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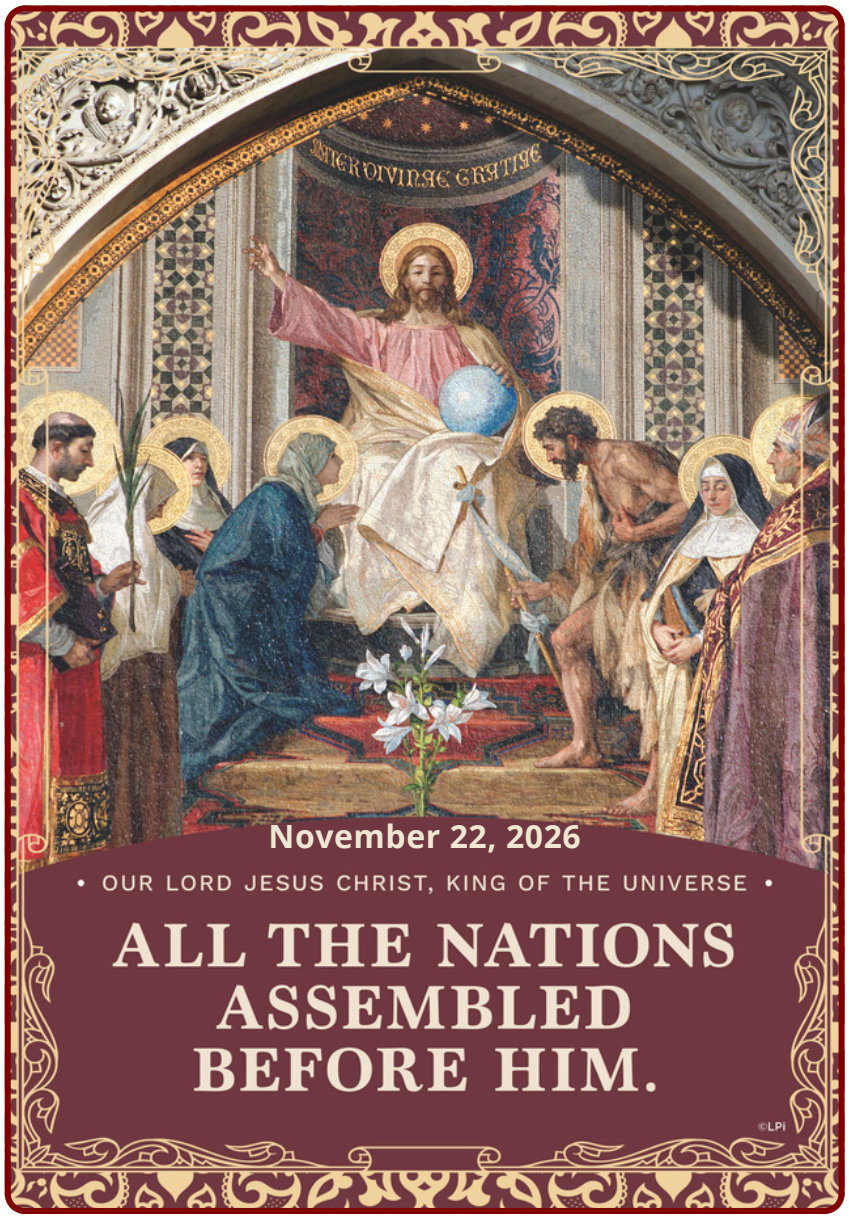
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Mass Schedule

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 com- munity 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.



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.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Happy Thanksgiving, dear parish family,
On this day of gratitude, I want to thank God for each of you. Serving as your pastor is one of the greatest blessings of my life, and I am deeply grateful for your faith, love, generosity, and the many ways you care for one another and our parish community.
Thank you for your prayers, your presence, your service, and the gifts you bring to our parish, not only on Sundays, but throughout the year. Your faithfulness makes our church family stronger and reflects the love of Christ in beautiful ways.
May your homes be filled with peace, joy, good food, and grateful hearts today. As we gather with family and friends, may we remember that every good gift comes from God, and may our thanksgiving continue beyond this day.
Please accept my heartfelt love and gratitude for all that you do.
Happy Thanksgiving to you and your loved ones. May God bless you abundantly.
With love and prayers,
Fr. Anthony Onoko, Pastor



Scripture Reflection

"The Lord is my shepherd."

