

Church of St. Sebastian
February 14, 2016 - First Sunday of Lent

Scheduled Masses For This Week

Saturday, February 13, Vigil: 1st Sunday of Lent
5:00 pm Mass

Sunday, February 14, 1st Sunday of Lent
9:00 am Mass

11:00 am Marion Guerin, 1st anniversary
-requested by her family

Monday, February 15, Lenten Weekday
~~~*Holiday Schedule*~~~ *Presidents Day*~~~

**9:00 am** Intentions of parishioners  
5:30 pm Mass  
6:30 pm Stations of the Cross

**Tuesday, February 16, Lenten Weekday**

7:00 am Carlo Montecalvo  
7:25 am Novena Prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help  
5:30 pm Intentions of Celebrant

**Wednesday, February 17, Lenten Wednesday**

7:00 am Antonio Spillare  
5:30 pm Carlo Ragosta

**Thursday, February 18, Lenten Weekday**

7:00 am Rose Montecalvo  
5:30 pm Yolanda Spillare

**Friday, February 19, Lenten Weekday**

7:00 am For the sick of the parish  
5:30 pm Intentions of Celebrant  
6:30 pm Devotions and Litany of the Sacred Heart

**Next Weekend's Masses**

**Saturday, February 20, Vigil: 2nd Sunday of Lent**  
5:00 pm Mass

**Sunday, February 21, 2nd Sunday of Lent**

9:00 am Deborah Bessette - Month's Mind  
11:00 am Francis and Helen McCormick  
-requested by their family

**JESUS FORGIVES AND FORGETS**

It is not easy to entrust oneself to God's mercy, because it is an abyss beyond our comprehension. But we must! ... "Oh, I am a great sinner!" "All the better! Go to Jesus: He likes you to tell him these things!" He forgets, He has a very special capacity for forgetting. He forgets, He kisses you, He embraces you and He simply says to you: "Neither do I condemn you; go, and sin no more." (John 8:11) - (Pope Francis Homily on March 17, 2013.) Pray about it...and consider going to Confession:  
March 5th Cathedral of Sts. Peter and Paul (9 am - 3 pm)  
March 5th Our Lady of the Rosary (11 am to 2 pm)  
March 14th St. Sebastian (6:30 pm to 7:30 pm, during Stations of the Cross.

**My Dear Parishioners,**

During this 'Extraordinary Jubilee for Mercy' especially during this Lenten Season, there are a number of things we can do. But of the many things we are called to do, nothing is more important than to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Reconciliation (also known as confession or Penance) is a sacrament instituted by Jesus Christ in his love and mercy to offer sinners forgiveness for the offenses committed against God. At the same time, sinners reconcile with the Church, because it is also wounded by our sins. Every time we sin, we hurt ourselves, other people, and God. In Reconciliation, we acknowledge our sins before God and his Church. We express our sorrow in a meaningful way, receive the forgiveness of Christ and his Church, make reparation for what we have done, and resolve to do better in the future.

The forgiveness of sins involves four parts:

- 1) Contrition: a sincere sorrow for having offended God, and the most important act of the penitent. There can be no forgiveness of sin if we do not have sorrow and a firm resolve not to repeat our sin.
- 2) Confession: Confronting our sins in a profound way to God by speaking about them - aloud- to a priest.
- 3) Penance: An important part of our healing is the 'penance' the priest imposes in our reparation for our sins.
- 4) Absolution: the priest speaks the words by which "God, the Father of Mercies" reconciles a sinner to himself through the merits of the Cross.

Have a good week!

**Monsignor Montecalvo**

**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. ***Susan Elliott, Mary Shea, Maureen Kenner, Sandy C., Sylvia Loferski, Carl Robert Dahm, John Haddad, Bob, and Bob K.***

**ATTENTION ALL MOTHERS AND CAREGIVERS!**

Please save the date for a special Lenten Retreat right here at St. Sebastian's. Saturday, February 27th we will gather at the church from 8:30-12:00 with the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia and our own Monsignor Montecalvo to prepare ourselves spiritually for Lent. Keep an eye on the church bulletin for further details. To reserve your space now, sign up on the sheet posted in the church vestibule, or contact Grace at [dugan@dugancustomjewelers.com](mailto:dugan@dugancustomjewelers.com) or 401.277.1028

