

Saint Sebastian Catholic Church

801 Broad Avenue · Belle Vernon, PA 15012

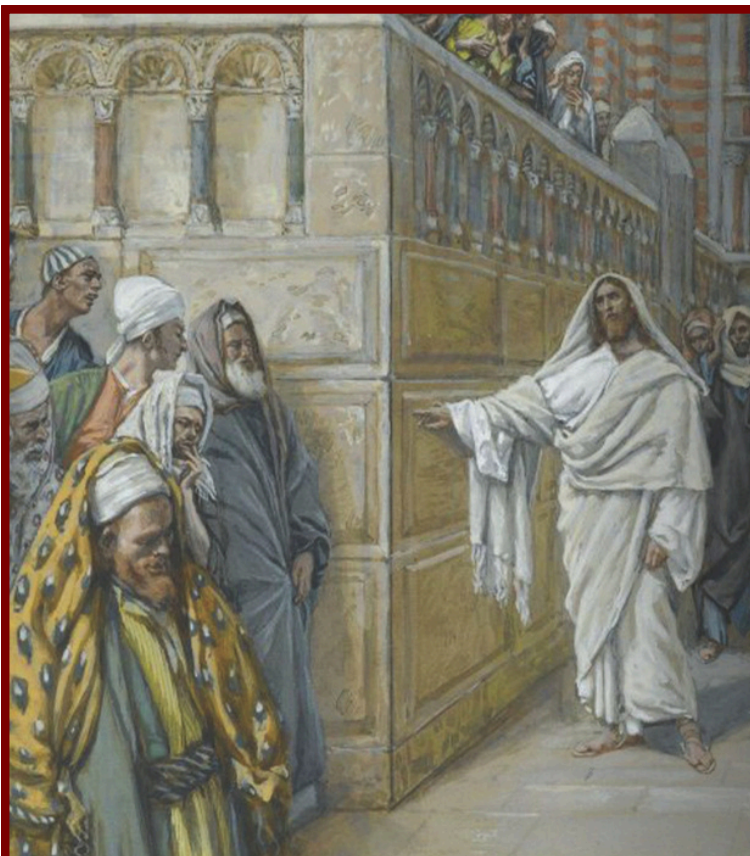
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27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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“The stone that the
builders rejected has
become the cornerstone.”
- Mt 21:42ab

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

THE VINEYARD BELONGS TO GOD

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A ISAIAH 5:1-7; PHILIPPIANS 4:6-9; MATTHEW 21:33-43

Dear brothers and sisters, today's readings speak to us about a vineyard. In the Bible, the vineyard represents God's people, His Church, and indeed each one of our lives. God is the loving owner of the vineyard. He prepares the land, plants it carefully, protects it, and expects it to bear good fruit.

Everything we have is first a gift from God: our life, health, family, faith, gifts, education, work, and the opportunities placed before us. We are not absolute owners; we are stewards. One day, God will ask each of us: "What have you done with the vineyard I entrusted to you?"

In the Gospel, the tenants forgot that the vineyard belonged to the owner. They wanted its fruits for themselves. They rejected his servants and finally killed his son. Their sin was not only violence; it was selfishness. They wanted God's gifts without God. They wanted control without responsibility.

This can happen to us too. We may receive many blessings from God, but forget to thank Him. We may use our time only for ourselves and have no time for prayer. We may enjoy the support of family but fail to love, listen, or forgive. We may have gifts and talents but use them for pride rather than service. We may come to church, but fail to bring the fruits of kindness, honesty, purity, justice, and compassion into daily life.

God is patient, but He does expect fruit. The fruit He seeks is not merely money, activity, or outward religion. He seeks hearts that love Him and lives that reflect Him. He seeks peace in our homes, integrity at work, compassion for the suffering, faithfulness in marriage, respect for life, and forgiveness where there has been hurt.

St Paul gives us a beautiful and practical way of bearing fruit. He says: "Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God." Many of us carry worries about our children, health, finances, future, or relationships. Rather than allowing anxiety to control us, Paul invites us to bring everything to God in prayer, with thanksgiving.

