

Church of St. Sebastian
August 29, 2010—Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary time

Scheduled Masses For This Week

Saturday, August 28, Vigil: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

5 pm Edward W. Lawlor, anniversary
-requested by his family

Sunday, August 29, 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9 am For the people
11 am For our service men and women serving in harm's way

Monday, August 30, Weekday

7 am Maurice Bissonnette
-requested by Ann Galligan

Tuesday, August 31, Weekday

7 am Paula Czaeault
-requested by Ann Galligan

Wednesday, September 1, Weekday

7 am Madeline Denning
-requested by Mary Ellen Fain

Thursday, September 2, Weekday

7 am For all students and their teachers

First Friday, September 3, Saint Gregory the Great, pope and doctor of the church

7 am For the intentions of Pope Benedict
5:30 pm First Friday Mass

Next Weekend Masses

Saturday, September 4, Vigil: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

5 pm For the people

Sunday, September 5, 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9 am For our nation's workers who contribute to the strength, prosperity and well-being of our country
11 am For the safety of travelers this holiday weekend

THE PASTOR'S CORNER

For all the gardeners out there, humus is a great organic additive to the soil. While there may be subtle differences between it and compost, it is organic matter that will no longer decompose. Humus' etymology is from the Latin: it means *ground*. Accordingly, if the coroner *exhumes* a body, it is removed *from the ground*. Our word humility comes from the same Latin root. No matter who we *think* we may be in the eyes of others, we can't (or shouldn't) forget from whence we came in the biblical tradition....we came from the ground (Gen. 2:7).

Sirach uses humility in his comments to his students in the Wisdom Tradition of the Hebrew Scriptures. Jesus uses the word twice in his comments given at the home of a Pharisee where he was being watched closely.

Chapter 7 of the Rule of Saint Benedict is entitled: Humility. Abbot Joseph instructed me that Chapter 7 is the most difficult chapter of all 73 chapters in the Rule for monks. It sounded pious when I first heard it. I hope I've gained more insight over the decades. What on earth (Get it!) does all this have in common?

If anyone gave life instructions, it was Jesus. His own Incarnation, his becoming man, was the ultimate act of humility, "he *humbled* himself, becoming obedient to death, even death of a cross" (Philippians 2:8). The gift of salvation came at a tremendous price; namely, Jesus' life, teaching, passion, crucifixion, and Resurrection. We acknowledge this supreme act of humility when we recite the Creed. The rubrics call for us to *bow slightly* as we say, "*By the power of the Holy Spirit he was born of the Virgin Mary, and became man.*" Humility: God became one of us for our salvation. **Awesome!**

So, perhaps we can recall all this we as begin to plant the fall mums in the earth. That's why all types of gardening are so good; it teaches us humility!

Have a good week!
Msgr. Darcy

WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

08/22/2010

# of Budgets Used	57
Checks and Budget Envelopes	\$2,286
Loose	\$ 329
Total Offertory	\$2,615

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FRST FRIDAY MASS AT 5:30 PM

A 5:30 PM Mass will be celebrated on monthly on the First Fridays in the chapel **beginning this Friday, September 3rd**. The RI members of the *Order of Malta* will be attending on a regular basis. The Order of Malta is a worldwide, lay, religious order of the Roman Catholic Church, which seeks to glorify God by promoting the sanctification of each member through his or her work with the sick and the poor and witness of the Catholic faith.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

TEACHER NEED AND START OF CLASSES!

The need for teachers for our Religious Education program is great. The needs are as follows: One teacher for each Grade 2, 3, and 4. There is also a need for a ninth grade teacher and a tenth grade teacher. If you or anyone you know is interested in joining this very fulfilling parish ministry please contact Ms. Marie Brito, Religious Education Coordinator at 401-272-6062 or at religiouseducation@stsebastianri.org. Please note this is a new email address.

Religious Education classes will be starting after Labor Day. Grades 1-5 meet on Mondays from 3:30pm to 5pm, Grades 6, 7, & 8 meet on Sunday mornings from 10am to-11am, and Grades 9 & 10 meet every other Sunday from 6:30pm to7:30pm. Further information will follow.

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING

The Parish Finance Council will meet on Thursday, September 9 in the rectory. Materials will be forwarded to you in advance for this Important meeting. The information will be shared with the parish soon after the meeting.

IN MEMORIAM

Please keep in your prayers our parishioner of many years, John (Jack) Walsh who was buried on Monday. Our prayers are offered to his wife and family. May he rest in peace

RECTORY UPDATE, REPAIRS, AND CHALLENGE

As mentioned in last week's bulletin, the bathroom leak within the wall of my office has been corrected. I was very lucky! Fr. Stowe's bathroom leak appears to be more challenging. It is ***somewhere*** in the wall between the kitchen and the pantry. We really won't know until the wall is *prudently* opened. Since it is so-called *gray water*, there is no option but to correct it.

Fr. Stowe has matched my \$100 for the repairs...wise man since it's his bathroom! The Maintenance Collection of September 4/5 will be used for this and for an upgraded, secure phone system. I ask you to consider meeting the clergy challenge of \$100. Without a doubt, there will be other opportunities to help in the future!! Thank you for any increased contribution you may provide at this time.

VOCATION MOMENTS WITH FR. STOWE

Humility is needed for those who choose to serve. Recognize your gifts and offer them in humble service. (Luke 14:1, 7-14). If you think God is calling you to be a priest, visit our website at www.catholicpriest.com or call Fr. Gregory Stowe at 331-1316.

PARISH BOOK CLUB MEETING

The Parish Book Club will meet in the last week of September (date to be announced) at ***7:30 pm***, in the Fr. Randall Meeting Room to discuss "Vanity Fair: A Novel Without a Hero" by W. M. Thackeray.

Please keep our fellow parishioners and friends in your thoughts and prayers:

CG, June Cunningham, Willy, Hugh Taylor, Jackie, Maureen Baker, Rose Conboy, Jeff Cavanaugh, Steve, and Connie.

INSTALLATION MASS

You are invited to view photos, videos and a slideshow from the Installation Mass and reception that followed on **our new parish website at www.stsebastianri.org**.