

St Sebastian Catholic Church



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801 Broad Avenue · Belle Vernon, PA 15012

April 18, 2021

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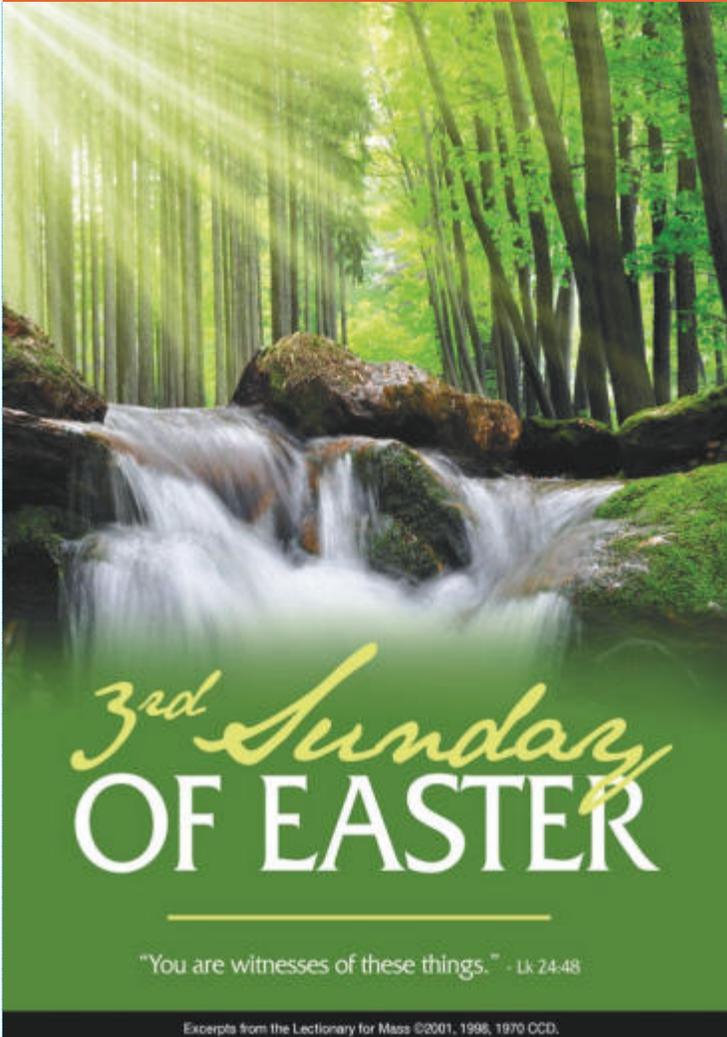
Please call the Faith Formation Office, 724-929-9300.

(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.



3rd Sunday
OF EASTER

"You are witnesses of these things." - Lk 24:48

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**From the Pastor
Peace Be With You!**



As the Church journeys through this season of Easter, we are reminded over and over again what the message of the Risen Lord is all about. The first words that Jesus speaks to his disciples are always: "Peace be with you." Throughout the years that Jesus taught, the very heart of his message was this greeting. When he sent his disciples out, he instructed them: "whatever house you enter greet them with Peace be with you." As followers of the Lord, we are to live by these very words. Simple as they may be, they carry with them a huge commitment.

Sometimes, we do not recognize or appreciate nearly enough, the little things in life that make the biggest differences. When we talk about being at peace, it is not necessarily the absence of conflict, rather, it is a feeling that we get in our hearts. It is this feeling of peace, that can make all of the difference in how we live our lives with one another. When we are not at peace with ourselves, we certainly are not at peace with the people around us. Jesus brings to us the opportunity to be a part of his peace and when we accept that peace, life takes on a completely different path.

The Gospel for this week gives us the encounter with the disciples on the road to Emmaus. There are basically three things that Jesus leaves with us from this experience. First of all, he greets his disciples with peace. He shares a meal with them and then he teaches them. This becomes the very essence of what we as followers are asked to do.

Some of the early disciples found it difficult to believe in the true meaning of the resurrection and thought that when Jesus appeared, he was only a ghost. St. Luke wants them to understand that Jesus is not a ghost, but truly risen from the dead. His risen body bears within it the marks of the five wounds. His eating with them shows that he has a bodily reality and is not just a spirit. After the resurrection, there is continuity with his earthly life.

This week, we all could look into our lives and determine just how we bring the Peace of the risen Christ to the people in our world. Peace in our hearts is the best gift God can share with us. Even when we are dealing with stress and the problems of life, if we have peace in our hearts we know we will be ok. Each of us has the power to help bring peace to others' hearts. Sharing a meal shows us the importance of helping the poor and providing for others with the joy of hospitality. To be a member of the Body of Christ calls us to become that "Christ" on the road to Emmaus. Through our hospitality and the peace we bring, we are helping others to understand what the message of Jesus is all about.