On this solemnity, we sing those words to Christ our King. Through Ezekiel, God promises to seek the lost, bring back the straying, and bind up the injured. In the Gospel, that same Shepherd sits upon his throne and tells us where we can meet him today. "Whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me" (Mt 25:40).

If Christ is our King, he deserves first place in our lives. Does Sunday Mass have first claim on our Sunday? Do we ask what Christ wants before deciding how to spend our time and money? Would the people closest to us know why we put our hope in him?

St. Paul gives us a reason to speak about that hope. Christ is risen, and death itself is the last enemy he will destroy. Who in our lives needs to hear that good news? This week, visit someone who is alone, bring a meal to a family under strain, or invite someone new to Mass. And speak about the Lord who moves you to do it. Tell someone what Christ has done for you. Invite a friend or family member who has been away from the Church to come to Mass with you, and offer to sit with them.

When we pray "Thy kingdom come," let us ask Christ to reign in our own lives and give us the courage to help someone else come to know him.

Rev Michael Thomas

Book of Remembrance - The Book of Remembrance will be located on the Tabernacle side of the Church during November. You are encouraged to write the names of those who have died. As we see the Book of the Dead in the church, it is a visual reminder of our departed loved ones as we offer our prayers for the repose of their souls, as well as for those who have no one to pray for them. This is one way the Catholic tradition continues to maintain solidarity with those who have died. The Church is not just for the living, but includes those in Purgatory and Heaven.



Dear Parishioners,
During the seasons of Advent and Lent, we will be introducing a brief catechetical instruction across our three partner parishes to help deepen our understanding of the Catholic faith and enrich our spiritual preparation during these sacred seasons.
The catechesis will be presented by the lector of the day, beginning five minutes before each Holy Mass.
We encourage all parishioners to be present a little earlier and take advantage of this opportunity to grow in faith and deepen our knowledge of the teachings of the Church.
Thank you for your cooperation and participation.
May God bless us all as we continue to grow together in faith.

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.

PRAYER FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

Loving Father,
We commend to your care all our parishioners. Be close to all who are facing health challenges, especially heart disease, cancer and diabetes. Give them strength, comfort and hope. Guide their doctors, nurses and caregivers, and bless all who support them. Open doors of opportunity for those seeking employment. Grant them confidence and perseverance, and provide for their needs. Comfort all who are grieving the loss of loved ones. As we remember the faithful departed during this month of November, may the hope of the resurrection bring consolation and peace.
Be near to all who are struggling with mental health challenges. Surround them with understanding and compassionate support, and give them courage to seek the help they need.
Bless our parish communities. May your love unite and sustain everyone, and may all who are suffering find hope in your presence. Through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, we make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Fr. Anthony Onoko, Pastor 🙏



CHRISTMAS ITEMS FOR LITTLE PEOPLE



Little Things for Little People program is collecting socks, new or homemade baby/toddler blankets, and new toys for newborn to kindergarten age children for our annual Christmas Santa pass out in December. Items are being collected until **November 30th** and can be dropped off at the parish office.

ANGEL TREE

If you know of anyone who might benefit from this project, please use the forms in the pamphlet racks, and return it to the Parish Office. The name tags will be available on the first weekend of Advent. The deadline to return your form is Sunday, **November 22nd.** This is just one more way that we can share our blessings with the needy and lonely members of our community.



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Epiphany of Our Lord Parish will hold a breakfast with Santa in their Parish Hall. Adults $5 and Children eat free. Kids! Visit the Hot Chocolate Station, the Candy Bar and take a Bag of Goodies Home. For more information call 724-684-7661.

This Christmas...

