

Church of St. Sebastian
August 18, 2013 — Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scheduled Masses For This Week

Saturday, August 17, Vigil: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm For the People

Sunday, August 18, Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Mass

11:00 am Bertha Lauble, 1st anniversary
-requested by her daughter Elaine Kehoe

Monday, August 19, Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Tuesday, August 20, Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church

7:00 am Mass

Wednesday, August 21, Pope Pius X, Pope

7:00 am Mass

Thursday, August 22, The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 am Mass

Friday, August 23, Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Next Weekend Masses

Saturday, August 24, Vigil: Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm Ray Testa, 22nd anniversary
-requested by his family

Sunday, August 25, Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Donald Conte, 1st anniversary
-requested by his family

11:00 am Edward. W. Lawlor, anniversary remembrance
-requested by his family

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

Carol Anne Theroux, Nicole Ruffine, Dick Beaupre, Beverly DiLello, Elizabeth Dugan, Deborah Bessette, Beatrice Calvo Crozier, James Shanni, John Edwards, James Mullaney, Vilma O'Connor, Mariella, Amy, Ursula Shea, and David Carlos White.

Please contact the rectory if you would like to add a person to our prayers.

'Remember Me Always'

Though I am afflicted and poor, yet the Lord things of me. Psalm 40:18

For several years after ordination, I taught high school religious classes two days each week. At the end of the school year a number of students in my first senior class gave me photos of themselves with a few words of appreciation on the back. Some of the notes ended with the letters RMA. Puzzled, I asked what that meant. A student explained with a smile: "Remember Me Always." I still do remember some of them.

When someone remembers us, it makes us feel appreciated, accepted and gives us a certain dignity. We can rejoice with the Hebrew psalmist who says the Lord is thinking of us even though we may feel "afflicted and poor."

I find it absolutely astounding that God is actually thinking of me. Even though I am just one, insignificant individual in a crowd of over six billion people in the world, God is thinking of me. That is so humbling and beautiful.

Dear God, with love and appreciation, I'm also thinking of you.

—Fr. James McKarns

PARISH NEWS

During Monsignor's sabbatical, in place of his weekly column, major announcements will be shared with the parish here. Mary Brennan, the parish secretary, prepares the weekly bulletin on Monday for transmission at Tuesday noon. She will consult with Fr. Paquette, the Parish Administrator about all upcoming activities. Please send information to Mary in a timely manner so she can share it with Fr. Joe.

Next weekend, our summer resident priest during the beginning of this period will be Fr. Luke Willenberg.

SABBATICAL UPDATES

You can follow Msgr. Darcy's sabbatical on his blog. Register at www.msgrdarcy.org to receive regular postings from Jerusalem and throughout Israel. A **Twitter** account has been set up. The address is @msgrdarcy.

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The Religious Education Program is looking for teachers for the 2013/2014 school year. Teachers are needed for the following grades:

- 3rd, 4th, & 5th grades, which meet on Monday afternoons from 3:30pm - 4:45pm
- 7th & 8th grades, which meet on Sunday mornings from 10am - 11am
- 10th grade, which meets on Sunday evenings from 6:30pm - 7:30pm

Anyone interested may contact Ms. Marie at msmarie06.stseb@gmail.com or after the 9am Mass on Sundays. Please pray and consider helping in this very important Ministry which will be greatly appreciated.

IF IT'S AUGUST THEN IT MUST BE TIME TO REGISTER FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION!

You can register students for Religious Education online. Go to the pull-down tag at the parish web site: www.stsebastianri.org Ms. Marie's new office will be located in the Church Hall.

SUMMER BABYSITTING AT THE 9:00 AM MASS

Volunteers will continue the *Baby Sitting Service* during the 9 AM Mass throughout the summer. It's a great service for parents and the parish. 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.

PARISH BOOK CLUB has adjourned for the summer months. Our summer reading is *Bring Up the Bodies* by Hilary Mantel. Enjoy your reading!

PARISH SUMMER SUPPORT REMINDER

With our busy summer schedules underway, a reminder that the expenses of the parish also continue during these summer months. We have made such wonderful progress with our finances. Please continue your weekly support, or take a moment to enroll in our convenient electronic giving program (www.ParishGiving.org) to assist your weekly charitable parish support. Be safe; and continue to enjoy the summer.



WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S—NEWPORT
Sunday, September 22, 2013. Registration @ 12:00 pm, Salve Regina University, O'Hare Academic Center. Walk @ 1:00 pm.

You can make a difference by participating in the Walk to End Alzheimer's. Take a 4 mile walk along scenic Bellevue Avenue, and return to music, pizza, kids' games, prizes and more. Sign up your team today at www.alz.org/ri and click on Walk to End Alzheimer's.

WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

August 11, 2013

# of Budget Envelopes Used This Week	56
Contributions-Budgets and Checks	\$2,573.00
Loose Contributions	\$ 401.00
Total Offertory	\$2,974.00
Monthly Maintenance	\$1,363.00

Please consider enrolling in *Parish Giving*, our electronic stewardship program for parish contributions. You can register online at www.Parishgiving.org or on our parish website at www.stsebastianri.org.