

Church of St. Sebastian
April 17, 2011—Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Scheduled Masses For This Week

Saturday, April 16, Vigil: Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

5:00 pm Dr. Daniel Calenda, 6th anniversary
-requested by his wife Belle Calenda

Sunday, April 17, Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

9:00 am For the People
11:00 am Peter D. Gallant, 7th anniversary

Monday, April 18, Monday of Holy Week

7:00 am Mass

Tuesday, April 19, Tuesday of Holy Week

7:00 am Mass

Wednesday, April 20, Wednesday of Holy Week

7:00 am Mass

Thursday, April 21, Holy Thursday

7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday, April 22, Good Friday of the Lord's Passion

3:00 pm Stations of the Cross
7:00 pm Good Friday Service

Next Weekend Masses

Saturday, April 23, Solemn Easter Vigil

8:00 pm For the People

Sunday, April 24, Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

9:00 am For the People
11:00 am For the People

PLEASE KEEP OUR FELLOW PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS:

Paula, Kevin, Kelly, Anna Washington, BAW, Mary Doherty, CG, J.P. Gallagher, Hugh Taylor, Jackie, Maureen Baker, Rose Conboy, Steve, Michael Simonette, Willy, and Connie.

Prayers for the sick will be continued for an entire month. Please call the rectory if additional prayers are requested.

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THE PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Parishioners, Visiting Family and Friends:

Welcome to St. Sebastian's for the celebration of Holy Week. I invite all of you to join us for this very special week in the Church. The schedule of celebrations is listed on the front cover of this bulletin.

Today, we celebrate the entrance of the Lord into Jerusalem. With our blessed palm branches, we welcome the Messiah as Lord.

As we begin the Sacred Three Days, there is no Morning Mass after Wednesday.

On **Holy Thursday at 7 PM**, the Church celebrates the institution of the priesthood and the Holy Eucharist. The pastor washes the feet of parishioners, a sign of humble service to his parishioners. The procession to the daily chapel is where the Holy Eucharist will be in repose until midnight. Come and spend some quiet time in prayer and adoration.

On **Good Friday**, the most solemn of all days in the Church, we remember the passion and death of the Lord. **Stations of the Cross at 3 PM**, and **Liturgy of the Passion, and the Veneration of the Cross at 7 PM** focus our attention on the cost of our redemption.

The Solemn Vigil of Easter will be celebrated on Holy Saturday Evening at 8 PM. The ceremony is rich with symbols: new fire, the blessing of the Easter candle, renewal of baptismal promises, and the reception of Confirmation for Michele Clarino.

Join us in prayer and celebration during this Holy Week. May you be renewed in faith as we commemorate the events that won our salvation in Christ.

A blessed Holy Week.
Msgr. Darcy



CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL

Thank you for your continued contributions to our Annual Catholic Charity Appeal. Last week you contributed an additional \$5,000, bringing us to \$54,000, towards our \$98,000 goal.

Because of your generosity to the annual Catholic Charity Appeal, over 1,000 individuals are served through the HIV/AIDS Ministry. Thank you for your support.

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THE CHRISM MASS- MONDAY AT 5 PM

Bishop Tobin will celebrate the Chrism Mass on Monday, April 18 at 5 PM in the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul. The Holy Oils are blessed for use throughout the year. Parishioners are cordially invited to participate in this very beautiful Mass at the Cathedral.

EASTER DUTY OBLIGATION

After they have reached their First Holy Communion, Catholics are bound by the obligation of receiving Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept should be fulfilled during the Easter Season. Catholics are also bound to confess serious (mortal) sins at least once a year, but this is not limited to the Lenten/Easter Season

LENTEN FASTING AND ABSTINENCE REGULATIONS

On Good Friday, Catholics of age 14 and older abstain from meat, and those age 18 to 59 fast, limiting themselves to one full meal and two smaller meals..

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Just as the disciples stayed with the Lord during his agony on the Mount of Olives before the betrayal by Judas, we will stay with the Lord at the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Holy Thursday evening until midnight. Please join our prayerful watch over our Lord. Sign up sheets are in the vestibule.. *"Could you not stay with Me one hour..."*

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

On Good Friday, our parish will take up the annual Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land. Your financial contribution helps to support the struggling Christian community and to protect Christianity's holiest places. Please be generous.

Create a memorial or honorary fund for your spouse or parent. Your gift can create an endowment for our parish in memory of or in honor of them and benefit those we serve for generations. Contact Msgr. Darcy for more information.

EASTER EGG HUNT

All children up to Grade 5 are invited to participate in our Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday. The event will take place on the church lawn following the 9 am Mass..

RICE BOWL AND CATHOLIC RELIEF COLLECTION TODAY

Our Lenten sacrifices for Operation Rice Bowl and Catholic Relief Services (CRS) to assist in disaster relief efforts in Japan will be taken up this weekend. Thank you for your concern for the poor and the needy.



EASTER FLOWERS

Donations for our Easter flowers may be made in memory of deceased loved ones and may be placed with the regular offertory collection. Envelopes are available on the table with the parish bulletins. Thank you.

PARISH BOOK CLUB

The Parish Book Club will meet next on Wednesday, April 27th at 7:30 pm in the Fr. Randall Meeting Room to discuss Sigrid Undset, THE WREATHE (the first novel in the trilogy KRISTIN LAVRAN'S DATTER).

OUR LADY'S CANDLE

Our Lady's Candle burns this week in loving memory of John Patrick Lynch, as requested by his family..

COMMUNITY OUTREACH COMMITTEE THIS WEEKEND

The Parish Community Outreach Committee will meet this Sunday, April 17th at 10 am in the church hall. Please feel free to join us.

WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

APRIL 9/10, 2011

# of Budget Envelopes Used	81
Contributions from Budgets and Checks	\$3,332
Loose Contributions	\$ 499
Total Offertory	\$3,831

In these uncertain economic times, we appreciate how loyal, faithful and generous so many continue to be in support of our Church and parish ministries.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

May 1, 2011	First Communion, 9:00 am
May 7, 2011	Confirmation, 5:00 pm

