



St Sebastian Catholic Church



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801 Broad Avenue · Belle Vernon, PA 15012

APRIL 11, 2021



2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER

Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:30 PM	Tuesday, 8:00 AM
Sunday 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	Friday, 8:00 AM

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Religious Education/Formation

Please call the Faith Formation Office, 724-929-9300.

(RCIA) Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Anyone interested in becoming a Catholic, please call the Faith Formation Office.

Reconciliation

Confessions are on Tuesdays, at Epiphany, from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. You may also call at any time for an appointment for confession.

Rev. Michael J. Crookston Pastor
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Rev. Joel Boco Parochial Vicar
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**From the Pastor-
Resurrection Today**



Today we celebrate the octave of Easter which reminds us that for eight days now we have celebrated the great occasion of Jesus' resurrection. The readings throughout the Easter Season tend to have a familiar theme, so much so, that it almost appears repetitious, and they focus on a single moment that happened over 2000 years ago. One of the reasons for that, is to help us shift our understanding to see that Easter is not simply a onetime event. Easter is an ongoing revelation that happens within the church every day.

The full meaning of the resurrection does not stop with the empty tomb; rather the resurrection leads us to an entirely new way of living. One that shows us that peace, forgiveness, believing and love can and should be expressed within the community and fidelity to our Baptismal promises. We are shown a new way of life within the community which is predominately relational in nature. We hear from Acts today as to how we should live out our commitment to Christ through service and love to one another, in other words living a life of justice for all.

This new order of life through resurrection gives us an opportunity to overcome our own fears and doubts in life through the "peace" Jesus brings to our world. This peace leads us directly to God's love. In our second reading, John is telling us that God is love and wherever love is lived and shared we find God. For John, this love is found in our belief in Jesus. When we find this kind of love, it becomes the very essence of all of our choices in life. No matter what we do or think, no matter how we relate to one another, if we live in this love we become the presence of the risen Lord, to the people in our world. By living lives through basic human compassion, we are living the love that Jesus made real for us. It is in the caring and tending to the basic needs of the individuals in our community, that we live the resurrection of Jesus.

Along with the examples we find of the early Christian community by living in love with compassion and mercy, we also can see the reality of human doubt and failure. In the Gospel for this week, we find that Thomas is the one who doubts. In spite of all the things that he saw and experienced, he still had doubt. Jesus tells us that we are blessed because we believe and have never seen. We live our lives out of the love of Jesus trusting in that divine goodness. By sharing the gifts we have received, we show our belief in spite of our own doubts. There will always be times in life where we will want to know facts before we believe, but the reality that lies beneath our doubts is still rooted in the love that the resurrected Jesus brings to us.

This great season of resurrection, challenges each one of us to live as Jesus did. Through the example of Jesus, we too are to surrender ourselves to God's will, and in so doing, we will be surprised by the new life to which God will raise us. The resurrection took place 2000 years ago in a dark tomb, but the resurrection is still very much alive and active in every baptized man and woman who live the command of love and follows the law of Christ's peace.

MONTHLY OVERVIEW—Listed below is a breakdown of what our monthly expenses were, as opposed to the amount of money taken in. We will be providing this to you on a monthly basis.

March Expenses	Amount
Maintenance	\$ 2,690.00
Phone	\$ 298.85
Electric	\$ 734.40
Property Taxes	\$ 2,149.22
Other Utilities	\$ 167.71
Misc. Office	\$ 2,050.59
Church/Liturgy	\$ 353.25
Loan Payment	\$ 930.22
Payroll	\$ 23,612.07
Diocesan Expenses	\$ 14,679.70
(Breakdown)	
Accent	\$ 1,097.56
Ed. Assessment	\$ 7,017.74
Dio. Assessment	\$ 4,068.25
Insurance	\$ 2,451.15
Data Processing	\$ 45.00
Other	\$ 0.00
Total	\$ 47,666.01

Week	Collection
Feb. 28	\$ 15,033.00
Mar. 7	\$ 9,974.00
Mar. 14	\$ 9,665.60
Mar. 21	\$ 7,647.50
Mar. 28	\$ 9,842.75
Total	\$ 52,162.85



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Stewardship of Treasure—March 28, 2021

