

Church of St. Sebastian
September 12, 2010—Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary time

Scheduled Masses For This Week

Saturday, September 11, Vigil: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5 pm For the victims of the 9/11/2001 terrorist attack

Sunday, September 12, 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9 am For the people

11 am Eugene and Etta Champagne Gallant

Monday, September 13, St. John Chrysostom, bishop and doctor of the church

7 am June Cunningham

Tuesday, September 14, The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

7 am Amelia Swanson

-requested by Pat and Sal Annarummo

Wednesday, September 15, Our Lady of Sorrows

7 am Special Intention

Thursday, September 16, St. Cornelius, pope and martyr

7 am For the intentions of Msgr. Darcy

Friday, September 17, Weekday

7 am For the intentions of Pope Benedict

Next Weekend Masses

Saturday, September 18, Vigil: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5 pm Mr. and Mrs. Albert Badeau

-requested by their daughter Belle Calenda

Sunday, September 19, 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9 am For the people

11 am Maurice (Moe) Bissonnette

-requested by Pat and Sal Annarummo

THE PASTOR'S CORNER

What is your favorite Gospel passage? I'm at a toss up between "The Road to Emmaus" (Lk. 24:13-35), the "Great Commission of Peter" (Jn. 21:15-19) and today's Gospel of the "Prodigal Son." Our life story that connects us with Sacred Text. I look forward to the opportunity to share our stories someday. I know some them will be exchanged in "Casa Blanca" (the porch in the rectory facing the Church)... and soon!

When we have prepared for those great moments in life (i.e. telling someone that we love them, proposing marriage, or telling our family of our desire to test a religious vocation), many of us 'rehearse' the conversation beforehand. Before the advent of cell phones, if we rehearsed the conversation in the car while at a red light, those in the car next to us would wonder what's going on!

The returning son in today's Gospel does the same thing. He rehearsed what he will say to Dad so as to be received back even if only as a hired hand.

First of all, we need to appreciate the word *prodigal*. Look it up in a dictionary or online; I think you will be very surprised! No; it does not mean repentant. Look it up, then reread the passage, but this time reflect on the meaning of prodigal as it pertains to the son AND to the father.

Secondly, let's put it into some context. When was the last time YOU rehearsed what you would say to the Father in the Sacrament of Penance? Just think about it... What will you say...and how long will it take before you get around to saying it? Again, look up the word *prodigal*, and appropriate it to the waiting Father. Those who are waiting for someone to call or to return home know exactly what I mean. Hummmm...*the Prodigal Father*. Come home, everyone; come home to the Father in the Sacrament of Penance. Makes sense to me.

Enjoy your homework!
Msgr. Darcy

*Let us pray for the repose of the souls of
Eugene and Etta Gallant
whose love for our parish was shown in a
bequest to St. Sebastian Church.
We remember them in gratitude and offer
Sunday's 11 am Mass for them this week.
May they rest in the peace of the Lord.*

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

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

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OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Please consider donating new school supplies for our annual drive to benefit San Miguel School and Sophia Academy. San Miguel has moved to a new, expanded location in the former St. Anne School building on Branch Avenue. Help welcome the students to their new school with a gift of backpacks, notebooks, pens, paper, dictionaries, markers and other supplies. Your donations can be left in the bin in the vestibule through the month of September. Your help is appreciated!

The next Outreach meeting is Sunday, September 19 at 10am in the church hall. New members are always welcome! Come join our friendly group of parishioners!

MAINTENANCE SUPPORT: MANY THANKS!

Sincere thanks for your collective assistance with the Maintenance Collection last weekend that totaled \$2,300! Your kind contributions will permit some necessary repairs to proceed.

PARISH BOOK CLUB

The Parish Book Club will meet at 7:30 pm on Wednesday, September 29th to discuss Vanity Fair by W. M. Thackeray. ***Please note the change of place.*** We will meet at the law offices of Denny Roberts at 349 Hope Street, corner of Hope and Olney, opposite Hope High School. Entry is off Olney St.

Prior to the discussion, plans will be made for the 2010-2011 season. Members, old and new, are asked to please come prepared to suggest new titles and to nominate subjects (historical, controversial figures) for the experiment with biography as mooted at the club's last meeting.

VOCATION MOMENTS WITH FR. STOWE

We are called to proclaim God's abundant love for all people. Become an instrument of that love. Our world needs you! (Luke 15:1-32). If you think God is calling you to be a priest, call Fr. Gregory Stowe at 331-1316 or visit our website at www.catholicpriest.com

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

TEACHER NEED AND START OF CLASSES!

The need for teachers for our Religious Education program is great. The needs are: One teacher each for Grades 2, 3, and 4. 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 religioneeducation@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 to 7:30pm. Further information will follow.

PARISH FINANCE REPORT

The Finance Council met to review the past fiscal year and a financial report of the parish will be presented within the next few weeks. Your continuing financial support of the parish is greatly appreciated.

I wish to thank those who have returned from summer destinations and have remembered our ongoing parish financial obligations that remain during the summer season.

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

WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

09/05/2010

# of Budgets Used	59	
Checks and Budget Envelopes		\$2,143
Loose		\$ 348
Total Offertory		\$2,621
Monthly Maintenance		\$2,374