

Church of St. Sebastian
February 7, 2016 - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scheduled Masses For This Week

Saturday, February 6, Vigil: 5th Sunday in Ord. Time
 5:00 pm Mass

Sunday, February 7, 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 9:00 am Mass
 11:00 am Ursula Shea, anniversary
 -requested by her family
 12:30 pm Baptism - Emilia June Farrar

Monday, February 8, Weekday
 7:00 am Mass

Tuesday, February 9, Weekday
 7:00 am Mass
 7:25 am Novena Prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Wednesday, February 10, Ash Wednesday
 7:00 am Mass
 5:30 pm Mass

Thursday, February 11, Thursday after Ash Wednesday
 7:00 am Mass
 5:30 pm Mass

Friday, February 12, Friday after Ash Wednesday
 7:00 am Mass
 5:30 pm Mass

Next Weekend's Masses

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

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.*

THIS WEEK AT ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH

Sunday	2/7	Religious Ed. Grades 6-8	10:00 am
		Adult Choir	10:00 am
		Religious Ed. Grades 9-10	6:30 pm
Monday	2/8	Religious Ed. Grades 1-5	4:00 pm

My Dear Parishioners,

Let us listen to the words penned by Pope Francis for the Lenten Season.

“For all of us, then, the season of Lent in this Jubilee Year is a favorable time to overcome our existential alienation by listening to god’s word and by practicing the works of mercy. In the corporal works of mercy we touch the flesh of Christ in our brothers and sisters who to need to be fed, clothed, sheltered, visited; in the spiritual works of mercy - counsel, instruction, forgiveness, admonishment and prayer - we touch more directly our own sinfulness. The corporal and spiritual works of mercy must never be separated. By touching the flesh of the crucified Jesus in the suffering, winners can receive the gift of realization that they too are poor and in need. But taking this path, the “proud”, the “powerful” and the “Wealthy spoken of in the Magnificat can also be embraced and undeservedly loved by the crucified Lord who died and rose for them. This love alone is the answer to that yearning for infinite happiness and love that we think can satisfy with the idols of knowledge, power and riches. Yet the danger always remains that by a constant refusal to open the doors of their hearts to Christ who knocks on them in the poor, the proud, rich and powerful will end up condemning themselves and plunging in to the eternal abyss of solitude which is Hell. The pointed words of Abraham apply to them and to all of us: “They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them (Lk 16:29). Such attentive listening will best prepare us to purify his Betrothed in expectation of his coming.

Let us not waste this season of Lent, so favorable a time for conversion! WE ask this through the maternal intercession of the Virgin Mary, who, encountering the greatness of God’s mercy freely bestowed upon her, was the first to acknowledge her lowliness (cf. Lk 1:48) and to call herself the Lords' humble servant (cf. Lk 1:38)

From the Vatican, 4 October 2015

Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi

FRANCISCUS”

Have a good week!

Monsignor Montecalvo

Ash
 Wednesday 

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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 14th year are bound to abstain totally from meat.

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 or 401.277.1028



LENT 2016

LENTEN SCHEDULE

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

MASSES AT 7:00 AM AND 5:30 PM

Ashes to be distributed during Mass

**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
beginning this Sunday**

Communal Penance Service to be announced

Thank you for your generous donations to the Collection for the Church in Latin America. Your support helps ensure that people have adequate catechesis, marriage and family life programs, and strong religious and seminarian formation among other programs. Thank you for taking this opportunity to share your faith. To learn more about how your donations are making a difference, please visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.

COLD AND FLU SEASON

During the cold and flu season, we will verbally offer each other the Sign of Peace. Communion will be restricted to the Body of Christ. Pray for those who are sick during this winter season.

WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

January 31, 2016

# of Budget Envelopes Used This Week	78
Online Contributors	11
Contributions-Budgets and Checks	\$ 3,852.00
Online Giving	\$ 378.00
Loose Contributions	\$ 505.00
Total Offertory	\$ 4,735.00
Latin America	\$ 580.00

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.

Our Lady's Candle is lit this week as a birthday remembrance for Edward W. Lawlor, requested by his daughters Patricia and Regina.

Because of you and your generosity to the annual **Catholic Charity Appeal**, over 12,671 students and their families are served through the Catholic School Office. Thank you for your gift.

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