



# St Sebastian Catholic Church



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## 12<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He woke up, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Quiet! Be still!"  
The wind ceased and there was great calm. Then he asked them,  
"Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?" - Mk 4:39-40

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### Mass Schedule

<b>Saturday</b> 4:30 PM	<b>Tuesday, 8:00 AM</b>
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	<b>Friday, 8:00 AM</b>

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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.

## From the Pastor We Have Nothing to Fear!

It has been said fear is the most widely experienced emotion. Everyone is afraid of something. From our Gospel this week we can



easily see the terror which the disciples experienced as they sat in a tiny boat while the sea ravaged to swallow them up. Most of us don't have the experience of being in the midst of a body of water during a fierce storm. We can certainly relate to the powerlessness and fear that it could bring. Ancient writings and stories often make reference to the power of the sea detailing the evil dangers that lurk within. It was widely believed through many cultures that the gods were the ones in control of the sea.

Job, our first reading, details how God created the great seas and set the boundaries which contained them. From this very short excerpt, we are left with the knowledge that the God of the Old Testament is in command over the world. The author of the book not only identifies the power and control of Yahweh, it also implies Yahweh's closeness and presence to the world. Only God can control the sea.

Mark picks right up on this notion and is clearly showing that by calming the sea, Jesus was God. Only "God" could do such a thing. Mark wants us to understand and believe in the protection of God in times of fear, distress, confusion or lack of trust. The disciples are privileged with this experience and they come to know who Jesus is, or at least they begin to put the pieces together.

The storm that we read about today is a metaphor for many things in life. Whether it refers to the church with the many difficulties it encounters, or our own personal lives as we try to live out our discipleship. In either case we see that Jesus is always in the midst of our confusion and fears; urging us forward. He is drawing them into a deeper faith and awareness of God's protection and love. We too easily forget this when faced with situations that bring fear and doubt into life. Just as Jesus responds to the fear and terror of the disciples; He also responds in kind to ours. We are able to see in a real way that it is the love and care of Jesus that will always be there with power and care.

It becomes our challenge to always rely and trust in the protective care that is always before us. We are never alone even in the midst of the turbulence in life. The storming sea in the gospel symbolizes the unruly forces of chaos in life. It reminds us that the calming presence of the Risen Lord will always be in our heart, calling us to trust. It is this love of Christ dwelling within us that becomes the model for our own human experiences. As St. Paul tells us, anyone who has died with Christ no longer lives to satisfy his or her own ego, only to be for others. If we are able to forego our own fears in life we will be free to live for others. We actually have become a new creation, one that lives under the protective veil of God's love and care. Jesus is that hidden, silent God who is always there to calm the storm and still the waters.

## CRS Spotlight

Until March of this year, if Nuer villagers from Panyok in South Sudan's Uror county wanted to travel to the nearest town, Pajut, they had to walk for hours on a narrow footpath through the bush, which left them vulnerable to bandits. Now, through a European Union-funded cash-for-work initiative, they have joined together with nearby Dinka communities to build a 10-mile road connecting Panyok to Pajut. The Panyok-Pajut road is part of the Building a Culture of Social Cohesion and Peace project funded by the European Union and implemented by Catholic Relief Services. For more information, visit [www.crs.org](http://www.crs.org).

## Stewardship of Treasure

June 13, 2021

Regular Offertory:	\$	8,063.00
Utilities & Maintenance:	\$	1,640.00
Votives:	\$	171.25
Cap. Project/Roof Fund:	\$	65.00
Catholic Accent:	\$	50.00
Sanctuary Flowers:	\$	115.00
Peter's Pence:	\$	35.00

**Total June 12/13**                      \$ 10,139.25

## St. Sebastian's Junque in July

We will be collecting Every Monday and Wednesday from 10-12 and 6-8 or by appointments, just follow the signs. This year we will not be accepting magazines, college books, encyclopedias, dictionaries, or clothing.



**We are in desperate need of volunteers** to collect, sort, price. Please contact Bonnie Halinka at 724-322-0355.

Our Event will be held **July 29, 30, 31**.

## Pastoral Council Meeting

On Monday at 6:30 in the parish office we will have a meeting for the Pastoral Council. If anyone has anything they would like to see discussed, please give me a call.

## Always God's Children plans Virtual Meetings

Always God's Children, St. Vincent Basilica Parish's ministry for LGBTQ Catholics and their families, hosts meetings in-person and virtually the second Thursday of every month from 7-8:30 p.m. Information: Kristina Davies, 724-539-8629, ext. 19, [Kristina.davies@stvincent.edu](mailto:Kristina.davies@stvincent.edu).

