

Church of St. Sebastian
March 24, 2013 — Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Scheduled Masses For This Week

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

Monday, March 25, Monday of Holy Week

7:00 am Vincent F. Annarummo, 2nd anniversary
-requested by Sal and Pat Annarummo

Tuesday, March 26, Tuesday of Holy Week

7:00 am Mass

Wednesday, March 27, Wednesday of Holy Week

7:00 am Mass

Thursday, March 28, Holy Thursday

7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday, March 29, Good Friday of the Lord's Passion

3:00 pm Stations of the Cross

7:00 pm Liturgy of the Passion

Next Weekend Masses

Saturday, March 30, Solemn Easter Vigil

7:00 pm For All Parishioners

Sunday, March 31, Easter Sunday

9:00 am For All Parishioners

11:00 am For All Parishioners



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The Pastor's Corner

We begin the great events of Holy Week. Philippians 2:6-11, that we hear today, is one of the very first hymns of the early Church. St. Paul wrote of the great *kenosis* of Christ (Greek for "emptiness"). Christ emptied Himself, that is, He did not cling to glory but became man. He "suffered death" is what we proclaim every Sunday in the Creed. We read today the Passion according to St. Luke. The Passion according to St. John is always read on Good Friday. Read one of the Passion accounts during the week to help focus your Spirit during these holy days. We are invited into the mystery of God's love. The Lord wants to fill us with grace, but we, too, must first be "emptied" so as to make a place for Him.

We welcome to Saint Sebastian's all those visiting family and friends on this Palm Sunday. Today is a day for many families to seek reconciliation by sharing palm branches with those they may have offended. Some bring palm branches to the cemetery. Whatever family tradition you celebrate, keep in mind the call we have been given to live our Catholic faith daily; not just at this holy season.

Our parish schedule is provided here in the bulletin. I encourage all of you to invite your families, friends, and associates to join us for these most holy days. Everything comes to a climax at the **Great Vigil next Saturday at 7:00 PM**. During this celebration of the Resurrection, the parish receives five baptized adults into Full Communion: **Ken Amylon, Michelle Barrett, David Groce, Peter Harmatuck, and Heidi Ravina**. They will profess the Catholic Faith, and receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and the Holy Eucharist. We give a very special welcome to their parents, family, and friends who will join us at the Easter Vigil.

Weather permitting; the **Easter Egg Hunt** on the south lawn (the area on the right when you look at the Church) will take place after the 9 AM Easter Sunday. Mass I'm sure there will be plenty of Easter bonnets and new suits on that glorious day. A blessed Holy Week to all.

~Monsignor Darcy

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.

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EASTER DUTY OBLIGATION

After they have reached their First Holy Communion, Catholics are bound by the obligation of receiving Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept should be fulfilled during the Easter Season. Catholics are also bound to confess serious (mortal) sins at least once a year, but this is not limited to the Lenten/Easter Season

LENTEN FASTING AND ABSTINENCE REGULATIONS

On Good Friday, Catholics of age 14 and older abstain from meat, and those age 18 to 59 fast, limiting themselves to one full meal and two smaller meals.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Just as the disciples stayed with the Lord during his agony on the Mount of Olives before the betrayal by Judas, we will stay with the Lord at the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Holy Thursday evening until 11:00 pm. Please join our prayerful watch over our Lord. Sign up sheets are in the vestibule.. *“Could you not stay with Me one hour...”*

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

On Good Friday, our parish will take up the annual Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land. Your financial contribution helps to support the struggling Christian community and to protect Christianity’s holiest places. Please be generous.

EASTER FLOWERS

Donations for our Easter flowers may be made in memory of deceased loved ones and may be placed with the regular offertory collection. Envelopes are available in the vestibule. Thank you.

PARISH BOOK CLUB

The Parish Book Club will meet next on Wednesday, April 17th at 7:30 pm in the Fr. Randall Meeting Room to discuss Alice McDermott’s After This, and on May 15th to discuss Edward St. Aubyn’s At Last.

WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT: MARCH 17, 2013

# of Budget Envelopes Used	76
Contributions from Budgets and Checks	\$4,201
Loose Contributions	\$ 493
Total Offertory	\$4,694

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.

Create a memorial or honorary fund for your spouse or parent. Your gift can create an endowment for our parish in memory of or in honor of them and benefit those we serve for generations. Contact Msgr. Darcy for more information.



THE YEAR OF FAITH

SAVE THE DATE: APRIL 21

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 11TH FROM 6 - 8 PM for a great community event! Be sure to return the registration form in today’s bulletin to ensure a place at what has proven to be a very enjoyable and popular evening. Also, if you wish to be a Corporate Sponsor to help defray the costs of the event, or if you have any restaurant gift certificates you do not plan to use which we will raffle off, please call or email Monsignor at msgrdarcy@gmail.com.

2013 CATHOLIC CHARITY FUND APPEAL (CCFA)

The parish phase of the CCFA has begun. Our parish goal is \$82K to help support the Catholic Charities. Our total to date from the in-pew solicitation, our Partners in Charity, and other major gifts (e.g. through the United Way Philanthropies) is over \$45K! 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.

Holy Week at St. Sebastian Church

- Sunday, 3/24** -Religious Education, 10:00 am
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- Monday, 3/25** -Religious Education, 3:30 pm
- Thursday, 3/28** -*Mass of the Lord’s Supper* 7:00 pm
-*Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*,
8:00 pm to 11:00 pm
- Friday, 3/29** -*Stations of the Cross*, 3:00 pm
-*Confessions*, 3:30-4:30 pm
-*Solemn Liturgy of the Lord’s
Passion*, 7:00 pm
- Saturday, 3/30** -*Solemn Easter Vigil*, 7:00 pm
- Sunday, 3/31** -*Easter Sunday Mass*, 9:00 am
-*Easter Egg Hunt* for children through
Grade 5, 10:00 am
-*Easter Sunday Mass*, 11:00 am