He also tells us to fill our minds with whatever is true, honorable, just, pure, lovely, and gracious. What we allow into our minds affects the fruit our lives produce. If we feed ourselves constantly with anger, gossip, impurity, and negativity, these things will grow in us. But if we feed on God's word, prayer, good conversation, and acts of charity, our lives will bear good fruit.

This week, let us ask ourselves: What fruit is God seeking from me? Perhaps it is a sincere apology, more time in prayer, a decision to stop gossiping, a return to Confession, a generous act, or forgiveness for someone who has hurt us.

The vineyard belongs to God. May He find in each of us the fruits of faith, love, holiness, and peace.

Fr. Anthony Onoko, Pastor

PRAYER FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

Loving and merciful Father,

As we begin this new month of October, we place into Your caring hands all those who are suffering in body, mind, or spirit.

We pray especially for all who are battling cancer, heart disease, and every serious illness. Bring them healing, strength, courage, and peace. Bless their doctors, nurses, carers, and all who support them. May they never feel alone, for You are close to the broken-hearted and near to all who call upon You.

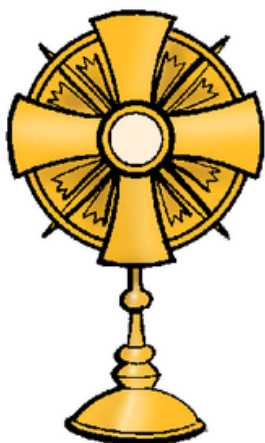
We pray for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one. Comfort them in their sorrow, wipe away their tears, and give eternal rest to those who have died. May the hope of the resurrection strengthen every wounded heart.

We pray for marriages and families experiencing difficulty, misunderstanding, separation, pain, or lack of peace. Lord, heal what is broken, soften hearts, restore communication, deepen love, and grant the grace of forgiveness and reconciliation.

Bless all Your children throughout this month. Grant us good health, protection, wisdom, peace in our homes, success in our work, and growth in faith. May this month bring renewed hope, unexpected blessings, and a deeper awareness of Your loving presence.

Through the intercession of Our Lady of the Rosary, may God bless us, protect us, and keep us close to His Sacred Heart. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Fr. Anthony Onoko, Pastor



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 evenings or just one. All are welcome!

Bring a friend!

These events will be directed by the Holy Spirit!

Come Holy Spirit!



Sympathy and Prayers

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

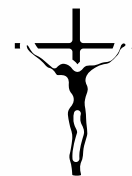
Prayer

Loving Father, You have entrusted us with the vineyard of our lives. Forgive us for the times we have lived selfishly and forgotten Your goodness. Help us to use Your gifts wisely, to pray with trust, to love generously, and to bear fruits of holiness in our homes, parish, and community. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

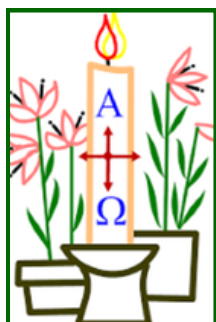
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Lord, please remember the sick of our parish and community:

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

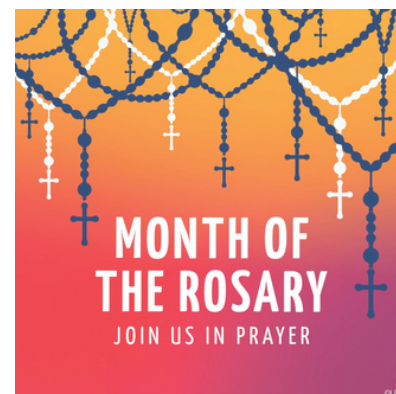


Lord, give them strength in body, courage in spirit, and patience in pain. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Altar Candle Ring

Flowers this weekend are given in loving memory of the **Novinsky & Tretinik Families**, given by Barb Moskovitz.



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.

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 Child-Line 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.

**Faith Formation/
Religious Education 2026-2027**
Sign up - mmvformaton.flocknote.com



Registration for Faith Formation is now available. There are multiple options available for families to choose from. For information, please sign up for flocknote.

