

Church of St. Sebastian
November 25, 2012 — Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Scheduled Masses For This Week

Saturday, November 24, Vigil of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

5:00 pm William Craig Haus, Memorial Mass
-requested by his sister, Dorothy Haus Testa

Sunday, November 25, Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

9:00 am For the People

11:00 am Rose Conboy, 1st Anniversary
Requested by Tom Conboy and Family

Monday, November 26, Weekday

7:00 Mass

Tuesday, November 27, Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Wednesday, November 28, Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Thursday, November 29, Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Next Weekend Masses

Saturday, December 1, November 24, Vigil of First Sunday of Advent

5:00 pm Joel D. Landry, 10th anniversary
-requested by wife and family

Sunday, December 2, First Sunday of Advent

9:00 am Beatrice Dulgarian
-requested by Thomas and Farisa Mulvey

11:00 am For the People

Our Lady's Candle on the side altar is lit this week in loving remembrance of the first anniversary of the passing of Robert Bertoncini, as requested by his sister Toni Dumville..

A NEW YEAR OF GRACE

As we prepare to enter the Advent Season on Dec. 1st, the Church prepares for the Solemnity of the Nativity. This quiet liturgical season with readings from Isaiah, and the appearance of John the Baptist prepares us for the great Christ event. In order to assist your plans for Christmas, the Vigil Mass will be at 5 PM, and

THE FIRST MASS OF CHRISTMAS

WILL BE CELEBRATED AT 10 PM.

CHRISTMAS DAY AT 9 AM AND 11 AM

The choir will have a selection of choral pieces as a prelude to this First Mass of Christmas.

The Pastor's Corner

The Solemnity of Christ the King brings the 2011/12 Church Year of Grace to a close. This time last year we were preparing to receive the new edition of the Roman Missal throughout the English speaking world. Fair to say, we 've done pretty well as we get more acquainted with the response...”and with your Spirit!”). I am still transitioning to the new texts. Overall, it wasn't as dramatic or shocking as many expected.

Shocking would be seeing Jesus beaten, bruised, in chains, and crowned with thorns. He's called King...King of the Jews by Pilate at the *Ecco homo* moment (“Behold the King!”). The taunting was biting, sarcastic, blasphemous. May we never forget that there is no cheap grace when it comes to the price of our salvation.

We continue to appreciate the fact that we still see the Suffering Servant among us. Where is He? Over the past year, we continued to care for the sick, to bury the dead, to care for the poor and hungry, the cold and homeless. The Adopt a Family Program, Thanksgiving food donations, deepen our understanding of our faith during this **Year of Faith** (at this writing on 11/16 some 60 people are scheduled to attend). That's where we see Him, but it's only possible with eyes, ears, and hands of faith.

And so, as we conclude a Year of Grace, we look **look to the future** . The single candle next week on an Advent Wreath will again bring light into the darkness. We believe that the Light will never go out...for He is with us, always!

With thanks for your faithfulness,
Monsignor Darcy



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MONTHLY MAINTENANCE COLLECTION

NEXT WEEKEND

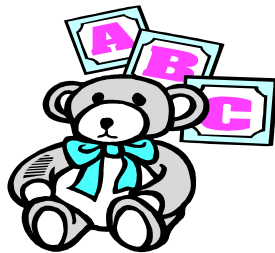
Our Monthly Maintenance Collection helps defray the cost of maintaining our beautiful church, rectory and parish grounds. A monthly collection of \$2,000 would pay for this ongoing and necessary maintenance. **Please be generous to this important collection to continue necessary improvements on our parish property.**

WELCOME, KEIRA MACE WELSH

We welcome Keira Mace Welsh, daughter of Tim & Erin (Boles) who was baptized last Sunday, November 18th. May you have a long and blessed family life.

CAROLING AT AREA NURSING HOMES

Come share the spirit of Christmas by caroling for residents of local nursing homes on Sunday, **December 16th**. Singers of all ages are welcome! It is always a wonderful and giving way to begin the Christmas Season. Refreshments will be served following the caroling. We will meet at St. Sebastian's at 1:10 pm. Please sign up in the Church vestibule beginning next weekend. Call Susan Elliott at 831-1162 for more information.



A Reminder that Baby Sitting Service is available for our youngest parishioners in the Church Hall during the 9 AM Sunday Mass.

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

Denise Walker, Beverly DiLello, Kathy McCaughey, Deborah Bessette, Peggy Corrigan, Beatrice Calvo Crozier, James Shanni, and Vilma O'Connor.

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

THANK YOU IS THE WORD OF THE SEASON

We come to the end of this Thanksgiving weekend. We've paused and gathered to give thanks for our family and friends, our Catholic faith, health, financial success and the opportunity to serve Christ in others.

Our parish is strengthening in numbers, fiscal responsibility, and service. My personal and prayerful thanks for the many parishioners and friends who participate so faithfully at our parish. If you're new among us, feel welcomed to get involved; if you have ideas and willing to enact them, let's discuss them more earnestly. And if you're here today for the first time in some time, always feel welcome among us. And, give Thanks!

WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

November 11, 2012

of Budget Envelopes Used This Week 81 of 326

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| 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.

THIS WEEK AT ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH

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| Sun. | 11/25 | NO RELIGIOUS ED, Grades 6-8 | |
| | | NO RELIGIOUS ED, Grades 9-10 | |
| Mon. | 11/26 | Religious Ed, Grades 1-5 | 3:30 pm |
| Thurs. | 11/29 | Choir Rehearsal | 7:00 pm |