

Church of St. Sebastian
June 1, 2014 — Seventh Sunday of Easter

Scheduled Masses For This Week

Saturday, May 31, Vigil: Seventh Sunday of Easter

5:00 pm Mass

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9:00 am For the Parishioners

11:00 am Paul Giannini

-requested by his wife Ann

Monday, June 2, Easter Weekday

7:00 am Susan Bernard

-requested by Sylvia Loferski

Tuesday, June 3, Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs

7:00 am Robert P. Arrigan, anniversary Mass

-requested by Pat and Sal Annarummo

Wednesday, June 4, Easter Weekday

7:00 am Rev. Raymond M. Kelly, 65th anniversary of Ordination

-requested by his nieces and nephews

Thursday, June 5, Saint Boniface, Bishop and Martyr

7:00 am Mass

Friday, June 6, Easter Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Next Weekend Masses

Saturday, June 7 Vigil: Pentecost Sunday

5:00 pm For the Parishioners

Sunday, June , Pentecost Sunday

9:00 am Paul Giannini

-requested by his wife Ann

11:00 am Beatrice Calvo Crozier

-requested by Mary Cappelli

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. *Sue Hazard, Benita, Betty Mullaney, Chris, Michelle and Belle Calenda.*

THE PASTOR'S CORNER

"Those ole' glory days!" The words evoke the past, an accomplishment or achievement perhaps of a nation, a people, a religion, or of a person. Some friends attended a Mick Jagger concert last year in NJ. He's 70 and still singing and jumping around on stage to sellout crowds. The adulation of "sex, drugs, and rock n ' roll" of the 1960's continues to the present. For the fashion conscious, we even can purchase "Faded Glory" jeans.

In very mundane fashion, "the glory days" of our beloved Red Sox seem a distance past. Commentators are saying the glory of last October has faded with their ten game losing streak that broke on Monday in Atlanta. World Series glory this year...only God knows!

The past week had some major events. Pope Francis' historic visit to the peoples of Jordan, Palestine, and Israel was quite moving and reminiscent for me. The Pope celebrated Mass in the Cenacle, the Upper Room, a celebration that has not happened there for hundreds of years. Listening carefully to his words, he evoked within me a thought of the 'now' and the 'not yet' of our life-long faith journey. The Last Supper and Pentecost happened on that location (not in *that* room since it dates only to the Crusader era). The glory of the Father and the Son lovingly sent the Spirit of their love to the Apostles and Mary. That Spirit infused the early community (the Church) with divine *glory* from that Upper Room...and still does.

Today's lengthy reading from the Last Supper Discourse, John uses the word 'glory,' in various form, six times within these eleven verses. Our sharing in the glory of God begins with the gift of baptism. With that unrepeatable act, we are conjoined with the very nature of God...holiness. The promise of Jesus has been fulfilled already in us... but it's not yet complete. The journey that leads us to God merely has begun. Tragically for some, it already has become *faded glory*...it's now only a pious memory. But for others, the walk to glory gets stronger each day lived consciously in His Presence. They long for the "not yet" of the glory of the face of God.

Next week we celebrate the fullness of the Spirit, Pentecost. I pray the seven fold gifts are ablaze in our daily life. Celebrate the glory.... and perhaps wear RED next weekend, the color of the fire of God's abiding Spirit.

Enjoy the week,
Monsignor Darcy

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FOOD COLLECTION

Parishioners using the weekly collection envelope may have noticed the request for food that is now printed on the front. We bring the food items to Mary House at St. Patrick Parish, Smith Street. Please remember to bring even just one item to Mass to help feed the inner city poor. The collection box is near the stairs to the choir loft. Thank you for your kindness.

PARISH BOOK CLUB SUMMER READING

The Parish Book Club has adjourned for the summer months. Our summer reading is *Goldfinch* by Donna Tartt. Enjoy your reading!



PARISH GIVING: OUR ONLINE STEWARDSHIP

For those interested in online giving, an easy and efficient way to support the parish on a weekly basis, log onto www.parishgiving.org. It's quick, easy, and secure.



BABYSITTING AT THE 9:00 AM MASS

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. The small team welcomes help.

Prayer Shawl Ministry



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Parish Prayer Shawl Ministry meets this Tuesday evening at 7 pm in the Fr. Randall Room and will continue to meet on the first and third Tuesday of each month throughout the summer.

If you are aware of someone who would benefit from receiving a prayer shawl, please call the rectory.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE PROJECTS

The Outreach Committee asks that we be mindful of the hungry throughout the coming summer season. Non-perishable foods are needed year round; so remember to bring a few items to Church each week and place them in the boxes near the choir loft stairs.

Also, please remember to continue to bring in your Eastside Marketplace grocery receipts and leave them in the marked box in the vestibule throughout the summer. The parish receives 1% of the total, which is then donated to worthy causes. Thank you.

WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

May 25, 2014

# of Budget Envelopes Used This Week	70
Contributions-Budgets and Checks	\$3,412.00
Loose Contributions	\$ 365.00
Total Offertory	\$3,774.00
Haitian Project - Our Schools	\$1,129.00

Our Lady's Candle burns this week for the intentions of Lucy Engler, requested by Sylvia and Barbara Loferski.

You can reserve the Our Lady's Candle by calling the rectory. Your intentions can be in thanksgiving, in memoriam, or for your private intention.