

Church of St. Sebastian
September 10, 2017 - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

SAT., SEPT. 9, VIGIL: 23RD SUNDAY IN ORD. TIME

5:00 pm NICKI FAMILIGLIETTI, Memorial Mass, req. by Elmhurst Alumnae Association

SUN., SEPT. 10, 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 am PATRICIA WILSON, month's mind, req. by her family

11:00 am ANNE C TOSELLI, 2nd anniversary, req. by her family

Monday, SEPTEMBER 11

7:00 am EUGENE & ETTA GALLANT, BEQUEST

Tuesday, SEPTEMBER 12

7:00 am Mass

7.25 am Novena Prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Wednesday, SEPTEMBER 13

7:00 am FR. FRED DEAN

Thursday, SEPTEMBER 14

7:00 am INTENTIONS OF PARISHIONERS

Friday, SEPTEMBER 15, Our Lady of Sorrows

7:00 am INTENTIONS OF CELEBRANT

SAT., SEPT. 16, VIGIL: 24TH SUNDAY IN ORD. TIME

5:00 pm JO-ANN BROCCOLI GILLHEENEY, 5th anniversary, req. by her family

SUN., SEPT. 17, 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 am FOR THE INTENTIONS OF SISTER REGINA MARIA WILSON, 60th ann. of Religious Life, req. by her family

11:00 am JOSEPH R PAOLINO, SR, 5th anniversary, req. by his family

The Outreach Committee will meet for the first time this season on Sunday, September 24, immediately after the 9:00 am Mass, downstairs in the church basement. New volunteers are welcome. We are a friendly group and there is much work to be done.

*Let us pray for the repose of the souls of
Eugene and Etta Gallant
whose love for our parish was shown in a
bequest to St. Sebastian Church.
We remember them in gratitude and offer
Monday's 7:00 am Mass for them this week.
May they rest in the peace of the Lord.*

My dear parishioners,

Next weekend our second collection is for the Diocesan Priest Retirement Fund and the Senior Priests of our Diocese, men who have served for more than forty years in assignments throughout the Diocese. Though retired from the administrative duties, these men who have dedicated their lives to priesthood continue to provide sacraments and other services within the Diocese.

The Priest Retirement Fund was established in the mid-1960s to help retired priests meet everyday needs like food, housing, transportation and health care. To better understand this need, let me explain clergy salaries and benefits:

When a priest is assigned to serve in a parish, he receives from that place of assignment a salary set by the Diocese and paid by the parish, along with food and housing benefits in the rectory, supplied by the parish. The parish also pays for his health and automobile insurance.

All that changes upon his retirement. The retired senior priest receives a modest monthly pension from the Retirement Fund. It is coupled with Social Security benefits based upon what he might have paid into the system over the years. Since his priestly salary was never large, his monthly Social Security benefit will not be large. Upon retirement the senior priest becomes responsible for all his own expenses; housing, food, health care and auto insurance.

Diocesan priests differ from religious communities of priests. A religious priest takes the vow of poverty with their needs provided for them throughout their lives. The Diocesan priest is responsible for his own needs and lives more independently.

Often retiring between the ages of 70-75, many of these priests continue to serve after more than 40 years of active ministry.

In retirement the senior priest can give himself completely to the sacramental mission of the church which first attracted him to the priesthood; without the stress of administration, management of leaky roofs, icy walkways, general maintenance and repair.

Next week's annual collection is a major support for our retired priests. Your thoughtful and generous contribution will help the Senior Priest Retirement Fund meet its obligation to those who depend on it today and tomorrow. It's also a way of thanking those priests for their many years of faithful service. In their name and in my own, I thank you.

--Monsignor Montecalvo

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**SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR VICTIMS OF
HURRICANE HARVEY**

This weekend our parish will take up a second collection for the Victims of Hurricane Harvey.

As an exception, the collection basket will be passed twice during Mass. The first collection is for your support of the parish.

The second time the collection basket is passed all monies will be sent through the Diocese to Catholic Charities, USA, to aid the victims of Hurricane Harvey.

**DIocese TO CELEBRATE BLUE MASS TO
HONOR AND PRAY FOR
POLICE, FIRE AND FIRST RESPONDERS**

The Diocese of Providence will host a Blue Mass for Police, Fire, and First Responders on Sunday, September 24th at 10:00 am in the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul. Auxiliary Bishop Robert C. Evans will be the main celebrant of the Mass with other priests of the Diocese concelebrating. Everyone is invited to come together to honor these men and women for their courageous service and pray for their safety.

"No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." John 15:13

PARISH MINISTRY FAIR

"Harvesting of gifts of time, talent, and treasure for the work of God's Kingdom in the community."

The Parish will hold a Ministry Fair after each Mass during the weekend of September 16-17.

This Ministry Fair will provide parishioners an opportunity to experience the depth of Christian ministry in our parish.

Any questions, please contact Karin Schrott, 401-465-7444 or karinschrott@gmail.com

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: 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. **Susan Porter, Natalie Swift, Leah Davis, Frances Geary, Sandy C., John Haddad, Bob, Sylvia L., Robert Calso, and Bob K.**



Our small but dedicated choir would appreciate singers joining us this coming year. We will be rehearsing on Sundays at 10 o'clock for the 11 o'clock Mass. Our first rehearsal will be Sunday, September 17th. If you can help, please see Bill Cooper after any Mass on weekends or talk to any of our Choir Members. Thank you.

**Spiritual Activities Survey -
Your Help is Needed**

The Spiritual Activities Committee is asking all parishioners to participate in a survey to determine which spiritual activities the parish should pursue in the coming year and are of most interest to you, the parishioners of St. Sebastian.

The survey will take place the weekends of September 16-17 and September 23-24. During these two weekends you will find the survey in every pew. Please complete and return no later than September 24. The Committee will then tabulate results and share with parishioners. We will then begin planning our Parish's Spiritual Activities!

Any questions, please contact Al Badre, email an.badre@gmail.com Thank you for your participation.

Parish Meetings and Activities

9/10	CCD classes, Gr. 6-8	10 am	Classrooms
9/11	CCD classes, Gr. 1-5	4 pm	Classrooms

**WEEKLY PARISH FINANCES
SEPTEMBER 4, 2017**

Contributions at Mass	\$ 3,515.00
Online Parish Giving	\$ 2,041.00
Monthly Maintenance	\$ 1,173.00
Weekly Expenses	\$33,761.00

A sincere thank you for your continued 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.