

Church of St. Sebastian
May 18, 2014 — Fifth Sunday of Easter

Scheduled Masses For This Week

Saturday, May 17, Vigil: Fifth Sunday of Easter

5:00 pm Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. O'Donnell
 -requested by their family

Sunday, May 18, Fifth Sunday of Easter

9:00 am For the Parishioners
 11:00 am Paul Giannini
 -requested by his wife Ann

Monday, May 19, Easter Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Tuesday, May 20, Easter Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Wednesday, May 21, Easter Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Thursday, May 22, Easter Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Friday, May 23, Easter Weekday

7:00 am Mass

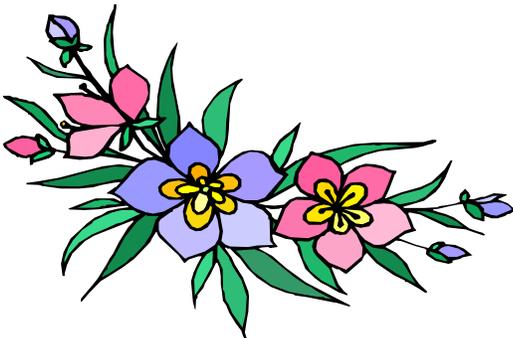
Next Weekend Masses

Saturday, May 24, Vigil: Sixth Sunday of Easter

5:00 pm For the Parishioners

Sunday, May 25, Sixth Sunday of Easter

9:00 am Mass
 11:00 am Paul Giannini
 -requested by his wife Ann



THIS WEEK AT ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH

Tues.	5/20 Prayer Shawl Ministry	7:00 pm
Weds.	5/21 Book Club	6:30 pm

THE PASTOR'S CORNER

Of the twelve months in the year, May is by far the busiest for a parish. We have weddings, First Communion, Confirmation, graduations on all levels, and the planning begins in earnest for another fiscal year commencing July 1. Even writing this message brings us past the midpoint of another month.

Bishop Tobin's visit for Confirmation today (yesterday) in many ways marks the beginning of the summer season at St. Sebastian's. The parish congratulates the young adults who have received Confirmation. This is not the end of your faith formation; it's just the beginning. Students are graduating from colleges and universities. Odd that they call it a **commencement**, it may be due to the fact that they are *beginning* in "the school we call life." To all our graduates from St. Sebastian's, well done. Now, get out there and make a significant difference in our world.

We'll begin to see fewer people at the weekend Masses as parishioners prepare to enjoy every weekend in their summer homes, their vacation weeks, etc. All are so well earned and needed to rejuvenate the entire person. To all parishioners, not just those who will be away most of the summer please do not forget our mutual stewardship responsibilities to the parish. We have slipped in our weekly contributions since the increased giving campaign. *Our weekly goal is \$5,000 on a projected budget of \$300,000 from ordinary income.* If we fall backward instead of moving forward with more new parishioners and financial stability, well... I think you can fill in the blank especially when the Diocese is now combining parishes due to the decline in both vocations and the level of charitable giving. After reviewing the complete list of donors to the parish, I'm most grateful for the support of many families/individuals. But, I am also *disappointed*, in fact *very disappointed* (a word I rarely use!) with those who have not given anything recordable (checks, budgets, or online giving) to the parish this entire fiscal year...nothing. *Someone parking a car outside an Atwells Avenue restaurant receives \$5 more than God every week. Now that's revealing!*

~Monsignor Darcy

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*Prayer Shawl
Ministry*



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY
The Parish Prayer Shawl Ministry meets this Tuesday, May 20th at 7:00 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.

ST. SEBASTIAN BOOK CLUB

The Parish Book Club will meet on Wednesday, May 21st at 7:30 pm in the Fr. Randall Room to discuss *My Son's Story* by Nadine Gordimer. Discussion is to be preceded by a light supper at 6:30 pm. All are welcome!



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

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.

CINCO DE MAYO: GRACIAS!!

Many thanks to our parishioners and friends who joined us for the Cinco de Mayo Celebration and the blessing of our new Stannah Chair Lift. Special thanks to Dave and Joe who prepared all of the home cooked Mexican foods, and to Pat and Richard for tending the 'beverage station.' *Muchas gracias!*

WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

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.

	5/4/14	5/11/14
# of Budgets Used	79	87
Checks & Budget Envelopes	\$ 4,226	\$ 4,742
Loose	\$ 881	\$ 521
Total Offertory	\$5,107	\$ 5,263
Monthly Maintenance	\$ 1,626	—

Our Lady's Candle burns this week in memory of Anthony and Agnes Walentukonis, as requested by Allen Walentukonis and Albert Terrano.

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.

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.*