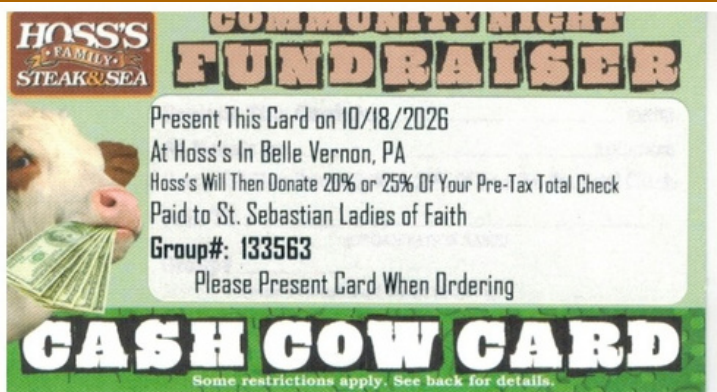
Can You Help With D.L.A.?

Our Parish Goal is \$116,726. Through your kindness, we have thus far we have received **\$92,975.55** in pledges. All gifts now will remain in our parish and will help with the continued upgrade and repairs to our Sound & HVAC systems. There are envelopes are in the pews for your convenience.



LADIES OF FAITH FUNDRAISER

Coupon cards are available in the Parish Center for this Ladies of Faith fundraiser. Dine at Hoss's on **October 18**, any time of the day and present the card when you place your order. Hoss's will donate a percentage to the Ladies of Faith. Your consideration will help their group to continue their good works for our parish.



ESSAY CONTEST

The Knights of Columbus, Council #954 is sponsoring an Essay Contest for Catholic students grades 8-12. This year's theme is taken from President John Kennedy's inaugural address. Specific instructions and entry forms will be available in the Church vestibule and Parish Office. The contest closes on **November 15th** with a cash prize awarded to each first-place winner in each grade. Winning entries will then be forwarded to district and state offices for further judging.

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 informaton or to apply please contact: Nbvborough@gmail.com or call 724-929-6930.



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

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. Support our Parish and our Calendar sponsors. Pick up a 2027 Cash Calendar for only \$25! You'll have 365 chances to win!



SAINT SEBASTIAN CHURCH, BELLE VERNON, PENNSYLVANIA

2026 Basic Level Certification

All Catechists are required to complete their Basic Catechist Certification training

Church of the Resurrection Parish, Clymer

Saturday, 8/29	9AM-2:30PM	Experiential Catechesis / Administrative & Legal
Saturday, 10/10	9AM-2:30PM	Role of the Catechist / Practical Skills
Saturday, 11/14	9AM-2:30PM	Liturgy & Sacraments / The Creed
Saturday, 12/5	9AM-2:30PM	Scripture / The Catholic Church

Immaculate Conception Parish, Irwin

Saturday, 10/3	9AM-2:30PM	Liturgy & Sacraments / The Creed
Sunday, 10/4	1PM-6PM	Experiential Catechesis / Administrative & Legal
Saturday, 10/17	9AM-2:30PM	Scripture / The Catholic Church
Sunday, 10/18	1PM-6PM	Role of the Catechist / Practical Skills



Scan the QR code or register at
DioceseofGreensburg.org/CatechistCertification

For more information, email FFD@DioceseofGreensburg.org

Fr. Anthony's Office Hours To meet with Fr. Anthony please call for an appointment. He could be available at St. Sebastian (724-929-9300) on Wednesday from 10:30 AM - 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 first.

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 _____

Appalachian Christmas Shoe Box Project

The Appalachian Christmas Shoe Box Project is through the Diocesan Central Council of Greensburg, Society of St. Vincent de Paul. 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, October 18th, 2026.

Anyone wishing to **help pack** the Shoe Boxes can come to the Parish Hall on **October 24 at 10 :00AM**. Your help will be most appreciated.

PLEASE NOTE: Unless directed in writing to the parish office, parishioner information may be used in various mailings, phone calls, fundraising campaigns and general communications. The Diocese of Greensburg and its parishes do not release or sell personal information to third party vendors.

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 p.m.** on Monday, **October 12** in our Parish Hall. Doors open at 3:30 PM.

