

**Church of St. Sebastian**  
**August 25, 2013 — Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Scheduled Masses For This Week**

**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 Carmen Cruz

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

**Monday, August 26, Weekday**

7:00 am Jason Penza, Birthday Remembrance  
-requested by his godmother

**Tuesday, August 27, Saint Monica**

7:00 am Wedding anniversary remembrance, Joseph and Sylvia Loferski  
-requested by their children

**Wednesday, August 28, Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

7:00 am Mass

**Thursday, August 29, The Passion of Saint John the Baptist**

7:00 am Mass

**Friday, August 30, Weekday**

7:00 am Mass.

**Next Weekend Masses**

**Saturday, August 31, Vigil: Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5:00 pm For the People

**Sunday, September 1, Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 am Mass

11:00 am Special Intention  
-requested by Joseph and Kathleen Moniz

**PUBLISHING PARISH NEWS**

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, Fr. Luke Willenberg, will celebrate all Masses.

**Loving More Inclusively**

*People will come from the east and the west and from the north and the south and will recline at table in the kingdom of God. Luke 13:29*

Isaiah rejects all clannishness. God's Kingdom will one day go far beyond the Chosen People, he says. In fact, people from all over the world will eventually be included. He adds that even the priesthood itself will extend beyond its current restrictions.

St. Paul encourages another kind of inclusivity: accepting the trials of daily living. And in the gospel Jesus reminds us that the gate to heaven is narrow. Our faith is not an "anything goes" kind of thing. It makes definite demands upon us—most notably, to be inclusive with our love. Jesus encourages us to accept the present opportunity to enter the gate, implying that opportunity will be restricted in the future. It is present in the here and now, in our current circumstances. At the end, Jesus' description of the table in the Kingdom of God reiterates the inclusivity of God's love.

*Inclusive God, stretch my loving beyond where it is today.*

—Sr. Melannie Svoboda, S.N.D.

**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.*

Our Lady's Candle is lit this week in memory of Edward W. Lawlor – requested by his family.

**REMINDER: PARISH OFFICE HOURS ARE: MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY, AND FRIDAY FROM 10:00 AM TO 2:00 PM; AND WEDNESDAY FROM 10:00 AM TO 4:00 PM.**

**To schedule Masses or to contact Mary Brennan, please call during these office hours only. Thank you.**

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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](mailto: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.

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

**SUMMER BABYSITTING AT THE 9:00 AM MASS**  
Volunteers 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.



**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](http://www.alz.org/ri) and click on Walk to End Alzheimer's.

**PARISH CHOIR**

Weekly rehearsals will begin on Thursday September 19th at 7:00 pm in the Father Randall Room. Please consider joining us in preparing for each Sunday's 11:00 am Mass and for this year's Christmas Program. For more information contact our Parish Music Director, Bill Cooper at 438-2465.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry**

The next meetings of our Prayer Shawl Ministry will be on Tuesday September 3, September 17th, October 1st and October 15th at 7:00 pm in the Fr. Randall Room. We're continuing to make prayer shawls and small Baptism Blankets. Call Pat Capece 274-8632 or Elaine Kehoe 273-4259 with ideas or questions. Please join us in this lovely way to spread joy to others.

**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](http://www.stsebastianri.org) Ms. Marie's new office is now located in the Church Hall.

**SABBATICAL UPDATES**

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

**WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT**

August 18, 2013

<b># of Budget Envelopes Used This Week</b>	<b>63</b>
<b>Contributions-Budgets and Checks</b>	<b>\$2,597.00</b>
<b>Loose Contributions</b>	<b>\$ 899.00</b>
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$3,496.00</b>
<b>Feast of the Assumption</b>	<b>\$ 490.00</b>

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