

**Church of St. Sebastian**  
**April 5, Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**

**Scheduled Masses For This Week**

**Saturday, April 4, Holy Saturday**  
8:00 pm The Solemn Easter Vigil

**Sunday, April 5, Easter Sunday**  
9:00 am For All Parishioners  
11:00 am For All Parishioners

**Monday, March April 6, Monday within the Octave of Easter**  
7:00 am M. Rachel Sousa-Baxter

**Tuesday, April 7, Tuesday within the Octave of Easter**  
7:00 am Mass

**Wednesday, April 8, Wednesday within the Octave of Easter**  
7:00 am Mass

**Thursday, April 9, Thursday within the Octave of Easter**  
7:00 am Mass

**Friday, April 10, Friday within the Octave of Easter**  
7:00 am Mass

**Next Weekend's Masses**

**Saturday, April 11, Vigil: Second Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday**  
5:00 pm Mass

**Sunday, April 12, Second Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday**  
9:00 am Mass  
11:00 am Mass



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***THE PASTOR'S CORNER***

**“The Lord is risen...The Lord is truly risen, Alleluia!”** This greeting and response from the days of the Apostles fill the hearts of all Christians on this most festive of days. Here at St. Sebastian's, we welcome you in the name of the Risen One.

The two great symbols of the Easter Season, the Christ candle and Baptismal Water, remind us that darkness, sin, and death are broken, and that our new life is achieved through the saving waters of Baptism. Today we renew those promises that incorporated us into the Risen Christ.

Our celebration continues outside today with the annual Easter egg hunt, another early Christian sign for this most special day. The egg is seen by followers of Christianity as a symbol of resurrection: while being dormant, it contains new life sealed within it.

Why does the Easter date move every year? In the year 325 AD, the Roman Emperor Constantine got the early Christian leaders together at Nicaea to address matters of doctrine and dates of important Christian events such as Easter. They chose the first Sunday after the full moon following the vernal equinox; (as compared to Christmas day which they fixed as December 25th).

This most holy of seasons continues for 50 days! It concludes with the second most solemn day of the Church year, the Solemnity of Pentecost. We hear readings of the Apostles renewed in spirit. We witness a growth in new members in the parish, children and young adults receiving the Sacraments. We are blessed to see new faces and activities at St. Sebastian's.

On behalf of the entire staff of our parish, I wish to thank Mr. Cooper and the adult choir; Marcie and Kristen leading the children's choir; and all our liturgical ministers who assisted during these days.

To all our parishioners, their families, friends and visitors, a very blessed and happy Easter. If you're new to the area; come back soon!

He is Risen, Alleluia!  
~Msgr. Darcy



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**First Communion and Confirmation Dates**

***First Communion: Sunday, May 4th  
at the 9:00 am Mass***

***Confirmation: Wednesday, May 13th  
at 7:00 pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Church  
Most Reverend Thomas J. Tobin, D.D.***

*All parishioners are invited to these Masses and to the  
receptions following to celebrate and show our  
support.*



The **Parish Prayer Shawl Ministry** will meet this month on Tuesday, April 7th and Tuesday, April 21st at 7:00 pm in the Fr. Randall Room. These beautiful shawls surround others with the prayers of our parish. Can you help with this ministry here at the church or maybe even at home? If so, please contact Pat Capece (274-8632) or Elaine Kehoe (273-4259). Also, if you are aware of someone you feel would benefit from receiving a prayer shawl, please call the rectory.

The **Parish Book Club** will meet on Wednesday, April 15th at 7:00 pm in the Fr. Randall Meeting Room to discuss Labor Day by Joyce Maynard.

**Babysitting during the 9:00 am Mass** is growing...like the children! It would be very helpful to have a few more adults with this great service for the worshipping community. Please contact Karin Schrott at [kschrott@verizon.net](mailto:kschrott@verizon.net) or 401-465-7444 for more information. *BCI checks are mandatory for all adults working with minors.*

**CATHOLIC CHARITY FUND APPEAL HAS BEGUN**

Our parish phase for the 2015 CCFA has begun. **Thank you** to those who contributed either directly to the Stewardship Office (for which the parish is credited toward our goal) or during the in-pew solicitation. Envelopes are in the pews for our prayerful donation to assist our brothers and sisters in need. Please, give from the heart!

**EAST SIDE MARKETPLACE RECEIPTS**

Please remember to bring in your East Side Marketplace receipts that help fund our Outreach Program. You can deposit them in the shopping bags near the choir staircase.



**MONTHLY PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

Names of friends, family, and fellow parishioners for whom prayers are asked will be listed monthly. If you would like a person included in next month's Prayers for the Sick please call the rectory. **Jim P., John Haddad, Deborah Bessette, Carmella Cardillo and Henry Berenson.**

*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.*

**ALPINE PILGRIMAGE ADVENTURE**



Msgr. Darcy has prepared a customized journey for just 19 persons to Northern Italy and beautiful Southern Switzerland, September 22nd - September 29th for under \$4,000, (airfare included!) Visit the world famous *Duomo* (Cathedral in Milan), the Last Supper Fresco of da Vinci, a boat ride to the hotel in Bellagio on Lake Como, an exclusive wine tasting dinner, a fun alpine train ride through the southern Alps with a visit to the Cavaglia glacier, and an afternoon in chic St. Moritz. Call (751-0196) or email ([msgrdarcy@gmail.com](mailto:msgrdarcy@gmail.com)) for a brochure.

**THIS WEEK AT ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH**

<b>Sun.</b>	<b>4/5</b>	<b>NO Religious Ed.</b>	
<b>Mon.</b>	<b>4/6</b>	<b>Religious Ed., Grades 1-5</b>	<b>3:30 pm</b>
<b>Tues.</b>	<b>4/7</b>	<b>Prayer Shawl Ministry</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>