

Church of St. Sebastian
September 28, 2014 — 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scheduled Masses For This Week

- Saturday, September 27, Vigil: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 5:00 pm Mass
- Sunday, September 28, 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 9:00 am For the Parishioners
 11:00 am Mass
- Monday, September 29, Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels**
 7:00 am Mass
- Tuesday, September 30, Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church**
 7:00 am Mass
- Wednesday, October 1, Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church**
 7:00 am Mass
- Thursday, October 2, The Holy Guardian Angels**
 7:00 am Mass
- Friday, October 3, Weekday**
 7:00 am Mass

Next Weekend Masses

- Saturday, October 4, Vigil: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 5:00 pm Joseph Mastriano, anniversary remembrance
 -requested by his family
- Sunday, October 5, 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 9:00 am Mass
 11:00 am For the Parishioners

WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT
 September 21, 2014

# of Budgets and Checks Received	91
Contributions-Budgets and Checks	\$3,767.00
Loose Contributions	\$ 406.00
Total Offertory	\$4,173.00
Priests' Retirement	\$3,229.00

Please remember our joint stewardship responsibility to support the parish. You may consider *Parish Giving*, our electronic stewardship program for parish contributions. You can register online on our website www.stsebastianri.org.

THE PASTOR'S CORNER

With this beautiful fall weather, the lawn has been aerated, limed, fertilized, and over seeded as of this Friday (9/26). The new St. Francis Memorial Garden is being readied for the dedication and blessing of animals on Saturday, October 4th at 10 am. See the details elsewhere in this bulletin.

Our maintenance man, Jaime Carrera, has been busy tending to those many maintenance items that easily get overlooked. Painting the wrought iron rails around the window wells, caulking the Church windows as well as the basement windows that desperately needed attention, patching the city sidewalk in front of the Church and the rectory walkway to the front door, and painting the garage has kept him very busy. Faithful Dave Belanger will be filling in for Jaime as he visits his family in Colombia. We wish Jamie and his wife, Stella, safe travel.

The Parish Trustees (Charles Rogers and Catherine Taylor) and Auditors (Irene Zeigler and Peter Pleasants) have reviewed and signed the 2013/2014 Financial Report. It has been forwarded to the Diocesan Fiscal Office as required by diocesan policy. A spiritual and financial report will be shared with the parish in October. It's a "good news/bad news" sort of thing. There are major stewardship issues that will be presented and need to be addressed this year especially as we prepare the centennial in 2015. In addition, I think you will be amazed, surprised, and perhaps very disappointed with what else will be shared with you at that time.

Pope Francis has called an Extraordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops on the theme "The Pastoral Challenges of the Family in the Context of Evangelization." The synod will take place at the Vatican October 5-19, 2014. The discussions by the world-wide participants and the post-synod response of Pope Francis will be followed very closely by the entire Church and world community.

~Happy Autumn, Everyone!
 Monsignor Darcy

THIS WEEK AT ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH

Sun.	9/28	Religious Ed., Grades 6-8	10:00 am
		Religious Ed., Grades 9-10	6:30 pm
Mon.	9/29	Religious Ed., Grades 1-5	3:30 pm
Thurs.	10/2	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm

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**ST. FRANCIS GARDEN DEDICATION
AND BLESSING OF ANIMALS NEXT
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4TH AT 10:00 AM**

The dedication of the **ST. FRANCIS GARDEN** in memory of Dorothy Roberts will take place next Saturday, October 4th at 10:00 am on the President Avenue side of the rectory.

The blessing of family pets will also be held. Please bring your pets either on a leash or in a pet carrier for this family event. Use a muzzle if needed. Refreshments for all (including the dogs and cats!) will be provided.

PS-....don't forget to bring a 'scooper bag.'



CALLING NEW ALTAR SERVERS

Plans are being made to train young parishioners as altar servers for weekend Mass. If a student is in 4th grade or higher, please speak to either Msgr.

Darcy or Ms. Marie. *And...you get one of the best seats in the Church!!*

**SOPHIA ACADEMY
SCHOOL UNIFORM FUNDRAISER**

At St. Sebastian's we have a long tradition of helping children who are less fortunate than ourselves. This fall we focus on the needs of middle school girls at Sophia Academy, in the form of a fund raiser for their school uniforms. Sophia Academy was founded in 2001 by Sister Mary Reilly. It provides low-income girls a supportive and challenging academic environment from fifth to eighth grade. It has a proven track record of laying the foundation for girls to complete high school and become productive members of the community.

All the families of the school pay some tuition. Our uniform fundraiser will make a difference in their efforts to get their daughters ready for a successful school year. A contribution of \$100 will provide one Sophia Academy student a school uniform (one shirt, skirt, pants and sweater). Her required uniform gym wear is an additional \$35. Any donation will make a difference. A contribution of \$15 will buy one student a uniform shirt; \$20 will buy her a sweater; or \$40 will buy her a skirt.

Kindly place your donation in the envelopes located in the pews and place in collection baskets. Checks should be made payable to Sophia Academy. The Outreach Committee thanks the parish for their generosity to school children.



**CHILDREN'S LITURGY
BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY**

Msgr. Darcy will begin the Liturgy of the Word at the 9:00 am Mass the first Sunday of every month beginning next week. Children are invited to bring a canned good or other non-perishable food item to that Mass **each month** to bring to the altar at the regular collection time. It's their way of being mindful and helping of those who are hungry in our city.

**ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST
NEXT SUNDAY**



Please join us for our annual Pancake Breakfast sponsored by the Religious Education Program. The breakfast will take place next Sunday October 5th immediately following the 9:00 am Mass. All parishioners are welcome!

SAVE THE DATE ...SAVE THE DATE

OUR 100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Initial plans are underway to prepare for the **100th ANNIVERSARY** of our parish on Saturday, **October 17, 2015**. In the meantime dig out those old photo albums of yours and share any pictures you may have of the parish. We will digitize them and return the originals to you.

MONTHLY PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Names of friends, family, and fellow parishioners for whom prayers are asked will be listed monthly. If you would like a person included in next month's Prayers for the Sick please call the rectory. **Mary M., Peter Pizzarello, Maureen, Betty Mullaney and Heather.**

PARISH BOOK CLUB

The St. Sebastian Parish Book Club will meet on Wednesday October 15th at **7:00 pm** in the Fr. Randall Room to discuss The Company of Women, by Mary Gordon. Please note the change in time - **7:00 pm**.