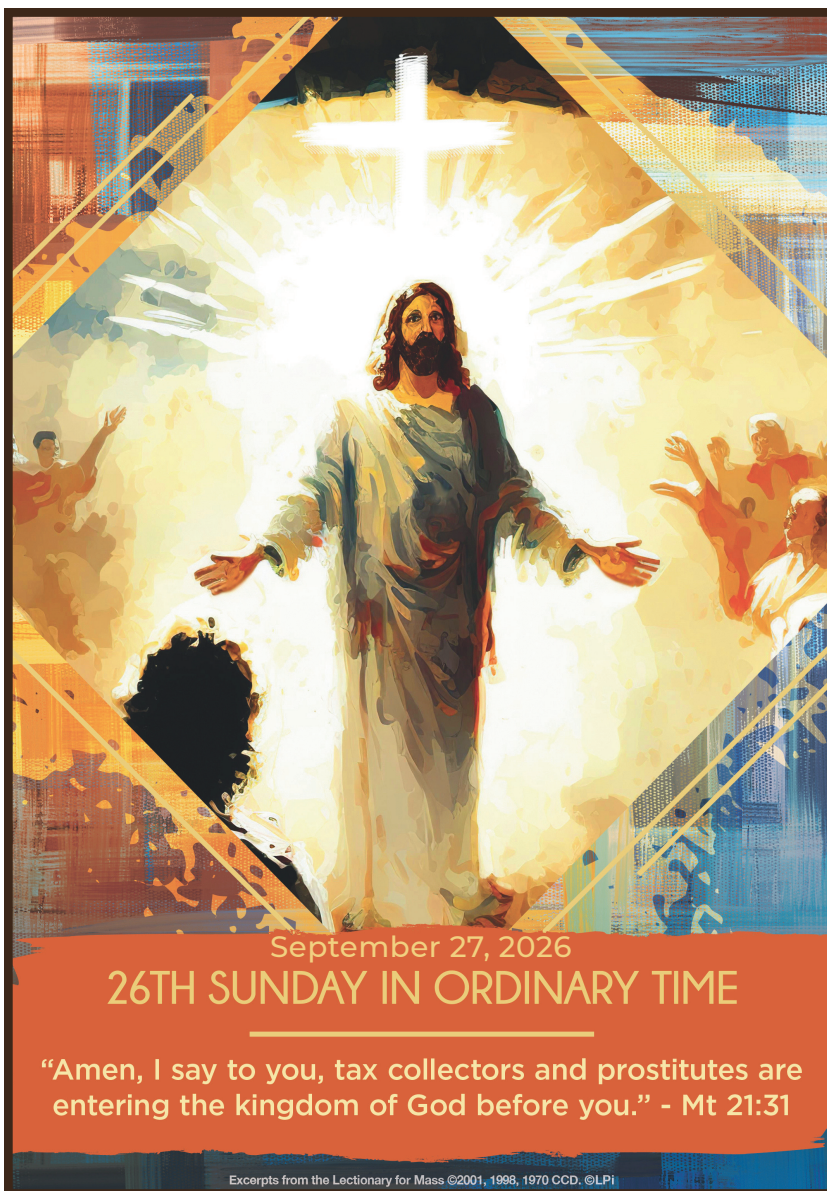
Epiphany—3:00 PM—3:45 PM

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 back- grounds with strong family values demonstrating a variety of skills, trades and professions. The purpose of the parish is to glorify God by assisting the com- munity 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 o our patron, St. Sebastian.



September 27, 2026

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you." - Mt 21:31

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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

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us about two sons. One says "no" to his father but later changes his mind and goes to work. The other says all the right things—"Yes, sir"—but never actually goes. Jesus' point is uncomfortable: God is interested not simply in what we say, but in what we ultimately choose to do.

That same message runs through Ezekiel. A person who has wandered far from God is not condemned to remain there. If he turns away from sin and begins doing what is right, "he shall surely live." Conversely, yesterday's faithfulness cannot become an excuse for today's refusal of God.

The Church calls this conversion: a genuine turning of the heart toward God that produces a change in our lives. The Catechism reminds us that Christ's call to conversion continues throughout the Christian life. It means turning away from evil with a real "desire and resolution to change one's life," trusting in God's mercy and grace.

This is tremendously hopeful. Perhaps we have spent years saying "no" to God in some part of our lives. Perhaps we have made choices we deeply regret. Our past does not have to determine our future.

The question Jesus places before us is not merely, "What have you said to God?" but "What will you do now?"

There is still time to turn around. There is still time to go into the vineyard. There is still time to say "yes" with our lives.

Rev. Michael Thomas



Epiphany of Our Lord & St. John's invites you to

PRAYER PRAISE and ADORATION

the next two Friday's at 6:30 PM

October 16, Epiphany of Our Lord

October 30, St. John the Baptist

Come to both or just one. All are welcome!

Bring a friend!

These events will be directed by the Holy Spirit!

Come Holy Spirit!



PRAYER FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

Heavenly Father, during 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 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

**Faith Formation/
Religious Education 2026-2027**
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Registration for Faith Formation is now available. There are multiple options available for families to choose from. For information, please sign up for flocknote.

D. L. A. 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.

PRAYER SHAWL CRAFTERS will meet on Wednesday, **September 30**, 10:30 AM at the Parish Center. For more information please call Barb at 724-929-5499.

LADIES OF FAITH meeting will be held on Thursday, **October 1** at 6:30 PM in our Parish Hall. All women of the Parish are invited to attend.

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.

Appalachian Christmas Shoe Box Project

The Appalachian Christmas Shoe Box Project continues through the Diocesan Central Council of Greensburg, Society of St. Vincent de Paul. The boxes will then be given to recipients as gifts for Christmas. Flyers for needed items are in the church pamphlet racks. Thank you and God bless you for your kindness. The last day to drop off your donations is Sunday, October 18th.

