

Church of St. Sebastian
August 16, 2015 - Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scheduled Masses For This Week

Saturday, August 15, Vigil: 20th Sunday in Ord. Time
5:00 pm John and Margaret Mary Walsh

Sunday, August 16, Twentieth Sunday in Ord. Time
9:00 am Dr. Joseph Loferski, birthday remembrance
-requested by his wife and family

11:00 am Bertha Lauble, 3rd anniversary
-requested by her daughter Elaine Kehoe

Monday, August 17, Weekday
7:00 am Mass

Tuesday, August 18, Weekday
7:00 am Mass

Wednesday, August 19, Weekday
7:00 am Mass

Thursday, August 20, Weekday
7:00 am Robert T. Beyer

Friday, August 21, Saint Pius X, Pope
7:00 am Mass

Next Weekend's Masses

Saturday, August 22, Vigil: 21st Sunday in Ord. Time
11:00 am Mary Bogan Funeral
5:00 pm Mass

Sunday, August 23, Twenty-first Sunday in Ord. Time
9:00 am Mass
11:00 am For the Parishioners

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 this month's Prayers for the Sick please call the rectory. **John Haddad and Deborah Bessette.**

Let us pray for the repose of the soul of
Robert T. Beyer
whose love for our parish was shown in a
bequest to St. Sebastian Church.
We remember him in gratitude and offer
Thursday's 7:00 am Mass for him this week.
May he rest in the peace of the Lord.

Our Lady's Candle is lit as an 11th anniversary remembrance for Nina Marcone, requested by Belle Calenda.

You can reserve the Our Lady's Candle by calling the rectory. Your intentions can be in thanksgiving, in memoriam, or for your private intention.

MY DEAR PARISHIONERS,

The unknown artist of the Icon of ***Our Lady of Perpetual Help*** portrayed the anguish of Jesus as Jesus contemplated the vision of His future Passion which is represented by the instruments of His coming death. Archangel Gabriel holds the cross and Archangel Michael holds the spear. These elements show the reality of the suffering and Passion of Christ. At the same time the Picture gives evidence of the triumph of Christ over suffering and death. The artist depicts the triumph by painting the background of the Icon in gold. Gold is a sign of the Resurrection. Also the artist paints the angels holding the instruments of the Passion in a triumphant manner. The instruments no longer appear as threats of destruction, but rather TROPHIES of victory. These trophies were taken from Calvary on Easter Sunday morning.

It can be said that the main theme of the Icon of ***Our Lady of Perpetual Help*** is the mystery of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Christ. The focal point of the Icon is to be found in the clasping of the hands of the Mother and the Child. The right hand of the Mother welcomes the Son, thus stressing the humanity of Christ. The reality of the Incarnation can be seen in the gesture of the Child showing the sole of His foot and clinging to His Mother, seeking the comfort of Mary.

The hand of the Virgin Mary indicates at the same time the divinity of Jesus. Mary's hand gently guides us to her Son, our Redeemer, to Jesus who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. And Mary is our Perpetual Help, who intercedes for us with her Son, who sacrificed His life for us on the Cross of Calvary. The star on the forehead of Our Lady accentuates the role which Mary has in the plan of salvation: to be ***Mother of God*** and Mother of all humanity.

As we contemplate the Icon of ***Our Lady of Perpetual Help***, we can grasp the sense of the Mystery of Christ and deepen our relationship with Jesus under the guidance of the Mother of the Redeemer.

Our parish will the Novena prayers to ***Our Lady of Perpetual Help*** every Tuesday morning following the 7:00 am Mass.

Have a blessed week,
Monsignor Montecalvo

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URGENT NEWS CONCERNING THE ADULT CHOIR

The choir is in desperate need of new members. This year we will start rehearsals at a more convenient time for all. We will rehearse on Sunday mornings from 10 o'clock to 10:45 am, followed by singing at the 11 am Mass.

Unfortunately if we do not get a good response from church members we will be forced to resort to having cantors only at all three weekend Masses.

If you can help please see Bill Cooper after any Mass on weekends. Thank you.



CHURCH OF SAINT SEBASTIAN
100TH ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION

On **October 17th, 2015**, we will be celebrating the 100th anniversary of St. Sebastian Parish! The 5 pm Mass will be celebrated by the Most Reverend Salvatore Matano, Bishop of Rochester, and Rev. Robert Randall, homilist. A dinner dance will follow at Wannamoisett Country Club in Rumford.

Tickets are \$50 per person, reservations are now being accepted. Come join the celebration!

HOSPITAL VISITATION

Parishioners are encouraged to call the parish office if they or a family member would like a pastoral visit from Msgr. Montecalvo at the hospital, nursing home, or at home for those who are homebound. Hospitals no longer inform houses of worship of the admission of patients due to the laws protecting the right to privacy.

PARISH BOOK CLUB SUMMER READING

The Parish Book Club has adjourned for the summer months. Our summer reading is An American Tragedy by Theodore Dreiser which we will discuss at our meeting on September 16th at 7 pm in the Father Randall Room. Happy Summer!

CHILDREN'S CHOIR BEGINS SEPTEMBER 14TH

Mondays, 5:00 pm - 5:30 pm

All children 5 years or older are welcome and encouraged to participate! Please see the Saint Sebastian Children's Choir website for complete schedule and director contact information.

<http://stsebastianchildrenschoir.weebly.com/>

Thanks so much for your time.

Kristen and Marcie

BABYSITTING AT THE 9:00 AM MASS

This great service for parents and the parish continues throughout the summer. Please be welcome to attend Mass while having your child in a secure environment with approved caregivers. They gather on the stage area in the Church Hall. If anyone would like to give a helping hand, please call Karin Schrott at 401-465-7444. The small team welcomes help.

WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

August 9, 2015

# of Budget Envelopes Used This Week	61
Contributions-Budgets and Checks	\$ 2,729.00
Loose Contributions	\$ 305.00
Online Giving	\$ 684.00
Total Weekly Offertory	\$ 3,034.00
Monthly Maintenance	\$ 1,219.00

OUTREACH COMMITTEE PROJECTS

The Outreach Committee asks that we be mindful of the hungry throughout the coming summer season. Non-perishable foods are needed year round; so remember to bring a few items to Church each week and place them in the boxes near the choir loft stairs.

Also, please remember to continue to bring in your Eastside Marketplace grocery receipts and leave them in the marked box in the vestibule throughout the summer. The parish receives 1% of the total, which is then donated to worthy causes. Thank you.