Altar Candle Ring Flowers



This week's Paschal Candle Ring Flowers are in loving memory of **Charlotte Katko** by Cousin, Barb Moskovitz. This week's Candle Ring Flowers are in loving memory of **Raymond Moody Jr.** by Wife, Judy, Children & Grandchildren.

Paschal Candle & Altar Candle Ring Flowers Availability



There are still dates available to purchase Paschal Candle Ring and/ or Altar Candle Ring Flowers in memory or in honor of a loved one . The following weekends are still available:

Paschal Candle Ring Flowers– April 24/25

Candle Ring Flowers– April 24/25, May 15/16 & May 22/23

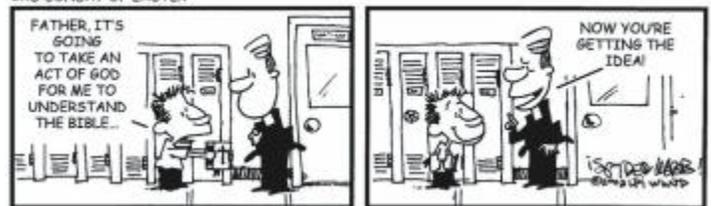
If interested, please contact Linda at the Parish Office. Flowers for the Paschal Candle Ring are \$100 and flowers for the Altar Candles are \$100 for the pair.

Stewardship of Treasure—April 11, 2021

Regular Offertory:	\$ 7,649.00
Utilities & Maintenance:	\$ 1,747.00
Votives:	\$ 260.00
Cap. Project/Roof Fund:	\$ 152.00
Catholic Accent:	\$ 525.00
Sanctuary Flowers:	\$ 15.00
Lenten Folder:	\$ 950.00
Easter:	\$ 2,760.55
Holy Thursday:	\$ 140.00
Good Friday:	\$ 155.00

Total April 10/11 \$ 14,353.55

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER



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First Holy Communion

Last week, **Audrianna Luncinski, Dahlia Rankin & Carlo Pietroboni** celebrated their First Holy Communion.

This is a special time in their lives, as well as, the life of our parish family. May the Grace of God continue to grow stronger in their hearts.. Congratulations!



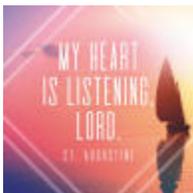
Baptism Congratulations

Valerie Rose Newman, daughter of Craig and Sarah (Beresh), was baptized in Christ last weekend. We welcome her into the Church and into our Parish Family. God bless Valerie and her family. Congratulations!



Easter Music “Thank You”

We have received a lot of positive feedback in response to the music on Easter Sunday. A big “Thank You” goes out to **Dean Dellamalva, Angie Berna Milliren, Lisa Zubritsky, Steven Spang & Lauren Spang** for providing the lovely music that we all enjoyed, as we celebrated Easter morning.



‘Be the Light’ 2021

Diocesan Lenten Appeal

Thank you to those who have already taken the opportunity to “Be the Light” for their faith community, by donating to the 2021 Diocesan Lenten Appeal. Even a small gift can make a big difference. Throughout the Easter season, we are reminded that Christ is the light in our lives. The 2021 Diocesan Lenten Appeal is an opportunity to “Be the Light” for those in need.

As a parish, we seem to be a little behind in reaching our goal. Thus far, we have heard from almost 19% of our parishioners and have collected \$48,765 in gifts and pledges. Our Diocesan goal is \$62,192, so we have a ways to go before we hit that target.

It was my hope that we would be able to do some much needed work on our boilers, for the Church heating system. I am asking that you consider being a part of DLA for this year. If you have not returned your pledge card, you may place it in the collection basket or make your gift online at www.DiocesefofGreensburg.org/BeTheLight.



Liturgies of the Week

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

Monday, April 19

No Mass Today

Tuesday, April 20

8:00 am Ann Mazurek—Brother & Sister-N-Law

Wednesday, April 21—st. Anselm

No Mass Today

Thursday, April 22

No Mass Today

Friday, April 23—St. George/St. Adalbert

8:00 am Nathan Campus—Children

Saturday, April 24—Vigil

4:30 pm (Date of Birth) Victor Worry—Children, Vic & Sharon & Families

Sacrament of First Eucharist

April 25—Fourth Sunday of Easter

9:00 am Andy Bury—Wife, Jeannette
Sacrament of First Eucharist

11:00 am (MM) R.J. Sokol— St. Sebastian Parish Staff
Sacrament of First Eucharist

Liturgical Ministers: Lectors Lit. Coordinator

Saturday, Apr. 24	8:30 pm	C. Gorski	S. Wawro
Sunday, Apr. 25	9:00 am	E. Bagay	B. Moskovitz
	11:00 am	T. Sebetich	C. Korber

Readings for the week of April 18, 2021

Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 [7a]/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 [1ab]/Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab [6a]/Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a [1]/Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 [1]/Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [12]/Jn 6:60-69

Next Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 [22]/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-1



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