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Today we recognize and celebrate our Fathers. It is a time to be grateful to the men who have helped form our lives. The gift of a father is one that is beyond any treasure. For the many sacrifices that our dads have made let us all be grateful and give thanks. Spend some time showing your father how grateful you are to him for all that he has done for you. A very special prayer of gratitude to all of our Fathers, and here's wishing you all a Blessed Fathers Day!

## Clearances

As the Church slowly begins to start up our programs, I need to remind you that if you are a volunteer in anyway at the parish you need to obtain your clearances. One of the clearances that you will need is Virtus which is a Church requirement. This clearance may be obtained online or you can come to a session which will be held on **July 12** at 6:00 at Epiphany of Our Lord Parish Hall. Another certificate that we will offer is the Mandated Reporter which will be on **July 19** also at 6:00 pm at Epiphany of Our Lord Parish Hall. If you have any questions about any of the clearances you will need, please give us a call and we will help you.



## Cleaning the Kitchen!

It has often been said that the kitchen is the heart of our homes that is where people gather, good conversation is had and laughter is shared with everyone. When the kitchen is not in operation it sets everyone off, they miss that place of unity. Well...the kitchen in our "parish



home" is in dire need of help, and it certainly needs an overhaul! Since the school no longer cooks in the kitchen, things have been somewhat neglected. We need a good "spring cleaning," and with that I need your help.

On **July 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 10<sup>th</sup>** I am hoping to get a crew of people to come and help clean this important "heart of our parish." It is a couple weeks away so mark your calendars now. I do thank you for all that you do, but we need to keep up on things if we are to move forward.

## Previously Scheduled Masses

Some of you may have Masses scheduled on a day when Fr. Mike is not here, that is: **Mondays and Thursdays**. For those Masses to be fulfilled you have two options: We can have the Mass sent elsewhere, or you may opt to have the Mass retained in the parish and it will be said at a later date. Please contact the office and let us know what your preference is for the scheduled Mass.

## Altar Server

If anyone would like to become a server, please know that you are most welcome. If you would give us a call at the office and let us know, we can arrange a time for training. If you have any questions, just let us know.



## Liturgies of the Week

### June 19—Vigil

4:30 pm Intention of All Fathers

### June 20—Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Intention of All Fathers

11:00 am For All the People of Saint Sebastian Parish

### Monday, June 21—St. Aloysius Gonzaga

No Mass Today

### Tuesday, June 22—St. Paulinus of Nola/

Ss. John Fisher & Thomas More

8:00 am Willard & Josephine Pierce—Daughter

### Wednesday, June 23

No Mass Today

### Thursday, June 24—The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

No Mass Today

### Friday, June 25

8:00 am (Death Anniv) Joseph Uhlman—Wife, Terri

### Saturday, June 26—Vigil

4:30 pm Richard Wawro—Wife, Sandy

### June 27—Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Joseph W. Lopez—Mark & Andy Duda

11:00 am (Date of Birth) Hazel Costella—Pam, Patti, Tom & Families

### Liturgical Ministers: Lectors Lit. Coordinator

Saturday, June 26 4:30 pm S. Wawro S. Wawro

Sunday, June 27 9:00 am B. Moskovitz B. Mallonee

11:00 am T. Sebetich R. Hoffman

## Sympathy and Prayers

Please remember in your prayers those who have died: EDWARD D. PEARCE. We extend our sympathy to his family. May her rest in peace.

## Altar Candle Ring Flowers

This week's Candle Ring Flowers are in memory of **Jacob T. Hewitt** by his daughters, Dayna & Sissy.

### Readings for the week of June 20, 2021

**Sunday:** Jb 38:1, 8-11/ Ps 107:23-24, 25-26, 28-29, 30-31 [1b]/2 Cor 5:14-17/Mk 4:35-41

**Monday:** Gn 12:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20 and 22 [12]/Mt 7:1-5

**Tuesday:** Gn 13:2, 5-18/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5 [1b]/Mt 7:6, 12-14

**Wednesday:** Gn 15:1-12, 17-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Mt 7:15-20

**Thursday:** Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1-3, 13-14, 14-15 [14a]/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80

**Friday:** Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [4]/Mt 8:1-4

**Saturday:** Gn 18:1-15/Lk 1:46-47, 48-49, 50 and 53, 54-55 [cf. 54b]/Mt 8:5-17



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