*We will be holding the **Christmas Mass Pew** and **Parking Raffle** this year.*

Win an entire pew of your choice, reserved for you during the Christmas Mass of your choice; also included will be a reserved parking space. The tickets are $10

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO SELL THE RAFFLE TICKETS - CALL RACHEL 724-875-5767.

MMV Regional Formation News

Diocese of Greensburg - **COR** High School Overnight Retreat! Save the Dates!! We are excited to welcome Lauren Gothard and Damascus Worship as our retreat and worship leaders. Registration will open soon!

All **High School Youth** are invited to join us on Sundays for IMPACT - our Regional High School Youth Ministry program. Check out our weekly Bunch of Blessings on Facebook and Instagram as well. For more information, contact Adelle ataslebodnik@dioceseofgreensburg.org

Save the Dates for our Middle School PAX Summer Camp: CAMP ALTITUDE
July 26 - 30, 2027 "Blessed Are Those Who Hunger & Thirst for Righteousness"
Hosted at St. John the Baptist, Perryopolis + Registration will open soon.



Regional Sacrament Preparation - As a reminder, preparations for reception of the sacraments occurs over two years. Attendance at weekly formation is a requirement for those not enrolled in Catholic schools. Questions, please contact Adelle at aslebodnik@dioceseofgreensburg.org or 724-244-9434.



2027 Cash Calendar
Parish Fundraiser
Calendars can be purchased before and after Mass each weekend, as well as during the week at the Parish Office, while supplies last.
Many calendars have been sold.
They make great stocking stuffers!.
Grab your 2027 Cash Calendar today for just **$25!**
You'll have **365 chances to win!**



HOMEMADE SAUSAGE SALE

The KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will hold their Christmas Sausage Sale on Tuesday, **December 8.** All orders must be turned in by Sunday, **November 22.** Place your order now to make sure you get yours! The cost is $6.00/lb, payment must accompany the order form.
Please use this form to order your sausage today.

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Orders may be placed by filling out the above order form, placing it in an envelope marked "SAUSAGE SALE" with payment and depositing it into the collection basket. Please make checks payable to Knights of Columbus Monessen Council #954. You will be called when the order is ready and can be picked up in the Epiphany Church Hall on Tuesday, December 8. Thank you and God Bless!

D. L. A. Continues - Help us reach our Parish Goal which is $116,726. So far we have received **$93,590.55** 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 are in the pews for your convenience, or you may scan the QR code for this years DLA.

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Advent Regional Penance Services

