

**Church of St. Sebastian**  
**September 8, 2013 — Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Scheduled Masses For This Week**

**Saturday, September 7, Vigil: Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5:00 pm For the People

**Sunday, September 8, Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 am Mavis Claire Young

-requested by Clark and Kay Phillip

11:00 am Victims of 9/11

**Monday, September 9, Saint Peter Claver, Priest**

7:00 am Mass

**Tuesday, September 10, Weekday**

7:00 am Mass

**Wednesday, September 11, Weekday**

7:00 am Mass

**Thursday, September 12, Weekday**

7:00 am Joseph R. Paolino, 1st anniversary

-requested by Donna Paolino and Joseph Paolino, Jr.

**Friday, September 13, Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

7:00 am Mass

**Next Weekend Masses**

**Saturday, September 14, Vigil: Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5:00 pm Mass

**Sunday, September 15, Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 am For the People

11:00 am Robert J. Fisher, 1st anniversary

-requested by his family

Our Lady's Candle is lit this week in memory of Clara Rose and Vincent Esposito, who would have celebrated their 71st wedding anniversary on September 12th. Requested by their daughter, Rita Watson.

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

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

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

**'Lord, Take Over'**

*Who ever knew your counsel, except you had given Wisdom and sent your holy spirit from on high? And thus were the paths of those on earth made straight...*

*Wisdom 9:17-18*

One of my favorite prayers is only three words long, and I feel the need to say it often: "Lord, take over." I need God's guidance and inspiration to help me make good decisions. I need him to take over so I can give to others what they need from me. My experience has taught me that I cannot do this by myself. The insights must come from God.

The good news is that God's guiding wisdom is within all of us. The bad news is that we're often unaware of its presence in our minds and hearts. It seems that we can only discover this if we're willing to spend time silently with God. In silent attentive prayers, we learn how to recognize and accept the guidance that God wants to give.

*Lord, may I take the time to know your presence and to pay attention to the wisdom you want to share with me.*

Fr. Kenneth E. Grabner, C.S.C.

**PUBLISHING PARISH NEWS**

Mary Brennan, the parish secretary, prepares the weekly bulletin on Monday for transmission at Tuesday noon. She will consult with Fr. Paquette, the Parish Administrator, about all upcoming activities. Please send information to Mary in a timely manner so she can share it with Fr. Joe. Thank you.

**PARISH CHOIR**

Weekly rehearsals will begin on Thursday September 19th at 7:00 pm in the Father Randall Room. Please consider joining us in preparing for each Sunday's 11:00 am Mass and for this year's Christmas Program. For more information contact our Parish Music Director, Bill Cooper at 438-2465.

**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.***

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**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

**TEACHER NEEDED**

The Religious Education Program is looking for a teacher for this year's 3rd grade class which meets on Monday afternoons from 3:30-4:45pm. Anyone interested may contact Ms. Marie [msmarie06.stseb@gmail.com](mailto:msmarie06.stseb@gmail.com) or after the 9am Mass on Sundays. Please pray and consider helping in this very important Ministry which will be greatly appreciated.

**CLASS REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED DURING DESIGNATED CLASS TIMES TODAY AND TOMORROW:**

GRADES 1-5, MONDAY AT 3:30 PM

GRADES 6-8, SUNDAY AT 10:00 AM

GRADES 9-10, SUNDAY AT 6:30 PM

Classes begin next Sunday/Monday, September 15th/16th.

**SAVE the DATE, Saturday Oct. 19 at 6:00 PM  
 Chair Lift Kickoff -- Oktoberfest**

Co-Chairs welcome your support and involvement.

Karin Schrott at 401.465.7444

Rita Watson at 617.733.7869

Accessibility for everyone builds our community.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry**

The next meeting of our Prayer Shawl Ministry will be on Tuesday September 17th at 7:00 pm in the Fr. Randall Room. We're continuing to make prayer shawls and small Baptism Blankets. Call Pat Capece 274-8632 or Elaine Kehoe 273-4259 with ideas or questions.

**SOPHIA ACADEMY SCHOOL UNIFORM FUNDRAISER**

At St. Sebastian 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 first 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.

The Outreach Committee thanks the parish for their generosity to school children this fall.

**PARISH BOOK CLUB** will meet on Wednesday, September 18th at 7:30 pm in the Fr. Randall Room to discuss *Bring Up the Bodies* by Hilary Mantel.

**FOOD COLLECTION**

The Outreach Committee is still collecting food for the hungry. The basket is at the back of the church. We appreciate your donations.

***THIS WEEK AT ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH***

Sun.	9/8	CCD Registration, Grades 5-8	10:00 am
		CCD Registration, Grades 9-10	6:30 pm
Mon.	9/9	CCD Registration, Grades 1-4	3:30 pm
Thur.	9/12	Men's Opus Dei, Church	7:00 pm
		Oktoberfest Committee Meeting, Fr. Randall Room	7:00 pm

**WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT**

September 1, 2013

# of Budget Envelopes Used This Week	51
Contributions-Budgets and Checks	\$2,674.00
Loose Contributions	\$ 605.00
Total Offertory	\$3,279.00
Monthly Maintenance	\$1,260.00

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