

# Church of St. Sebastian

September 25, 2011—Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Scheduled Masses For This Week

**Saturday, September 24, Vigil: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5:00 pm Mass

**Sunday, September 25, 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 am Mass

11:00 am For the people

**Monday, September 26, Weekday**

7:00 am Lewis Walter Rohr

**Tuesday, September 27, Saint Vincent de Paul, priest**

7:00 am Mrs. Clemence Bolduc  
-requested by a friend

**Wednesday, September 28, Weekday**

7:00 am For the souls in Purgatory  
-requested by a parishioner

**Thursday, September 29, Saint Michael, Saint Gabriel, and Saint Raphael, archangels**

7:00 am For the souls in Purgatory  
-requested a parishioner

**Friday, September 30, Saint Jerome, priest and doctor of the Church**

7:00 am Mass

## Next Weekend Masses

**Saturday, October 1, Vigil: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5:00 pm Joan Rohr

**Sunday, October 2, 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 am For the people

11:00 am Mass



**PLEASE KEEP OUR FELLOW PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS; ESPECIALLY**

Maureen Baker, and Betty Mullaney

*Please contact the rectory if you would like to add a person to our prayers. Prayers for the sick will be continued for an entire month. Please call the rectory if additional prayers are requested..*

## THE PASTOR'S CORNER

The commentators on today's Gospel are quite blunt. Their comments bring up a topic that is timely on many levels of life: personally, professionally, and spiritually. It's about integrity; not being a phony by saying one thing when others are watching, but then doing the opposite when they turn away. The recent Republican Debates highlight the political pitfalls for candidates who claim to have **said** one thing when the record shows they **did** the complete opposite. Fidelity; a great virtue.

Fidelity in marriage or the priesthood/religious life helps us to stay focused on our vocation. That commitment should not be a burden but a joyful response because it is lived with integrity. We all need to work on fidelity and joy in our daily living.

Likewise, being a practicing parishioner should not be a burden. Hopefully, our participation at the parish is based on **our** personal response to the gift of faith. We should desire to foster and expand **our** community spirit and outreach especially to the poor and outcast. The parish needs **our** serious and consistent commitment to assist with the financial support of our parish.

An emergency alarm is sent when there is a genuine need. Well, we have one... the exterior of the parish rectory needs serious and immediate attention. A contract was signed on Tuesday for the roof project for \$53K with B & R Fournier Construction. I ask us (you and me) to consider prayerfully today's Gospel. What it mean for us to claim we are a parishioner? The parish community needs your time, talent, and your treasure. We shouldn't look at someone else and what *they* should do; we ask ourselves...what does it mean for me when I say I am an active and contributing member of St. Sebastian Parish?

Finally, we need to acknowledge our young parishioners who are hosting us this Sunday at the Pancake Breakfast. They are using the gifts of stewardship (time, talent, treasure) to prepare our community breakfast. Well done, young folks! You are a genuine credit your families....and to us, St. Sebastian's Parish.

Have a good week!

Msgr. Darcy

## BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Banns are announced for the upcoming nuptials of:

**Philip Primeau & Rebecca Macaux**; and for **Kevin N. Connelly & Ashley Brack**. We wish you much happiness in your sacramental marriage.

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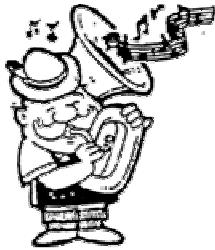
**OUTREACH COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ANNUAL SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE**

Please consider donating new school supplies for our annual drive to benefit San Miguel School and Sophia Academy. Help welcome the students back to school with: graph paper, binders, highlighters, markers, and other supplies. Your donations can be left in the bin in the vestibule beginning this weekend and through October 16th. Your help is appreciated!

**SAVE YOUR OLD COATS!!**

The parishioners of St. Sebastian Church will once again be taking part in the “Buy Nothing Day—Winter Coat Exchange” on November 25th on the State House Lawn. Save your old unwanted coats now for the collection in the Church in November. Thanks for generosity!



***IF IT'S FALL; IT'S TIME FOR OKTOBERFEST!!***

The parish celebration of **OKTOBERFEST** will take place on Saturday, Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> from 6-9 PM in the Church Hall.

Bratwurst steamed in beer with (or without) sauerkraut, German style potato salad, spinach ravioli in chicken broth, pretzels with a selection of mustards, German chocolate cake and coffee will be the fare while enjoying Bavarian music and refreshments. Reservations required for the first 100 people. **Tickets: \$25 per person.**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number Attending:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Amount:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please return in a marked envelope either to the rectory or in the collection basket to reserve a place at this exciting and fun parish event. A lot of excitement, so get the reservation in quick!!



**PANCAKE BREAKFAST THIS WEEKEND**

The Annual Pancake Breakfast sponsored by the Religious Education Program of the parish will be held after the 9 AM Mass this weekend. **Join us for a community breakfast after Mass.** Great job, students!!

***CHRISTIANS IN THE HOLY LAND***

We welcome today Mr. Rami Qumsieh from the Holy Land. I met him during my ministry at the Diocese. He will be speaking after Communion about the presence and challenge for Christians in the Land of the Bible. You can meet him after Mass to learn more about the plight of Christians in the Holy Land. Welcome, Rami, to St. Sebastian's.

**WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT**

**September 17/18, 2011**

# of Budget Envelopes Used This Week	65
Contributions-Budgets and Checks	\$ 5,784
Loose Contributions	\$ 476
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 6,260</b>
<b>Priest Retirement Collection</b>	<b>\$3,469</b>
<b>Parish Giving August Contributions</b>	<b>\$3,167</b>

Please consider enrolling in *Parish Giving*, our electronic stewardship program for parish contributions. You can register online at [www.Parishgiving.com](http://www.Parishgiving.com) or on our parish website at [www.stsebastianri.org](http://www.stsebastianri.org).

**THIS WEEK AT ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH**

Sun.	9/25	Religious Education	10:00 am
		Pancake Breakfast	10:00 am
		Religious Education	6:30 pm
Mon.	9/26	Religious Education	3:30 pm