Regular Offertory:	\$ 5,316.75
Utilities & Maintenance:	\$ 1,375.00
Votives:	\$ 243.00
Cap. Project/Roof Fund:	\$ 147.00
Catholic Accent:	\$ 265.00
Sanctuary Flowers:	\$ 37.00
Lenten Folder:	\$ 1,833.00
Easter:	\$ 570.00
Good Friday:	\$ 191.00
Holy Thursday:	\$ 50.00
Ash Wednesday:	\$ 5.00
Church of Eastern Europe:	\$ 10.00

Total March 27/28 \$ 9,942.75

Stewardship of Treasure—April 4, 2021

Regular Offertory:	\$ 4,530.25
Utilities & Maintenance:	\$ 253.00
Votives:	\$ 161.00
Cap. Project/Roof Fund:	\$ 402.00
Catholic Accent:	\$ 175.00
Sanctuary Flowers:	\$ 25.00
Lenten Folder:	\$ 440.00
Easter:	\$ 7,141.00
Good Friday:	\$ 973.00
Holy Thursday:	\$ 995.00

Total Apr. 3/4 \$ 15,095.25

DLA

We are moving right along with the DLA for this year. Thus far, we have heard from 17% of our parish and have accumulated \$45,510. We still have a way to go to reach our goal for this year. Remember, that every penny given to DLA above our goal will stay 100% in our parish. We will need to have work done to our heating system in the Church. So, if you have not yet contributed, won't you please consider doing so?

**Attendance at Easter Services**

I want to thank all of our parishioners, as well as guests, who attended our services over the Triduum and Easter. I know that these are scary times and we are all trying to be extra careful. I am grateful to all of you who came to Church this Easter. Hopefully, it won't be too long until we get back to where we were before this Pandemic started. Our liturgies were made especially beautiful because of your presence. May the Risen Lord bring peace to all of you!

**Job Search**

Job Search information is available on Catholic Charities Facebook page. Finding a job is hard. Don't do it alone! Catholic Charities has information posted about a series of education opportunities for creating a resume, interviewing skills and more. For more information, visit the Facebook page of: "Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg."

**Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill Virtual Talk**

The Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill will present author/history professor, Catherine O'Donnell, on Saturday, April 17 at 7 p.m. This free virtual event is part of the Sister Mary Schmidt, SC, Lecture Series. O'Donnell's presentation is called "We Cannot Quarantine Compassion." O'Donnell is the author of, "Elizabeth Seton: American Saint" and a professor of history at Arizona State University. Drawing on a digital archive of COVID-19 that she and her colleagues created, O'Donnell will reflect on social justice teachings and discuss ways that Saint Elizabeth Seton's life offers a guide for useful and compassionate approaches, to help ourselves and others cope with the pandemic. Guests can register for the event on the Sisters of Charity website, <https://scsh.org>.

**Liturgies of the Week****April 10—Vigil**

4:30 pm Martina & Frank Caruso—Children
Sacrament of First Eucharist

April 11—Second Sunday of Easter

9:00 am For All the People of Saint Sebastian Parish
11:00 am (Date of Birth) Julia Paholski—Beth Ann & Tim Stiffy
Sacrament of First Eucharist

Monday, April 12

No Mass Today

Tuesday, April 13—Pope St. Martin I

8:00 am Charlesa Saksun—Daughter, Kim Marshall

Wednesday, April 14

No Mass Today

Thursday, April 15

No Mass Today

Friday, April 16

8:00 am Raymond Moody, Jr.—Wife, Judy, Children & Grandchildren

Saturday, April 17—Vigil

4:30 pm (Date of Birth) Connie Ceccarelli—Sister-N -Law, Judith Moody & Family
Sacrament of First Eucharist

April 18—Third Sunday of Easter

9:00 am (Date of Birth) Charlotte Katko—Cousin, Barb Moskovitz
11:00 am For All the People of Saint Sebastian Parish
Sacrament of First Eucharist

Liturgical Ministers: Lectors Lit. Coordinator

Saturday, Apr. 17	4:30 pm	S. Wawro	C. Farrier
Sunday, Apr. 18	9:00 am	M. Shaughnessy	B. Mallonee
	11:00 am	C. Rhodes	R. Hoffman

Sympathy and Prayers

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

Readings for the week of April 11, 2021

Sunday: Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-3

Monday: Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9 [cf. 11d]/Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a]/Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [7a]/Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20 [7a]/Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [cf. 4abc]/Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 [22]/Jn 6:16-21



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