

**Church of St. Sebastian**  
**November 18, 2012 — Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Scheduled Masses For This Week**

**Saturday, November 17, Vigil of 33rd Sunday**

5:00 pm Fr. Tom Carnevale, 10th anniversary  
 -requested by his family

**Sunday, November 18, 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 am Patricia M. Bach  
 -requested by Tom and Adele Hutton and family

11:00 am Alice McElroy, 1st anniversary

**Monday, November 19, Weekday**

7:00 Raymond and Margaret Bertoncini  
 -requested by their daughter Toni

**Tuesday, November 20, Weekday**

7:00 am Charles McMahon, 18th anniversary

**Wednesday, November 21, The Presentation of BVM**

7:00 am Mass

**Thursday, November 22~~Thanksgiving Day~~**

8:00 am For the People  
**NOTE MASS IS AT 8:00 AM**

**Friday, November 23, Weekday**

7:00 am Mass

**Next Weekend Masses**

**Saturday, November 24, Vigil of Our Lord Jesus**

**Christ, King of the Universe**

5:00 pm William Craig Haus, Memorial Mass  
 -requested by his family

**Sunday, November 25, Solemnity of Christ the King**

9:00 am For the People

**WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT**

**November 11, 2012**

**# of Budget Envelopes Used This Week 81 of 326**

Contributions-Budgets and Checks \$ 5,373.00

Loose Contributions \$ 526.00

**Total Offertory \$ 5,899.00**

**Our Increased Weekly Giving Program is coming to a close. We would like to commend all parishioners for their concern for our parish. If you have not yet returned your WHITE response envelope, please do so at the first opportunity.**

Please consider enrolling in **Parish Giving**, our electronic stewardship program for easy, secure contributions.

You can register online at [www.ParishGiving.org](http://www.ParishGiving.org) or at the parish website at [www.stsebastianri.org](http://www.stsebastianri.org).

**THE FIRST THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION**

**HEREAS** it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favour; and Whereas both Houses of Congress have, by their joint committee, requested me "to recommend to the people of the United States a DAY OF PUBLIC THANKSGIVING and PRAYER, to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many and signal favors of Almighty God, especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness:"

**NOW THEREFORE**, I do recommend and assign THURSDAY, the TWENTY-SIXTH DAY of NOVEMBER next, to be devoted by the people of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being who is the beneficent author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be; that we may then all unite in rendering unto Him our sincere and humble thanks for His kind care and protection of the people of this country previous to their becoming a nation; for the signal and manifold mercies and the favorable interpositions of His providence in the course and conclusion of the late war; for the great degree of tranquility, union, and plenty which we have since enjoyed;-- for the peaceable and rational manner in which we have been able to establish Constitutions of government for our safety and happiness, and particularly the national one now lately instituted;-- for the civil and religious liberty with which we are blessed, and the means we have of acquiring and diffusing useful knowledge;-- and, in general, for all the great and various favours which He has been pleased to confer upon us.

**AND ALSO**, that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of Nations and beseech Him to pardon our national and other transgressions;-- to enable us all, whether in publick or private stations, to perform our several and relative duties properly and punctually; to render our National Government a blessing to all the people by constantly being a Government of wise, just, and constitutional laws, discreetly and faithfully executed and obeyed; to protect and guide all sovereigns and nations (especially such as have shewn kindness unto us); and to bless them with good governments, peace, and concord; to promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue, and the increase of science among them and us; and, generally to grant unto all mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as he alone knows to be best.

**GIVEN** under my hand, at the city of New-York, the third day of October, in the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine.

(signed) G. Washington



***THANKSGIVING DAY***  
***MASS is at 8:00AM***

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*"The Church's love for the poor . . . is a part of her constant tradition"* (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2444). **The Collection for the Campaign for Human Development (CCHD)** provides funding for groups that create lasting change and uplift the poor in the United States. In the last five years, over 36% of CCHD's grants have gone toward advancing education, supporting economic development, and improving housing in low-income neighborhoods. You can help participate in this tradition today. **Fight poverty in America. Defend human dignity. Give to the CCHD Collection.**

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

The ministry will meet Tuesday, November 20th at 7:00 pm in the Fr. Randall Room. **Their prayer and baptismal shawls will be blessed this weekend.** These beautiful shawls surround others with the prayers of our parish. Can you help with this ministry even at home?

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**Please keep our fellow parishioners and friends in your thoughts and prayers:**  
 Denise Walker, Beverly DiLello, Kathy McCaughey, Deborah Besette, Peggy Corrigan, Beatrice Calvo  
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**COMMUNITY OUTREACH MINISTRY**

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD COLLECTION**

Members of the Community Outreach Committee are collecting monetary donations after all Masses this weekend to help the St. Vincent de Paul Society provide Thanksgiving baskets to needy families. We thank you for your **generosity**.

**PARISH WINTER COAT DRIVE**

**If you're cleaning out your closets, save any winter coats** and bring them to the parish winter coat drive taking place ***now through Thanksgiving Day***. There is a coat rack in the vestibule for your donations, which

Our Lady's Candle is lit this week in memory of the first anniversary of the passing of Robert Bertoncini, as requested by his sister, Toni. May he rest in the peace of the Risen Christ.



**The Year of Faith**

*~~~Save the Date~~~*

*Our next adult education session is on Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the Church.*

**“MUSLIM- CHRISTIAN RELATIONS:  
 HISTORY AND CONTEXT”**

Dr. Sandra Keating teaches at Providence College and publishes in the area of comparative religion with an emphasis on Catholic-Muslim Relations, particularly theological exchange in the early medieval period.

She has published numerous articles and a book on relations between Muslims and Christians in the Middle East. Dr. Keating is a frequent speaker on various aspects of Muslim-Catholic relations, especially on the theology and historical background to contemporary issues in dialogue. She is a member of the USCCB Catholic-Muslim dialogue group, and served as a Consultor on the Vatican Commission for Religious Relations with Muslims. **Dr. Keating will be with us this Sunday, Nov. 18th at 6:30 PM. All are welcome. Please sign up in the front vestibule of the Church.**

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**A THANKSGIVING TABLE PRAYER**

**O Gracious God, we give you thanks for your overflowing generosity to us. Thank you for the blessings of the food we eat and especially for this feast today. Thank you for our home and family and friends, especially for the presence of those gathered here. Thank you for our health, our work and our play. Please send help to those who are hungry, alone, sick and suffering war and violence. Open our hearts to your love. We ask your blessing through Christ your son. Amen.**

<b><u>THIS WEEK AT ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH</u></b>			
Sun.	11/18	Religious Ed, Grades 6-8	10:00 am
		Religious Ed, Grades 9-10	6:30 pm
		Muslim-Christian Relations, Dr. Sandra Keating	6:30 pm
Mon.	11/19	Religious Ed, Grades 1-5	3:30 pm
Tues.	11/20	Knit in Prayer	7:00 pm
Thurs	11/22	Thanksgiving Day Mass	8:00 am