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### LENTEN SCHEDULE 2016

**Weekday Mass: Monday through Friday  
at 7:00 am and 5:30 pm**

**Stations of the Cross - Mondays at 6:30 pm**

**Confessions – Saturdays at 4:00 - 4:45 pm**

**Rice Bowls are available in the vestibule**

**Communal Penance Service - March 14,  
6:30 pm to 7:30 pm**

### 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.

### **WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT**

**February 7, 2016**

|                                             |                    |
|---------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| <b># of Budget Envelopes Used This Week</b> | <b>94</b>          |
| <b># Parish Giving Contributions</b>        | <b>12</b>          |
| <b>Contributions-Budgets and Checks</b>     | <b>\$ 4,358.00</b> |
| <b>Parish Giving</b>                        | <b>\$ 391.00</b>   |
| <b>Loose Contributions</b>                  | <b>\$ 370.00</b>   |
| <b>Total Offertory</b>                      | <b>\$ 5,119.00</b> |
| <b>Monthly Maintenance</b>                  | <b>\$ 1,472.00</b> |

**A sincere thank you for your support!**

**Please remember St. Sebastian Church in your Will and Estate. Also, 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).**

### ***THIS WEEK AT ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH***

| NO CCD THIS WEEK |      |                             |          |
|------------------|------|-----------------------------|----------|
| Sunday           | 2/14 | Adult Choir                 | 10:00 am |
| Monday           | 2/15 | Presidents Day Morning Mass | 9:00 am  |
|                  |      | Stations of the Cross       | 6:30 pm  |
| Tuesday          | 2/16 | Prayer Shawl Ministry       | 7:00 pm  |
| Wednes.          | 2/17 | Book Club                   | 7:00 pm  |

### **BECAUSE MONDAY IS PRESIDENTS DAY, THE MORNING MASS WILL BE AT 9:00 AM.**

At the Saint Martin de Porres Center in Providence, 9,620 elders and low-income families are served annually. Thank you for your gift to the **Catholic Charity Appeal**.

The next meeting of the **Parish Book Club** takes place Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the Fr. Randall Room to discuss **Main Street** by Sinclair Lewis. **New members are welcome!**

**Our hands and hearts are instruments through which God shows his love.** Help us wrap each of our lonely homebound or seriously ill relatives and friends with a shawl made by the volunteers of the PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY of our Parish. Blessed Prayer Shawls are available. A shawl and prayers offer special comfort to the sick. Everyone is invited to attend the next meeting of the **Prayer Shawl Ministry** to be held Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the Father Randall Room.

**Eastside Marketplace Receipts:** During the month of March, St. Sebastian's will receive 2% (it's usually 1%) of all receipts submitted to Eastside Marketplace. So please bring those receipts to Church this month and deposit them in the Collection Box in the vestibule. The Outreach Committee will submit them to Eastside Marketplace and the parish will receive double the amount for our Charitable Outreach!

### **SAVE THE DATE - SATURDAY, MARCH 12, 2016**

In honor of St. Patrick and St. Joseph, all parishioners are invited to our next parish social event to be held in the Church Hall on Saturday, March 12 at 6:00 pm. This is a family event so we will have the Babysitting Room in the Church Hall open that evening. More details to come, If you would like to help plan the event, please contact Karin Schrott at 465-7444 or [karinschrott@gmail.com](mailto:karinschrott@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. Fee free to add fruit, chips, cookies or other snacks to your donation. Sign-up Sheets are in the vestibule. This is an excellent Lenten family project.

After the 5:30 Mass on Fridays in Lent there will be a short **devotion to the Sacred Heart** in the side chapel. After a few minutes of silent prayer, we will recite the Litany of the Sacred Heart together. This devotion will be led by Celia Devine.