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 **4:00 PM** on Monday, **October 12** in our Parish Hall. Doors open at 3:30 PM. Please fill out the form below and return by October 6th.

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 Monday, October 5th.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Number Attending _____

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 cost is \$25! You'll have 365 chances to win!

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. Mass is celebrated on Sunday, October 4, at 3 PM at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral. 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. To register visit: www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/GWA.

HELP WANTED! - School Crossing Guard

St. Sebastian School is seeking a reliable and responsible School Crossing guard to help ensure the safety of students arriving at and leaving school. Hours are Monday - Friday, 7:00 am - 8:30 am and 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm. Three hours per day. Applicants must be dependable, safety-conscious and comfortable working outdoors. Background check and Child clearances are necessary. For more information or to apply please contact: Nbvborough@gmail.com or call 724-929-6930.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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). **ALSO SEE BELOW**

Council 954 Columbus Day Dinner will be held **Saturday October 10**. Cost will be \$35/person with doors opening at 5:00pm, dinner at 6:00pm, and the celebration continues until 9pm. Please contact John (724-994 6594) or Gary (724-684-5037). Widows of Monessen Knights are always free!

Spaghetti Dinner - K of C and Epiphany Ladies will sponsor a Spaghetti Dinner at the K of C Hall, 1925 Grand Blvd., Monessen from 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, **October 18**. Donation of \$15. Eat in or take out. Tickets can be purchased from any of the Knights, or Epiphany Ladies, or at the church office. Additional tickets available at the door.

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 from Monday September 28 until Friday, October 2.

There will be no daily Mass on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday of this week 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:

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.

Furthering Our Faith - "Metanoia"

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. Sessions begin **October 1** and each Thursday for 5 weeks at 6:30 pm 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.



St. Thérèse of Lisieux (1873-1897) was born in France, the youngest of nine children. Her mother died when she was four. Thérèse was described as being sensitive and precocious as a child. Thérèse experienced a transformative conversion early on when she saw a vision of Mary, Mother of God. She had fallen ill, and the doctors of her time were unable to diagnose or treat her. She experienced fevers, convulsions, and fearful visions. This lasted until, turning her face to the statue of the Blessed Mother near her bedside, she asked Mary to take pity on her. According to her writings, Thérèse said that she experienced a beautiful vision of Mary. In this vision, when Mary smiled upon her, all her pain and illness disappeared. This experience, The Healing of Our Lady of the Smile, contributed to setting Thérèse's heart on pursuing religious life.

When Thérèse was 15, she entered the Carmelite convent in Lisieux, France. She took the name Sister Therese of the Child Jesus and the Holy Face and began a life of prayer and intimacy with God. Despite her struggles with depression, she always put her best foot forward. She tragically died of tuberculosis at age 24 but, before her death, she said "My mission — to make God loved — will begin after my death. I will spend my heaven doing good on earth. I will let fall a shower of roses." Now, she is fondly known as Thérèse the Little Flower of Jesus and roses have become a symbol of her intercession.

During her life, Thérèse wrote several essays cataloguing her pursuit of holiness that were later published under the title "Story of a Soul." These writings earned her the privilege of being the youngest person to ever be designated a Doctor of the Church and continue to be treasured by Catholics world-wide! St. Thérèse, pray for us!

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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:

All Inquiries: Adelle at aslebodnik@dioceseofgreensburg.org

Adults: Barbara at 412-417-1595

Youth: Maureen at mruschak@dioceseofgreensburg.org

ANNUAL HOME SCHOOL Mass

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 14 2026

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

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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](https://www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/Home-School-Mass)

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OCTOBER 3, 2026

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2026 WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



Mari Pablo



All Hoffman

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

**NOV 7
2026**

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More Details and Registration Coming Soon.



PATHWAYS

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

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starting September 24	starting September 30	starting October 5
6:30PM-9PM	6:30PM-9PM	6:30PM-9PM

To learn more, scan the QR code or follow the link below!
DioceseofGreensburg.org/Pathways



Sympathy and Prayers

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

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.





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Offertory for September 20, 2026

Regular Offertory:	\$4,320.00
Loose Collection:	\$1,053.00
Utilities/Maintenance:	\$296.00
Votives:	\$44.00
Catholic Accent:	\$326.00
Capital Projects:	\$30.00
Sanctuary Flowers:	\$315.00
Cath. Schools:	\$5.00

Total Sept. 19/20 \$6,389.00

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Liturgies of the Week

September 26 - Vigil

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

September 27 - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM In honor of our parishioner, Norma Gillo, for her 100th Birthday

11:00 AM † Warner Wisyanski - Wife, Pat & Family

Monday, September 28 - St. Wenceslaus

8:00 AM Mass at Epiphany of Our Lord

Tuesday, September 29 - Ss. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael

No Mass Today

Wednesday, September 30 - St. Jerome

No Mass Today

Thursday, October 1 - St. Therese of the Child Jesus

No Mass Today

Friday, October 2 - The Holy Guardian Angels

No Mass Today

October 3 - Vigil

4:30 PM † Deceased of the Pietrowski Family - Family

October 4 - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM † Deceased of the Novinsky & Tretinik Families - Barb Moskovitz

11:00 AM † (DB) Anthony "Tony" Ross - Ron & Lisa O'Toole

Blessing of Pets will take place at 1:00 pm, Saturday, October 3 in our church parking lot.



OCTOBER COUNT

The month of October has been the time set aside by our diocese to count all of the people who come to church. So, if you see someone counting, you will know what they are doing. The count is important for the Diocese when planning for the future.

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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