

Church of St. Sebastian
September 5, 2010—Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary time

Scheduled Masses For This Week

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

Monday, September 6, Weekday

~~~*Labor Day* ~~~ *Holiday Schedule* ~~~

**9 am** John T. Kaveny

-requested by Pat and Sal Annarummo

**Tuesday, September 7, Weekday**

7 am William R. Ceppetelli

-requested by Ann Galligan

**Wednesday, September 8, the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

7 am For the priests and deacons of the diocese

**Thursday, September 9, St. Peter Claver, priest**

7 am For the intentions of Msgr. Darcy

**Friday, September 10, Weekday**

7 am For the intentions of Pope Benedict

**Next Weekend Masses**

**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

**WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT**

**08/29/2010**

|                             |         |
|-----------------------------|---------|
| # of Budgets Used           | 54      |
| Checks and Budget Envelopes | \$2,202 |
| Loose                       | \$ 225  |
| Total Offertory             | \$2,427 |

**THE PASTOR'S CORNER**

The unofficial end of summer has students returning to school, family schedules return to "normal" and parish life accelerates. The challenge of balancing family, school, Church, and community sports begins anew for so many. All the above comes at a price.

The Gospel today mentions all of us "counting the cost." It is not merely about finances, but the critical investment of time, resources, energy, and commitment. The so-called *Pyrrhic victory* of 287 B.C. predates the comments of Jesus. He presents three specific challenges in this short Gospel. They highlight gaining a momentary "victory" while paying the **ultimate loss**...the loss of Christian discipleship, and by extension, our loss of the Kingdom of God.

Our patron, St. Sebastian, who died in 288 A.D., was a Roman soldier of rank. When the Emperor Diocletian learned of Sebastian's conversion to Christianity, the Emperor ordered him bound and shot with arrows. Sebastian survived the first attempt on his life. He survived only to confront the Emperor again about his cruelty to Christians. This time, however, he ordered that Sebastian be clubbed to death, and his body thrown into a well. He was buried in the catacombs of Rome; but you'll hear about that in a few weeks. Sebastian paid the ultimate price for his faith...he didn't count the cost...he remained faithful to the end. He is ranked as a martyr of the Church alongside the likes of the Apostles Peter and Paul.

There are "silent martyrs" sitting near you today. Who are they? A dedicated spouse never thinks of their concern as anything but the fulfillment of their marital love; the parent who sacrifices in ways known but to God for the future well-being of their children; or an elderly parishioner who always finds the time to respond to the request of neighbor, friend, or parish priest. Silent martyrs who know well the One who sets us free.

Enjoy the holiday; savor the sunshine, and be good to others...and yourself!

Msgr. Darcy

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**RECTORY UPDATE, REPAIRS AND CHALLENGE**

We found the second leak from Fr. Stowe's bathroom with the first opening of the kitchen wall! A small mess, but great news! The second collection this weekend is earmarked to off-set these plumbing issues and for a secure telephone system in the rectory. I'm not talking about bells and whistles; just one to ensure private and confidential communication with the rectory. **The challenge is on to match the \$100 each from Fr. Stowe and me for the collection.** Whatever you can contribute is greatly appreciated.

**OUTREACH COMMITTEE UPDATE**

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 Outreach Committee tallied enough Eastside Marketplace receipts in June to receive almost \$1,000, to be used during the year for various charitable causes. Thank you!

**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!

**WWW.STSEBASTIANRI.ORG**

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](http://www.stsebastianri.org).**

**WELCOME TO OUR NEW PARISHIONERS**

The entire parish welcomes these individuals and families who have registered at St. Sebastian's. May you be at peace in your new spiritual home, and offer your own gifts and talents whenever possible. Welcome!!

*Chuck Iacono  
Patrick and Arianne Lynch  
Bridget Boucher*

**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](mailto: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 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.

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

**VOCATION MOMENTS WITH FR. STOWE**

You have one precious life to give. How do you choose to offer it to God? Be willing to accept the challenges of discipleship. (Luke 14:25-33). If you think God is calling you to be a priest, visit our website at [www.catholicpriest.com](http://www.catholicpriest.com) or call Fr. Gregory Stowe at 331-1316.