

**Church of St. Sebastian**  
**March 22, 2015 - Fifth Sunday of Lent**

**Scheduled Masses For This Week**

**Saturday, March 21, Vigil: Fifth Sunday of Lent**

5:00 pm Joan Andrews, 7th anniversary  
-requested by Jonathan and Regina Andrews

**Sunday, March 22, Fifth Sunday of Lent**

9:00 am For our Parishioners.

11:00 am Mass

**Monday, March 23, Lenten Weekday**

7:00 am Francis H. Smith, month's mind  
-requested by Eileen Koshgarian

**Tuesday, March 24, Lenten Weekday**

7:00 am Mass

**Wednesday, March 25, the Annunciation of the Lord**

7:00 am Mass

**Thursday, March 26, Lenten Weekday**

7:00 am Mass

**Friday, March 27, Lenten Weekday**

7:00 am Mass

**Next Weekend Masses**

**Saturday, March 28, Vigil: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

5:00 pm Mary C. O'Brien, birthday and anniversary rem.  
-requested by Jane Churchill

**Sunday, March 29, Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

9:00 am James J. Shanni, 2nd anniversary  
-requested by Pam Cummings

11:00 am For our Parishioners

*Have you considered having Mass offered for a deceased or living family member? Call the office to reserve your intention. The offering is \$20.*

**DAYS OF FAST AND ABSTINENCE**

**Weekdays of Lent:**

There is no obligation to fast. However, voluntary acts of self-denial are recommended.

**Ash Wednesday and Good Friday**

These are days of **FAST and ABSTINENCE from meat**. There is a limit of one full meal on these days for all between the ages of 18-59 inclusive.

**Days of Abstinence (All Fridays in Lent)** All who have reached their 14<sup>th</sup> year are bound to abstain totally from meat.

***THE PASTOR'S CORNER***

If I had a son, his name definitely would be *Andrew*. He was the first called Apostle. While usually described as "Simon Peter's brother, Andrew," he brings people to Jesus. What a great ministry...one we should mimic. That encounter of Christ for all is life-changing. Today's Gospel from St. John uses the image of the seed that dies when placed in the earth, but produces much fruit rise with Jesus. Invite and bring someone to join us for Holy Week and Easter. It **will** change them!

This weekend we kick off have the in-pew solicitation for the 2015 Catholic Charity Fund Appeal. Our parish goal remains the same as last year: **\$79,822**. The success to our parish goal is recognizing we have a responsibility to assist the poor and the needy. A larger gift can be stretched out over ten months. *Instead of a one time \$100 gift, how about a \$20 gift for 10 months? (That's only a deli sandwich and a beer or breakfast for three!)* The **Bishop's Partners in "Charity"** continue our generous participation beginning at the \$1,000 level and higher. You can designate a gift through your United Way deductions. Some employers also have an match to charitable causes. My most urgent request is that every person or family does something for the Appeal. As you know, I only mention money twice a year: begging support for the Charity Appeal, and when I present the annual parish financial report. If I'm preaching the Gospel with enthusiasm and conviction, the rest has always fallen into place. Don't just give, make a deliberate commitment to the needy as I know you would respond to Christ Himself.

Whatever you can honestly donate after prayerful consideration, I thank you on behalf of those you will never meet. We have received as a gift, we offer to others as if to Christ Himself.

***And there's more Good News....IT'S SPRING!!***

- Enjoy life: God's gracious gift!

~Monsignor Darcy~

**THANK YOU TO MONAHAN'S & MCBRIDE'S PUB**

Thank you to Monahan's Funeral Home and McBride's Pub for their contribution toward the St. Patrick Day celebration. We appreciate your generosity to the parish throughout the year.

Our Lady's candle is a birthday remembrance for Helen V. Lawlor requested by her daughters Patricia and Regina.

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**CHILDREN'S CHOIR FOR EASTER**

For Children 5 years and up, Rehearsals are held Mondays from 5:00 to 5:30 pm in the church basement. Remaining March rehearsal dates are March 23 and 30. Questions: marisarozek@gmail.com

**ANNUAL LENTEN SANDWICH DRIVE IN MARCH:**

The Outreach Committee is seeking volunteers for our annual sandwich drive to benefit Emmanuel House. Each Sunday in March we ask parishioners to make 10 hearty sandwiches and bring them to church before the 11 am Mass. An Outreach member will deliver them to Emmanuel House in time for lunch. Feel free to add fruit, chips, cookies or other snacks to your donation. Sign-up sheets are in the vestibule with additional details. This is an excellent Lenten family project.

**+++ HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE +++**

Morning Mass Mon, Tues, Wed, at 7:00 am  
**Holy Thursday** - Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7 pm  
**Good Friday** - Stations of the Cross at 3 pm  
**Good Friday** - Liturgy of the Passion at 7 pm  
**Holy Saturday** - **THE GREAT VIGIL at 8 PM**  
**EASTER SUNDAY**- Masses at 9 and 11 am

**WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT**

**March 15, 2015**

# of Budget Envelopes Used This Week	95
Contributions-Budgets and Checks	\$ 3,581.00
Loose Contributions	\$ 563.00
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 4,144.00</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).

**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.**

**2015 LENTEN SCHEDULE**

**Daily Mass: Monday - Friday at 7:00 am**  
**Stations of the Cross - Mondays at 6:30 pm**  
**Confessions - Saturdays at 4:00 - 4:45 pm**  
**Rice Bowls are available in the vestibule.**

**EASTSIDE MARKETPLACE RECEIPTS**

As we approach the holy days, please remember to bring in your EastSide MarketPlace receipts that help fund our Outreach Program. You can deposit them in the shopping bags near the choir staircase

**ALPINE PILGRIMAGE ADVENTURE**



Msgr. Darcy has prepared a customized journey for just 19 persons to Northern Italy and beautiful Southern Switzerland, September 22nd - 29th. 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.

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

**THIS WEEK AT ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH**

Sun.	3/22	Outreach Committee Meeting	10:00 am
		No CCD Classes	-----
Mon.	3/23	No CCD Classes	-----
		Children's Choir Rehearsal	5:00 pm
		Stations of the Cross	6:30 pm
Thurs.	3/26	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm