

Church of St. Sebastian
May 22, 2011—Fifth Sunday of Easter

Scheduled Masses For This Week

Saturday, May 21, Vigil: Fifth Sunday of Easter

5:00 pm Phyllis Marks, 2nd anniversary
 -requested by her family

Sunday, May 22, Fifth Sunday of Easter

9:00 am Enase Brito, 10th anniversary
 11:00 am Vanna Cahill, anniversary
 —requested by Belle Calenda

Monday, May 23, Easter Weekday

7:00 am Souls in Purgatory
 -requested by a parishioner

Tuesday, May 24, Easter Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Wednesday, May 25, Easter Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Thursday, May 26, St. Philip Neri, priest

7:00 am L.W. Rohr, birthday remembrance

Friday, May 27, Easter Weekday

7:00 am Souls in Purgatory
 -requested by a parishioner

Next Weekend Masses

Saturday, May 28, Vigil: Sixth Sunday of Easter

5:00 pm For the people

Sunday, May 29, Sixth Sunday of Easter

9:00 am Mass
 11:00 am Helen Hildebrandt
 —requested by her sons George and John

CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME!

The parish celebrates the baptism of Noelle Tabbador and Henry Magnussen and congratulates their parents. Welcome, Noelle and Henry, to our parish community!!

This Week at St. Sebastian Church

Sunday	5/22	Coffee Hour	10:00 am
Monday	5/23	Finance Council Meeting	7:00 pm
Weds.	5/25	Parish Book Club—Supper	6:30 pm
		Parish Book Club—Meeting	7:30 pm
Thurs-	5/26	Morning of Recollection	10:00 am

THE PASTOR'S CORNER

Bishop Tobin instructed in 2009 that pastors nominate parishioners as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Parishioners will be installed during Mass this weekend. Their installation provides the opportunity for a brief summary catechesis on the Most Holy Eucharist.

The Catholic Church teaches as a **dogma of faith** that the Risen Lord actually is received in Communion. The Eucharist does **not represent** Christ, or *symbolize* Christ, or *seem* like Christ. The Eucharist is the Body and Blood of the Lord. In the miracle of the Eucharist, the Risen Lord is present among His people until He comes again. When we receive the Eucharist, we receive the whole Christ; human, and divine, soul and divinity. This Most Holy Sacrament, the Real Presence of the Lord, is never to be received causally, slovenly, boringly, or disinterestedly. We are ever mindful of who we are receiving in the Holy Eucharist.

By means of review, we make a slight bow when the person in front of us receives Communion. We should *never* be chewing gum, or eating Life-savers. We *look* at the host, and when the minister says, Body of Christ (or Blood of Christ), we *respond*, AMEN! We indicate clearly our preference for receiving; either on the tongue or in the *hands held at chest height*. We are to refrain from receiving the Eucharist when in serious sin until we are reconciled by receiving the Sacrament of Penance (Confession). When aware of serious sin and we receive Communion anyway, we compound our alienation from God by the serious offence of *sacrilege*, that is a known insult to the Holy. Indeed deliberate and notable irreverence towards the Holy Eucharist is the worst of all sacrileges.

We celebrate our faith in the Risen Christ during this Easter Season. His Real Presence strengthens our lives. May we give thanks as we humbly receive the Lord of life in this most wonderful gift.

Yours in Christ,
 Msgr. Darcy

WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

MAY 14/15

# of Budget Envelopes Used	77
Contributions-Budgets and Checks	\$3,704
Loose Contributions	\$ 781
Total Offertory	\$4,485

In these uncertain economic times, we appreciate how loyal, faithful and generous so many continue to be in support of our Church and parish ministries.

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AROUND THE PARISH

SPRING FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

Help feed your neighbors in need! Outreach Committee members will be collecting donations ***after all Masses this weekend*** to benefit the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry at Holy Name Church. After an especially difficult winter, your generosity will re-stock the shelves and provide nutritious staples to the pantry's clients—the elderly, young mothers and children, and families who are struggling to make ends meet. Cash and checks made payable to St. Sebastian Church are appreciated. You may also leave canned goods and non-perishables in the bin in the vestibule. Thank you for your continued support of the charitable work of our brothers and sisters at Holy Name Church.

EASTSIDE MARKETPLACE RECEIPTS

Please remember to bring in your Eastside Marketplace grocery receipts and leave them in the marked box in the vestibule. Committee members will be tallying all receipts at their year-end meeting in mid-June. The parish receives 1% of the total, which the Outreach Committee then donates to worthy causes. Recent recipients have included Bishop Tobin's emergency heating fund and the Sophia Academy. Thank you!

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

Rosemary Wynne, Maureen Baker, Bob R., Mary P., and Carmella Cardillo.

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

The Parish Finance Council will hold its next meeting **THIS Monday evening, May 23rd, at 7:00 pm** in the rectory.

PARISH BOOK CLUB

The Parish Book Club will meet **THIS Wednesday evening, May 25th** in the Fr. Randall Room. At 6:30 pm a light buffet supper will be served (gratis). Supper will be followed by a discussion of Nathaniel Hawthorne, The Blithedale Romance at 7:30 pm. Members or first time visitors who plan to attend the supper at asked to call ahead, 351-3347.

THANK YOU!

Our First Annual Wine Tasting Event, attended by over 120 parishioners and friends, was a great success! A very special thanks is extended to Grace Dugan and Greg Pizzuti, and to LJ Gasbarro and Caroline Calcagni for heading up this event. We'd also like to thank our sponsors and benefactors for their very kind support. A complete summary will be provided in next week's bulletin. Looking forward to other exciting events for our parish community!

AROUND THE DIOCESE

MORNINGS OF RECOLLECTION FOR WOMEN

The Monthly Morning Recollection for Women will be held at St. Sebastian's this Thursday, May 26th from 10:00 am to 12:15 pm, including Holy Mass at 11:45 am. A Recollection is an opportunity to spend some time with Our Lord in quiet prayer. The format includes 2 meditations given by a priest of Opus Dei and a talk given by a layperson. The priest is available to hear confessions between meditations and after Holy Mass. The spiritual and doctrinal formation of the mornings are entrusted to Opus Dei, a personal prelature of the Catholic Church.

CONCERT OF SACRED MUSIC

The Gregorian Concert Choir and the Festival Orchestra will perform a concert of Sacred Music to benefit the Haitian Project on Sunday, June 5th in the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul at 3:00 pm. The Haitian Project assists with the education of poor Haitian children and continues to provide invaluable assistance to the Haitian people after the devastating earthquake. The concert is dedicated to the memory of the late Dr. C. Alexander Peloquin, noted composer of Liturgical Music, who served for 50 years as music director of the Cathedral. The concert will include Peloquin's "Lord of Life" Liturgy and the premiere of "Requiem Canticle," a new work composed by Msgr. Mancini which is dedicated to the memory of the late Dr. Peloquin. Tickets are \$10 each and may be purchased by calling the Cathedral Office, 331-2434. Tickets will also be available at the door on the day of the concert.

GABRIEL PROJECT WORKSHOP

The Diocese of Providence through the Office of Life and Family Ministry is offering a Gabriel Project Workshop on Saturday June 4th at the Scalabrini-Dukceovich Center, 300 Laurel Hill Avenue, Providence., beginning with Mass at 8:00 am at St. Bartholomew Church (across from the Center.) the workshop will follow Mass and conclude at 12:30 pm. The topic of this workshop is "Domestic Violence 101". To register for this free workshop, please call 421-7833 x118.