

Church of St. Sebastian
March 17, 2013 — Fifth Sunday of Lent

Scheduled Masses For This Week

Saturday, March 16, Vigil: Fifth Sunday of Lent

5:00 pm Anne M. Daniels, 7th anniversary
-requested by her husband Ralph

Sunday, March 17, Fifth Sunday of Lent

9:00 am Julian Zekan, 1st anniversary
-requested by his niece

11:00 am Denise Walker, month's mind
-requested by Joseph and Kathleen Moniz

Monday, March 18, Lenten Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Tuesday, March 19, Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 am Mass

Wednesday, March 20, Lenten Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Thursday, March 21, Lenten Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Friday, March 22, Lenten Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Next Weekend Masses

Saturday, March 23, Vigil: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

5:00 pm For the People

Sunday, March 24, Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

9:00 am Elizabeth Sullivan Terry, 20th anniversary
-requested by her family

11:00 am Joan Andrews, 5th anniversary
-requested by Jonathon and Regina Andrews



Please keep our fellow parishioners and friends in your thoughts and prayers:

Nicole Ruffine, Anastasia Beaupre, Beverly DiLello, Kathy McCaughey, Deborah Bessette, Beatrice Calvo Crozier, James Shanni, Vilma O'Connor, Mariella, and Amy.

Please contact the rectory if you would like to add a person to our prayers.

The Pastor's Corner

This is a momentous week! The Church has (or will) receive a new Pope, Saint Patrick and Saint Joseph are lovingly remembered by the faithful, and Spring begins this week. The ranking is purposeful, after at all, first things first! The interest and energy that the Papal Election has generated is remarkable. Even with the major concerns yet to be faced by a Church that is being purified, people are so interested with the protocol and history of the election. Whoever the Cardinals elect, may the Holy Spirit be his comfort, guide, and strength.

The embarrassment presented in today's Gospel is shocking even by today's mores. Caught in the very act of adultery (*I've always been annoyed that the man somehow escaped such public humiliation*) is still a serious violation of God's Law. Its commission is an assault on the marital bond. The great apologist, St. Augustine, opined that as Jesus bent down to write on the ground, he was naming the sins of the *accusers*. His response to scribes and Pharisees was an unexpected challenge... "*Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.*" I need not belabor the obvious; I think we all get the point. Thank God that His mercy can heal even the deepest personal sins.

Next weekend is Palm Sunday. It begins the holiest week of the Church year. We, the Church, are invited to celebrate and ponder the events that won our salvation in Christ. There is the majesty of Palm Sunday with the blessing of palms and the reading of the Passion; the institution of the Eucharist and ministry of priestly service symbolized by the washing of feet on Holy Thursday; the Stations of the Cross and Sacred Passion of the Lord on Good Friday; and the glorious Easter Vigil that will include the reception of five people into the Church. The liturgies during the Sacred Triduum (Three Days) will be at 7:00 pm. More news about Holy Week next Sunday.

If you wish to remember your family members with an offering for our Easter Flowers, special envelopes are on the tables in the vestibule. The envelopes will be incorporated into the floral offerings during the Easter Season. May they rest in the peace of the Risen Christ.

And of course, as we celebrate this historic week:

May the road rise to meet you. May the wind be always at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face, the rains fall soft upon your fields. And until we meet again, May God hold you in the palm of his hand.

~Msgr. Darcy
(From one of the founding clans of Galway!)

COLD AND FLU PRECAUTIONS

Until the cold and flu season subsides, **please refrain from shaking hands at the Rite of Peace.** If you are sick, you are dispensed from the Sunday Mass obligation.

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2013 CATHOLIC CHARITY FUND APPEAL (CCFA)

The parish phase of the CCFA has begun. Our parish goal is \$82K to help support the charitable ministries provided free of charge through Catholic Charities. Our total to date from the in-pew solicitation last week, our Partners in Charity, and other major gifts (e.g. through the United Way Philanthropies) is over \$30K! To those who have donated, my sincere thanks. To the many still out there who can, consider a sacrificial pledge (over ten months) or a one-time gift. Our hope is that every registered family unit or individual participate in the effort. *Let's look at it in a different way: a latte and pastry one day a week, or a good loaf of bread is approximately \$230 over ten months!*

THIS WEEK AT ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH

Sun.	3/17	NO Religious Ed.	
		Community Outreach	10:00 am
Mon.	3/18	NO Religious Ed.	
		Stations of the Cross	6:30 pm
Tues.	3/19	Prayer Shawl Ministry	7:00 pm
Thurs.	3/14	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Parish Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet this month this Tuesday, Tuesday, March 19th at 7:00 pm in the Fr. Randall Room. These beautiful shawls surround others with the prayers of our parish. Can you help with this ministry here at the church or maybe even at home? If so, please contact Pat Capece (274-8632) or Elaine Kehoe (273-4259). If you are aware of someone you feel would benefit from receiving a prayer shawl, please call the rectory.

WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

March 10, 2013

# of Budget Envelopes Used This Week	86
Contributions-Budgets and Checks	\$4,219
Loose Contributions	\$ 448
Total Offertory	\$4,667

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.



THE YEAR OF FAITH

SAVE THE DATE: SUNDAY, APRIL 21ST

An adult faith presentation on the "Grace Perfecting Nature: Reflections on the Sacraments and the Natural Law" will be offered on Sunday, April 21st at 6:30 pm. Mr. Nicholas DiOrio, (M.A. Fordham University, 2012) will be our guest presenter.



2013 WINE TASTING

SAVE SATURDAY, MAY 11 for a great community event! Plans are underway way for our wine tasting. MORE NEWS about the event next week. Plan on it!

BLOOD DRIVE AND BONE MARROW REGISTRATION

Gabe Ibarra, 15, is a freshman at Bishop Hendricken and is in need of a bone marrow transplant. A blood drive and marrow registration drive will be held at the Cathedral of SS Peter and Paul hall on Saturday March 23rd from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. Sponsored by Our Lady of Fatima Council 4331, Knights of Columbus.

Our Lady's Candle burns this week as a birthday remembrance for Helen V. Lawlor, as requested by her family.

LENTEN SCHEDULE

Daily Mass: Monday—Friday at 7:00 AM
Stations of the Cross: Mondays at 6:30 PM
Confessions: Saturdays at 4-4:45 PM

DAYS OF FAST AND ABSTINENCE

Weekdays of Lent:

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

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

LITURGICAL SIGN UPS FOR HOLY WEEK

Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers can sign up for the liturgies of Holy Week on the bulletin board outside the sacristy side door. Thank you for your service to the parish. Please cover all the Masses.