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 _____



Diocese of Greensburg

NOW RECRUITING

Episcopal Servers

Serve at Diocesan liturgies with reverence, dedication, and love for the Mass.

Who may apply?

- Have already received 1st Holy Communion
- Have been serving for at least 2 years
- Recommendation from your Pastor / parish priest
- Willingness to grow in knowledge, reverence and love of the Mass

Interested?
Speak with your Pastor/parish priest for more information.

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.

Christ Our Shepherd CENTER
2900 Seminary Dr. | Greensburg

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



GLOW GOLF

Cedarbrook Golf Course is excited to partner with St. Sebastian Regional Catholic School for a night of golf, fun, and glowing good times! 🌟🌟

📅 DATE: Saturday, October 10th
🕒 REGISTRATION: 5pm
🔫 SHOTGUN START: 7pm
💰 COST: \$100 per golfer

ONLINE REGISTRATION ONLY
<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/glow-golf-6>

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 PM 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 now at DioceseofGreensburg.org/PAX.



KNOW HIM

THROUGH HIS MOTHER'S EYES

THURSDAY - OCTOBER 22 - 2026

PRESENTED BY THE OFFICE OF FAITH, FAMILY AND DISCIPLESHIP



Christ Our Shepherd Center • Greensburg • 2:00 PM and 6:00 PM

All who have experienced the loss of a child are invited to **A Mass of Remembrance** on **October 13**, at 6:30 PM, at Holy Family Church, Latrobe. This sacred liturgy offers a time of prayer, healing and hope as we gather to remember and honor children who have passed away. To register or have a child's name acknowledged during the Mass, visit: DioceseofGreensburg.org/remembrancemass or call 724-539-9751 by October 9.

Spirited

2026 WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



Mari Pablo **Ali Hoffman**

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 7 8AM - 3PM

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

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

For more information and to register, scan the QR code or visit the link below.
DioceseofGreensburg.org/Spirited

Mass of Remembrance for the Loss of a Child

Tuesday, October 13 6:30PM

Holy Family Church
1200 Ligonier Street, Latrobe, PA 15650

Bishop Larry J. Kulick will be the celebrant and homilist.

The Diocese of Greensburg warmly invites all who have experienced the loss of a child to join us for a special Mass of Remembrance. This sacred liturgy will offer a time of prayer, healing, and hope as we come together to remember and honor the lives of children who have passed, whether recently or many years ago.

If you would like your child's name to be acknowledged, please register by October 9.

Scan the QR code, visit the link below, or call 724-539-9751 to register.
DioceseofGreensburg.org/RemembranceMass





The Parish Staff

Pastor - Rev. Anthony Onoko

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Ms. Tiffany Zetty—TZetty@sssbv.org

School Telephone | 724-929-5143

Website | sssbv.org



Offertory for September 27, 2026

Regular Offertory	\$8,141.00
Loose Collection:	\$1,151.50
Utilities/Maintenance:	\$218.00
Catholic Accent:	\$71.00
Votives:	\$185.00
All Souls:	\$1.00
Capital Projects:	\$200.00
Star Nails Fundraiser:	\$100.00
Mission Coop:	\$6.00

Total Sept, 26/27 \$9,929.50

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



Liturgies this Week

October 3—Vigil

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

October 4 - 27th 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

Monday, October 5 - St. Faustina Kowalska/Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos

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

Tuesday, October 6 - St. Bruno/Blessed Marie Rose Durocher

8:00 AM † (DA) Bruna Campus - Family

Wednesday, October 7 - Our Lady of the Rosary

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

Thursday, October 8

8:00 AM Mass at Epiphany of Our Lord

Friday, October 9 - St. Denis & Companions/ St. John Leonrði

8:00 AM † Margaret Weaver - Ladies of Faith
Eucharistic Adoration

October 10- Vigil

4:30 PM † Deceased of the Trasatti & Flora Families - Tammy

October 11 - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

11:00 AM † Deceased of the Diederich Family - Family

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:
FAITH FORMATION



(OCIA) ORDER OF CHRISTIAN
INITIATION OF ADULTS

