

Church of St. Sebastian
October 23 , 2016 - 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22 VIGIL: 30TH
 SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
 2:30 pm Antonelli/Salgado Wedding
 5:00 pm RAOUL CAMPAGNA, Memorial Mass,
 by Joan Soper

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, 30TH SUNDAY IN
 ORDINARY TIME**
 9:00 am AUGUSTINO ANTONUCCI, 17th
 anniversary by family
 11:00 am NINA AND MARIO MARCONE by
 Calenda family

Monday, OCTOBER 24
 7:00 am CHARLES ANDREWS JR. by Jonathan
 and Regina Andrews

Tuesday, OCTOBER 25
 7:00 am Mass
 7.25 am Novena Prayers to Our Lady of
 Perpetual Help

Wednesday, OCTOBER 26
 7:00 am A Mass of Healing for DR. ALBERT
 FLEURY by Sylvia and Barbara Loferski

Thursday, OCTOBER 27
 7:00 am PHYLLIS ROLLO, 3rd anniversary by
 Rollo family

Friday, OCTOBER 28, Sts Simon & Jude, Apostles
 7:00 am INTENTIONS OF CELEBRANT

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29 VIGIL: 31ST
 SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
 3:00 pm Musto/Nadeau Wedding
 5:00 pm LOUIS J SOPER, memorial Mass, by
 Joan Soper

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30, 31ST SUNDAY IN
 ORDINARY TIME**
 9:00 am Mass
 11:00 am Mass

My Dear Parishioners,

I would like to share an excerpt from the Confessions of St. Augustine.

"The day was now approaching when my mother Monica would depart from this life; you know that day, Lord, though we did not. She and I happened to be standing by ourselves at a window that overlooked the garden in the courtyard of the house. At the time we were in Ostia on the Tiber. And so the two of us, all alone, were enjoying a very pleasant conversation, - what it would be like to share the eternal life enjoyed by the saints, which "eye has not seen, nor ear heard, which has not even entered into the heart of man." We desired with all our hearts to drink from the streams of your heavenly fountain, the fountain of life.

My mother said, "Son, as far as I am concerned, nothing in this life now gives me any pleasure. I do not know why I am still here, since I have no further hopes in this world. I did have one reason for wanting to live a little longer: to see you become a Catholic Christian before I died. God has lavished his gifts on me in that respect, for I know that you have even renounced earthly happiness to be his servant. So what am I doing here?"

I do not really remember how I answered her. Shortly, within five days or thereabouts, she fell sick with a fever. Then one day during the course of her illness she became unconscious and for a while she was unaware of her surroundings. My brother and I rushed to her side, but she regained consciousness quickly. She looked at us as we stood there and asked in a puzzled voice: "Where was I?"

We were overwhelmed with grief, but she held her gaze steadily upon us, and spoke further: "Here you shall bury your mother." I remained silent as I held back my tears. However, my brother haltingly expressed his hope that she might not die in a strange country but in her own land, since her end would be happier there. When she heard this, her face was filled with anxiety, and she reproached him with a glance because he had entertained such earthly thoughts. Then she looked at me and spoke: "Look what he is saying." Thereupon she said to both of us, "Bury my body wherever you will; let not care of it cause you any concern. One thing only I ask you, that you remember me at the altar of the Lord wherever you may be." Once our mother had expressed this desire as best she could, she fell silent as the pain of her illness increased."

November is the month when we pray for our deceased. We remember them in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. The only thing we can now do for our deceased is carry them to the altar! There is an envelope included in your monthly budgets where you can write the names of your deceased. These envelopes and your intentions are placed on the altar during the month of November. After November these envelopes are placed before the Icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help and remain there for the entire year.

Monsignor Montecalvo

Parish Meetings and Activities			
10/23	Rel. Ed, Grades 6-9	10 am	Classrooms
	Adult Choir	10 am	Fr. Randall Rm
10/24	Rel. Ed, Grades 1-5	4 pm	Classrooms
10/25	Book Club	7 pm	Fr. Randall Rm
10/26	Bible Study	6:30 pm	Fr. Randall Rm

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CATCH-UP ENVELOPE

St. Sebastian's parishioners are blessed. Many parishioners have a city home and a summer home. Our weekend Mass attendance is always lower during the summer. As soon as the school year ends our attendance spirals downward.

Although our attendance is lower than in the winter months, the parish expenses are not. That is the reason pastors before me include in our September/October packet of church support envelopes a special envelope. That special envelope is a "Catch-Up Envelope".

If you have been away please prayerfully consider "Catching Up" your parish support for the time you attended Mass elsewhere.

Thank you.



PIZZA PARTY
ICE CREAM SOCIAL

The Religious Education Program is sponsoring a Pizza Party/Ice Cream Social to be held on Saturday



November 5th after the 5:00 Mass. The invitation is extended to all parishioners. There will be pizza and drinks and a "Make Your Own Sundae" set up for after dinner. If you are interested in coming, please write the name of your family and the number of people who will be attending on the sign up sheets in the vestibule. There will also be a free raffle for the children. Hope to see you there.

*We invite all women to the
Catholic/Christian Women's
MAGNIFICAT® Breakfast*

*Saturday, November 5th. 8:30 am to 12 noon
Providence Marriott, One Orms Street
The cost is \$25.00 per person.*

*"For I know the plans I have for you" says the Lord,
"plans to give you hope and a future."*

Angela Rizzo, our guest speaker, has experienced the power and truth of these words over the course of her life! As founder and Coordinator of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapter of Magnificat in the Diocese of Rockville Center, she will share her story of overcoming difficult and challenging times.

*For more information or registration, call Linda Gatta,
Coordinator at 401-864-7731.*

Prayers are asked for these friends, family, and fellow parishioners. If you would like someone included in the Prayers for the Sick please call the rectory.
Bartholomew Steid, Sal Spagnoli, Jacob Kenner, Natalie Swift, Leah Davis, Frances Geary, Maureen Kenner, Sandy C., John Haddad, Bob, Sylvia L., and Bob K.

THE PARISH BOOK CLUB will meet on Tuesday, October 25th at 7 pm in the Fr. Randall Room to discuss A River Runs Through It by Norman MacLean. Please come and enjoy the fun.

Are you aware that any registered Catholic Cub Scout, Boy Scout or Girl Scout can earn religious emblems? There are age appropriate awards for each level of scouting. For more information on any Scout Award, please contact the Office of Catholic Youth Ministry at youthministry@dioceseofprovidence.org or 278-4626.

TODAY IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY!

In announcing his decision to declare a Holy Year of Mercy, Pope Francis said, "Dear brothers and sisters, I have often thought about how the Church might make clear its mission of being a witness to mercy." Supporting the young churches throughout the world with your prayers and generous gifts is indeed a merciful witness of this mission. The collection today will help missionaries offer the poor of these areas practical help as they share the mercy of God. It will ensure the development of local dioceses, and support the work of priests, religious, and lay leaders who serve those on the margins and in most need. Extend your merciful witness to the whole world through your gift in today's collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith!

SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

OCTOBER 16, 2016

# of Budget Envelopes Used This Week	100
# Online Giving	27
Contributions-Budgets and Checks	\$ 4,101.00
Online Contributions	\$ 3,802.00
Loose Contributions	\$ 670.00
Total Offertory	\$ 9,243.00

A sincere thank you for your support!

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.