

# Church of St. Sebastian

March 29, 2015 - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

## Scheduled Masses For This Week

**Saturday, March 28, Vigil: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

5:00 pm Mary C. O'Brien, birthday and anniversary rem.  
-requested by Jane Churchill

**Sunday, March 29, Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

9:00 am James J. Shanni, 2nd anniversary  
-requested by Pam Cummings

11:00 am For our Parishioners

**Monday, March 30, Monday of Holy Week**

7:00 am James J. Shanni, 2nd anniversary  
-requested by Pam Cummings

**Tuesday, March 31, Tuesday of Holy Week**

7:00 am Mass

**Wednesday, April 1, Wednesday of Holy Week**

7:00 am Mass

## ~ THE SACRED TRIDUUM ~

**Thursday, April 2, HOLY THURSDAY**

7:00 pm *Mass of the Lord's Supper*

**Friday, April 3, GOOD FRIDAY**

3:00 pm *Stations of the Cross*

7:00 pm *The Passion of the Lord*

**Saturday, April 4, HOLY SATURDAY**

8:00 pm *The Solemn Easter Vigil*

(Note: No 5 PM Saturday Mass)

## Easter Sunday Masses

**Sunday, April 5, EASTER SUNDAY**

9:00 am For All Parishioners

11:00 am For All Parishioners



## WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

**March 22, 2015**

# of Budget Envelopes Used This Week	89
Contributions-Budgets and Checks	\$ 3,686.00
Loose Contributions	\$ 503.00
Total Offertory	\$ 4,189.00

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).

## THE PASTOR'S CORNER

We begin the great events of Holy Week. Today's second reading, Philippians 2:6-11, was one of the very first hymns of the early Church. St. Paul's 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. Today we read the Passion according to St. Mark; the Passion according to St. John is always read on Good Friday. Read one of the Passion accounts during this week to help focus your Spirit. 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 8:00 PM. Please note there is no Mass next Saturday at 5 pm. A parish reception will be held in the church Hall after the Vigil. All are cordially welcome.

Weather permitting; the Easter Egg Hunt will take place after the 9 AM on the south lawn for children up to age 6, and between the Church and the rectory for the older children (the yard with the Mary lawn statue). 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

Our Lady's candle is in thanksgiving for the kindness of parishioners, requested by Rita Watson.

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**POST EASTER VIGIL RECEPTION**

Parishioners and friends are cordially invited to a reception the Church Hall after the Easter Vigil. Wine n' Cheese, coffee and pastry will be served. All are welcome!

**EASTER EGG HUNT**

The annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place after the 9:00 am Mass on Easter Sunday. Children up to Grade 1 will hunt for eggs on the right side of the Church; children in Grades 2-5 will hunt for eggs on the left side of the Church (between the Church and the rectory.) All is planned... WEATHER PERMITTING!!

**CATHOLIC CHARITY FUND APPEAL HAS BEGUN**

Our parish phase for the 2015 CCFA has begun. **Thank you** to those who contributed either directly to the Stewardship Office (for which the parish is credited toward our goal) or during the in-pew solicitation. Envelopes are in the pews for our prayerful donation to assist our brothers and sisters in need. Please, give from the heart!

**EAST SIDE MARKETPLACE RECEIPTS**

Pease remember to bring in your East Side Marketplace receipts that help fund our Outreach Program. You can deposit them in the shopping bags near the choir staircase.

The **PARISH BOOK CLUB** will meet on Wednesday, April 15th at 7:00 pm in the Father Randall Room to discuss Labor Day by Joyce Maynard.

**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.

**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.

**+++ HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE +++**

MORNING MASS MON, TUES, WED, AT 7:00 AM  
**HOLY THURSDAY - MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**  
AT 7 PM  
**GOOD FRIDAY - STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT 3 PM**  
**GOOD FRIDAY - LITURGY OF THE PASSION AT 7 PM**  
**HOLY SATURDAY - THE GREAT VIGIL AT 8 PM**  
**EASTER SUNDAY- CHILDREN'S MASS AT 9 AM**  
CHOIR MASS AT 11 AM

*Note: No Stations on Monday but on Good Friday at 3pm.  
Easter Vigil is at 8 pm. NO 5 PM SATURDAY MASS.*

***IN LOVING MEMORY: "CHRIST, OUR LIGHT!"***

The 2015 Easter Candle is dedicated in loving memory of our faithful parishioner: **M. Rachel Sousa-Baxter**. May you enjoy the Eternal Light of the Lord!

*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.*

**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. **Jim P., John Haddad, Deborah Bessette, Carmella Cardillo and Henry Berenson.**

**ALPINE PILGRIMAGE ADVENTURE**



Msgr. Darcy has prepared a customized journey for just 19 persons to Northern Italy and beautiful Southern Switzerland, September 22nd - 29th. Visit the world famous *Duomo* (Cathedral in Milan), the Last Supper Fresco of da Vinci, a boat ride to the hotel in Bellagio on Lake Como, an exclusive wine tasting dinner, a fun alpine train ride through the southern Alps with a visit to the Cavaglia glacier, and an afternoon in chic St. Moritz. Call (751-0196) or email ([msgrdarcy@gmail.com](mailto:msgrdarcy@gmail.com)) for a brochure.