

Church of St. Sebastian
August 4, 2013 — Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scheduled Masses For This Week

Saturday, August 3, Vigil: Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm For the Parishioners

Sunday, August 4, Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Mavis Claire Young

-requested by Clark and Kay Phillip

11:00 am Special Intention

-requested by Joseph and Kathleen Moniz

Monday, August 5, Weekday

7:00 am Frank and Helen McCormick

Tuesday, August 6, The Transfiguration of the Lord

7:00 am Mass

Wednesday, August 7, Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Thursday, August 8, Saint Domenic, Priest

7:00 am Mass

Friday, August 9, Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Next Weekend Masses

Saturday, August 10, Vigil: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm Nina Mondillo and John Croce

-requested by their children

Sunday, August 11, Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am For the Parishioners

11:00 am Mass

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.

THE PASTOR'S CORNER

I had a wonderful meeting last Sunday with a trusted and wise priest I have known for 38 years. He celebrated 65 years of solemn profession as a Benedictine monk on July 11th. If I could only have an ounce of his holiness.... At any rate before departing, I asked the traditional monastic question of a novice to a spiritual master, "Give me a word that I may live." His response was so typical in the monastic tradition, "*Keep praying.*"

His wisdom reinforces the spiritual journey. Keep it simple. Even reflecting on what to bring on sabbatical is interesting in light of today's Gospel. I don't need to bring any treasures. The challenge is to keep it simple and to go with God. After all, whatever items I forget can be had in Israel! Packing is easy when the temperature projection is 90° for Jerusalem and a cool 95-100° for Tiberias. Sweaters won't be taking up room in my one suitcase! After all, I'm not expecting a photo shoot for a new magazine even if there was one called *Clergy Quarterly!*

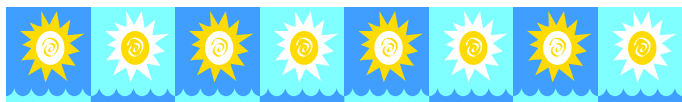
How much do we really need on our spiritual journey? It's a very timely question. The person in the Gospel wanted to tear down his barns and build larger ones for things. Here's my journey list: *celebrate the Sacraments (especially Penance and the Eucharist), read the Bible, say the rosary, study even one spiritual classic, and find a trusted spiritual director.* Do this, and we will live.

Fr. Luke Willenberg will arrive at the parish on Saturday, August 17 right from U.S. Army Officer Basic Training. Fr. Joe Paquette, the Administrator *pro tem* will begin here at the parish by celebrating the 5 PM Mass that evening.

The parish schedule will continue as usual. Mary Brennan, the parish secretary will be here for office hours, Ms. Marie will be recruiting some teachers for Religious Education (pray about maybe helping out with the young people), and plans will be underway for the Oktoberfest. Above all else, "*Keep praying*" for peace in the entire Middle East.

Peace, שלום, سلام

~Msgr. Darcy



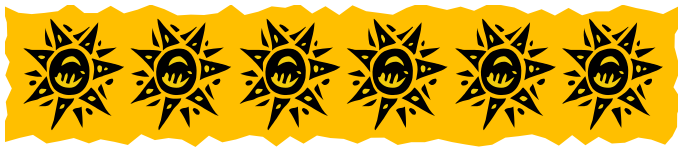
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WELCOME TO THE WORLD AND THE PARISH

Alexander James Avila, son of Allison and Adam Avila was baptized on July 26th. Adam and Alison have the distinction of being the first couple whose wedding I celebrated in 2011 in St. Sebastian's.

The parish also congratulates Jennifer and Kyle Moyles with the birth of their son **Luke Joseph**. Jen and Kyle recently moved to Florida. Jen taught Religious Education last year.

Congratulations and a long and happy family life to you.



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY: THIS WEEK

The Prayer Shawl ministry will continue to meet through the summer. They will meet this Tuesday, August 6th and on Tuesday August 20th. New members are always welcome at 7:00 pm in the Fr. Randall Room.

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.

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.

IT'S AUGUST... 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.

GREAT JOB AT THE COOKOUT

We had over 100 people at the parish cookout on July 27th... what a GREAT turnout! To all who helped with the set-up and preparation; you were great. A word of thanks to Dave Belanger, Bob Salmani, and Clark Phillip for cooking the hot dogs and hamburgers! I even had some beans and franks!

SABBATICAL UPDATES

You can follow Msgr. Darcy's sabbatical on the 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.

PARISH BOOK CLUB SUMMER READING

The Parish Book Club has adjourned for the summer months. Our summer reading is *Bring Up the Bodies* by Hilary Mantel. Enjoy your reading!

WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

July 28, 2013

# of Budget Envelopes Used This Week	71
Contributions-Budgets and Checks	\$3,273.00
Loose Contributions	\$ 719.00
Total Offertory	\$3,992.00

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.