

Church of St. Sebastian
October 27, 2013 — Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scheduled Masses For This Week

Saturday, October 26, Vigil: Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm Hugo, Anna, and Nancy Giordano
 -requested by Vincent Giordano and family

Sunday, October 27, Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Philomena Rollo, 1st anniversary
 -requested by her family

11:00 am For the People

Monday, October 28, Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles

7:00 am Mass

Tuesday, October 29, Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Wednesday, October 30, Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Thursday, October 31, Weekday

7:00 am Mass

**Friday, November 1, All Saints Day
 ~A Holy Day of Obligation~**

7:00 am Mass

5:30 pm Mass

Next Weekend Masses

Saturday, November 2, Vigil: Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm Louis Soper, 15th anniversary
 -requested by his family

Sunday, October 20, Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Mavis Claire Young
 -Clark and Kay Phillips

11:00 am John and Vanna Cahill, anniversary
 -requested by Belle Calenda
 All Souls Buried from Saint Sebastian's this past year

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

Maureen Kenner, Carol Anne Theroux, Nicole Ruffine, Dick Beaupre, Beverly DiLello, Elizabeth Dugan, Deborah Bessette, Beatrice Calvo Crozier, James Mullaney, Mariella, Amy, and Ursula Shea.

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

Morning Offering

He who serves God willingly is heard, his petition reaches the heavens. 2 Timothy 2:8-9

Usually as I emerge from dreamland in the morning, my first thoughts are about what I need to do and how I feel about it. This immediately stimulates the first prayers of the day: "God, have mercy!"

There are undoubtedly more constructive mental day-starters—Sirach's words, for example, in verse 35:9. He has a reminder: "the Most High... has given to you..." That's a simple statement of a vast reality. God has given everything—the whole universe—and now he's giving me this new day. Perhaps a little prayer of thanks to him would be appropriate before I begin the review of today's tasks and beg for help.

"Give," Sirach suggests, "as he has given to you..." That puts a good spin on the day: it's an opportunity to give something back to God. With that thought in mind, I can look down my to-do list and ask myself how, as I go through these things, am I going to give something back to God?"

At that point, Sirach's next word is just-right encouragement: "generously"!

Kevin Perrotta

SABBATICAL UPDATES

Remember, you can follow Msgr. Darcy's "Jerusalem Journey: Life in the Holy Land" on his blog, www.msgrdarcy.org. Monsignor also has a Twitter account, user name @msgrdarcy.

Our Lady's Candle is lit this week in memory of the anniversary of Mario Marcone, requested by his sister-in-law, Belle Calenda.

THIS WEEK AT ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH

Sun	10/27	Religious Ed., Grades 6-8	10:00 am
		Community Outreach Meeting	10:00 am
		Religious Ed., Grades 9-10	6:30 pm
Mon	10/28	Religious Ed., Grades 1-5	7:00 pm
Thu	10/31	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm
Fri	11/1	All Saints Day: Masses	7:00 am
			5:30 pm

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ALL SAINTS DAY: A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Masses on Friday, November 1st, All Saints Day, will be celebrated at 7:00 am and 5:30 pm.

PARISH OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Our Parish Outreach Committee continue to prepare for their Fall events. Keep the following items in mind: Free-will collection to feed the poor during the holidays, Share a Coat, Adopt-a-Family at Christmas, and the Hat and Mitten Drive. **As always, bring in your Eastside Market Place receipts and place them in the box near the staircase to the choir loft.**

Thank you for putting faith and action together by responding generously to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith on World Mission Sunday. Your generosity will help Sister Clara and her Sisters serve children at risk in India, and reach also the many priests, religious and lay leaders around the world who offer practical, emotional and spiritual care to communities, children, and families in desperate need. For more information visit: www.IAmAMissionary.org.

PARISH WINTER COAT DRIVE

If you're cleaning out your closets, save any **winter coats** and bring them to the parish winter coat drive taking place during the month of November. There will be a coat rack in the vestibule for your donations **beginning the first weekend in November through Thanksgiving Day.** The coat drive will benefit the Buy Nothing Coat Exchange.



OCTOBER IS "CATCH UP" MONTH

During this month, please use the special envelope in your budget packet or drop a check in the first collection basket to "catch up" any weeks you may have missed this past year. Unfortunately, we cannot miss any of our monthly bills during the year and appreciate your help in meeting expenses.

Thank you to all parishioners who have already made up their budgets. Your contributions are greatly appreciated!

CARMELITE MONASTERY BENEFIT CONCERT

The Gregorian Concert Choir and Orchestra under the direction of Monsignor Anthony Mancini will perform a concert to benefit the Carmelite Sisters and their ministry on Sunday, November 3rd at 3:00 pm at the Monastery, 25 Watson Avenue in Barrington. For further information please call the Monastery at 401-245-3421.

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 Karin Schrott at 401-465-7444. The small team will WELCOME help.

WHILE MONSIGNOR DARCY IS AWAY WE ASK THAT ALL CALLS TO THE RECTORY BE MADE DURING OFFICE HOURS ONLY.

OFFICE HOURS ARE: MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY, AND FRIDAY FROM 10:00 AM TO 2:00 PM; AND WEDNESDAY FROM 10:00 AM TO 4:00 PM. Thank you for your assistance.

FOOD COLLECTION

The Outreach Committee continues to collect food for the hungry on an ongoing basis. The basket is at the back of the church. ***Lists of recommended food items are available in the vestibule.*** We appreciate your donations.

NOVEMBER: THE MONTH OF ALL SOULS

We remember our faithful departed during the month of November. As the earth prepares for the sleep of winter, so our loved ones sleep awaiting the Resurrection. Families and friends have been invited to the 11 am Mass on Sunday, November 3rd as the parish remembers all those buried from the parish Church this past year.

You may use the All Soul's Remembrance Envelope to list the names of those who will be remembered all through November. Their names will be in repose under the icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. You can return them in the regular Offertory collection basket.