

# Church of St. Sebastian

## April 1, 2012—Palm Sunday

### Scheduled Masses For This Week

**Saturday, March 31, Vigil: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

5:00 pm For the people

**Sunday, April 1, Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

9:00 am Mary and Edward Cullinane, and Wayne Cullinane

-requested by Eileen Cullinane

11:00 am Dr. Daniel Calenda, 7th anniversary  
-requested by his wife Belle Calenda

**Monday, April 2, Monday of Holy Week**

7:00 am Mass

**Tuesday, April 3, Tuesday of Holy Week**

7:00 am Rose M. Ironfield, month's mind

-requested by Pat and Sal Annarummo

**Wednesday, April 4, Wednesday of Holy Week**

7:00 am Vincent F. Annarummo, 1st anniversary  
-requested by Pat and Sal Annarummo

**Thursday, April 5, Holy Thursday**

7:00 pm *Mass of the Lord's Supper*

**Friday, April 6, Good Friday of the Lord's Passion**

3:00 pm *Stations of the Cross*

7:00 pm *Liturgy of the Passion*

### Next Weekend Masses

**Saturday, April 7, Holy Saturday**

7:30 pm *Solemn Easter Vigil*

**Sunday, April 8, Easter Sunday**

9:00 am *For All Parishioners*

11:00 am *For All Parishioners*

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

Deborah Bessette, Peggy Corrigan, Rose Penney, Zola Ventre, and Vilma O'Connor.



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**Rev. Msgr. John J. Darcy, J.C.L., Pastor**

### PASTOR'S CORNER

We begin the great events of Holy Week. Philippians 2:6-11 that we hear today was one of the very first hymns of the early Church. St. Paul's wrote of the great *kenosis* of Christ (Greek for "emptiness"). Christ emptied Himself, that is, He did not cling to glory but became man. He "suffered death" is what we proclaim every Sunday in the Creed. We read today the Passion according to St. Mark. The Passion according to St. John is always read on Good Friday. Read one of the Passion accounts during the week to help focus your Spirit during most holy days. We are invited into the mystery of God's love. The Lord wants to fill us with grace, but we, too, must first be "emptied" so as to make a place for Him.

We welcome to Saint Sebastian's all those visiting family and friends on this Palm Sunday. Today is a day for many families to seek reconciliation by sharing palm branches with those they may have offended. Some bring palm branches to the cemetery. Whatever family tradition you celebrate, keep in mind the call we have been given to live our Catholic faith daily; not just at this holy season.

Our parish schedule is provided here in the bulletin. I encourage all of you to invite your families, friends, and associates to join us for these most holy days. Everything comes to a climax at the **Great Vigil next Saturday at 7:30 PM**. The parish celebrates the Resurrection and the full initiation of Paul J. Mussara. Paul will receive Baptism, Confirmation, and the Holy Eucharist at the Vigil. Congratulations to you, Paul as you are clothed with Christ. We give a very special welcome to his parents and friends who will join us at the Vigil.

Weather permitting; the Easter Egg Hunt will take place after the 9 AM on the south lawn (to the right when you look at the Church). I'm sure there will be plenty of Easter bonnets and new suits on that glorious day. A blessed week to all.

~Monsignor Darcy

### CATHOLIC CHARITY FUND APPEAL 2012

Thank you for your continued contributions to our Annual Catholic Charity Fund Appeal. Last week you contributed an additional \$15,558, bringing us to \$39,662, towards our \$82,000 goal.

Please consider a truly sacrificial gift to support our needy brothers and sisters. Thank you to those who have contributed to date.

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### EASTER DUTY OBLIGATION

After they have reached their First Holy Communion, Catholics are bound by the obligation of receiving Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept should be fulfilled during the Easter Season. Catholics are also bound to confess serious (mortal) sins at least once a year, but this is not limited to the Lenten/Easter Season

### LENTEN FASTING AND ABSTINENCE REGULATIONS

On Good Friday, Catholics of age 14 and older abstain from meat, and those age 18 to 59 fast, limiting themselves to one full meal and two smaller meals.

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Just as the disciples stayed with the Lord during his agony on the Mount of Olives before the betrayal by Judas, we will stay with the Lord at the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Holy Thursday evening until 11:00 pm. Please join our prayerful watch over our Lord. Sign up sheets are in the vestibule.. *“Could you not stay with Me one hour...”*

### GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

On Good Friday, our parish will take up the annual Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land. Your financial contribution helps to support the struggling Christian community and to protect Christianity’s holiest places. Please be generous.

### *Holy Week at St. Sebastian Church*

- Sunday, 4/1** -Coffee Hour, 10 am in Church Hall  
-Religious Education, 10:00 am  
-Religious Education, 6:30 pm
- Monday, 4/2** -Religious Education, 3:30 pm
- Thursday, 4/5** -Mass of the Lord’s Supper 7:00 pm  
-Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament,  
8:00 pm to 11:00 pm
- Friday, 4/6** -Stations of the Cross, 3:00 pm  
-Solemn Liturgy of the Lord’s Passion,  
7:00 pm
- Saturday, 4/7** -Confessions, 3:00 - 4:00 pm  
-Solemn Easter Vigil, 7:30 pm
- Sunday, 4/8** -Easter Sunday Mass, 9:00 am  
-Easter Egg Hunt for children through  
Grade 5, 10:00 am  
-Easter Sunday Mass, 11:00 am



*Create a memorial or honorary fund for your spouse or parent. Your gift can create an endowment for our parish in memory of or in honor of them and benefit those we serve for generations. Contact Msgr. Darcy for more information.*

### EASTER FLOWERS

Donations for our Easter flowers may be made in memory of deceased loved ones and may be placed with the regular offertory collection. Envelopes are available in the vestibule. Thank you.

### PARISH BOOK CLUB

The Parish Book Club will meet next on Wednesday, April 18th at 7:30 pm in the Fr. Randall Meeting Room to discuss Muriel Spark’s The Girls of Slender Means. All are welcome.

### WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

#### MARCH 24/25, 2012

# of Budget Envelopes Used	80
Contributions from Budgets and Checks	\$3,664
Loose Contributions	\$ 573
Total Offertory	\$4,237

*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.*

### PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Our first meeting will be on Thursday, April 12th in the church basement from 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Bring your needles and yarn and spend an hour in prayerful knitting./crocheting Prayer Shawls for the ill and elderly of our diocese. Contact Pat Capece (274-8632) or Elaine Kehoe (273-4259) for more details. Join us in this lovely way to praise God with our hearts and hands. No experience necessary.

### PARISH BLOOD DRIVE

Please participate in St. Sebastian’s first Blood Drive on April 22nd from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm being held in the basement of the church. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your blood donation (medications, illness, fear, etc.) please call the Blood Center at 401-453-8307 and they can help answer your questions. We would love to make this event successful and hope you will join us.



**Parish Events- SAVE THE DATES**  
**Saturday, April 21 - Confirmation**  
**Sunday, April 22 - Parish Blood Drive**  
**Sunday, May 13 - First Communion**  
**Saturday, May 19 - Wine Tasting Event**

### 2<sup>ND</sup> WINE TASTING EVENT SHOUT OUT

If anyone has restaurant gift certificates they do not plan to use, the Wine Tasting Committee will be very happy to put them to good use!! You can forward them to the rectory at your convenience. Also, if anyone wishes to be a corporate sponsor to help defray the costs of the event, you may call or email Monsignor at [msgrdarcy@gmail.com](mailto:msgrdarcy@gmail.com)