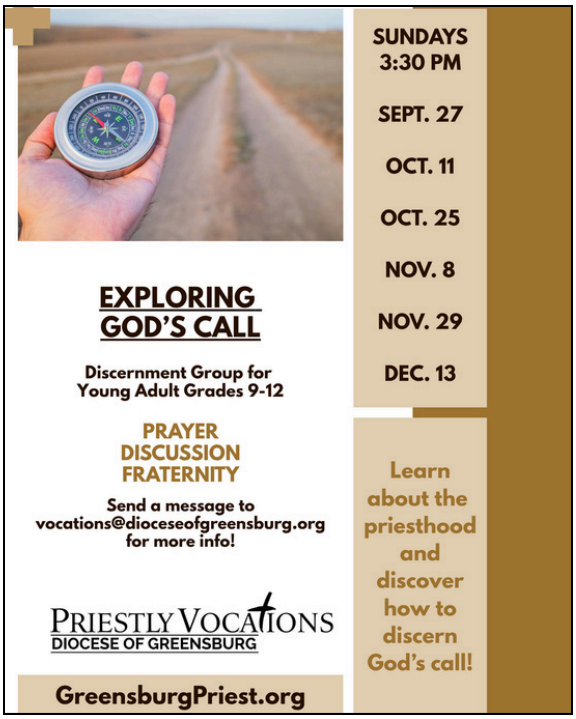


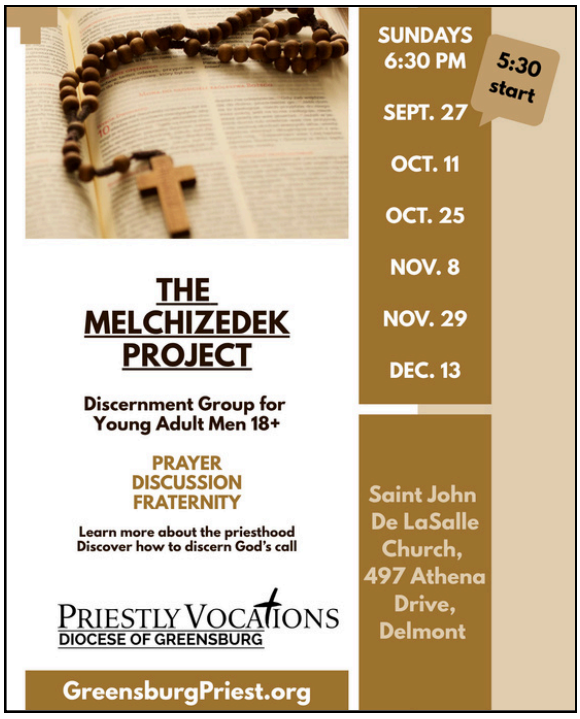
Advent is the time to prepare for the greatest gift God has given us, the forgiving love we find through His Son.

Our Region Penance Services, are:

Tuesday, Dec. 1 - Epiphany of Our Lord, Monessen
Wednesday, Dec. 9 - Seven Dolors, Yukon
Thursday, Dec. 10 - Church of St. Anne, Rostraver
Monday, Dec. 14 - St. Sebastian - Belle Vernon
Tuesday, Dec. 15 - St. Edward - Herminie
Wednesday, Dec. 16 - Holy Family, West Newton
Thursday, Dec. 17 - St. John the Baptist, Perryopolis

All Penance services are at 6:00 PM.





COOKIE WALK - The Epiphany Ladies, of Epiphany of Our Lord Church in Monessen, are holding a Cookie Walk on Saturday, **December 12,** from 11 AM until 3 PM in their Parish Hall. Fill a bag with your favorite cookies! $5 for a small bag and $10 for a large bag!

Vendor & Craft Show

The Church of St. Anne, Rosttraver, is sponsoring a Vendor & Craft Show on Saturday, **December 5th** from 10 am - 3 pm in their Social Hall. Lunch is available for purchase. Sponsored by their Confraternity of Christian Mothers.

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Due to the early transmission of this bulletin, the financial report for November 15, 2026 will be in a future bulletin.

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Sacrament of Baptism

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

Liturgies of the Week

November 21- Vigil
4:30 PM † Neal Belan - Marinelle & Tom Gigliotti

November 22 - Solemnity of Christ the King
9:00 AM † Linda Callaway - Lorry & Armond DelDuco
11:00 AM †(DB) Jack Koschalk - Bill Kubin

Monday, November 23 - Pope St. Clement I/St. Columban/Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro
8:00 AM Mass at Epiphany of Our Lord
Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday, November 24 - St. Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions
8:00 AM † James & Lidia Salvino - Daughter, Nancy & Family

Wednesday, November 25 - St. Catherine of Alexandria
9:00 AM Mass at St. John the Baptist
Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday, November 26 - Thanksgiving Day
10:00 AM † (DA) Fred Fundy - Homer & Barb Zucconi

Friday, November 27
8:00 AM † Deceased of the Turcheck Family - Son, Lou
Eucharistic Adoration

November 28 - Vigil
4:30 PM † Jacob & Merry Hewitt - Sissy & Dayna

November 29 - First Sunday of Advent
9:00 AM † Arthur & Nancy Trilli - Family
11:00 AM For All the People of Saint Sebastian Parish

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

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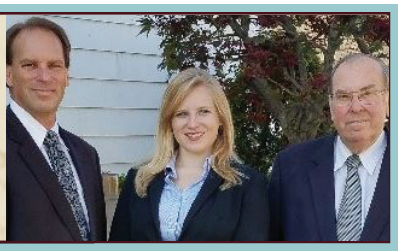
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