

Church of St. Sebastian
November 4, 2012 — Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scheduled Masses For This Week

Saturday, November 3, Vigil of 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm Louis Soper, 14th anniversary
-requested by his family

Sunday, November 4, 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

11:00 am For Parishioners Who Were Buried from Saint Sebastian's During the Past Year

Monday, November 5, Weekday

7:00 am For the People

Tuesday, November 6, Weekday

7:00 am Frank McCormick and Marjorie McCormick
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-requested by their families

Wednesday, November 7, Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Thursday, November 8, Weekday

7:00 am Ellie Powers, Memorial Mass
-requested by Pat and Sal Annarummo

Friday, November 9, The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Next Weekend Masses

Saturday, November 10, Vigil of 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm Mass

Sunday, November 11, 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am E. Michael Dugan
-requested by Grace Dugan

11:00 am Vanna and John Cahill
-requested by Belle Calenda

WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

October 28, 2012

of Budget Envelopes Used This Week 76 of 326

Contributions-Budgets and Checks \$ 7,590

Loose Contributions \$ 450

Total Offertory \$ 8,040

Your participation in our Increased Weekly Giving Program is important. Please give prayerful consideration to Msgr. Darcy's request for a reasonable increase in your weekly offering.

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

You can register online at www.ParishGiving.org or at the parish website at www.stsebastianri.org.

Pastor's Corner

November is such a noteworthy month in which we give thanks. Beginning on November 1st with All Saints Day, followed immediately by All Souls Day, the Church rejoices with those already in God's presence and those along the way. We also give thanks that we have the freedom *to vote* this Tuesday in our national election. Then, the month culminates with Thanksgiving Day, November 22nd. This is the most travelled holiday of the whole year. It says quite a bit about our need to be with family and friends as we give thanks to God for all the blessings we enjoy as individuals, family, and as a nation.

This Sunday at the 11:00 am Mass, the Confirmation candidates assist with the liturgy. The names of all those buried from our parish during the past year are read and enshrined at Our Lady's icon. May they and all our loved ones rest in the peace of Christ. The revised Roman Missal mentions the faithful seeing the "face of God." The text is a prayerful reminder of the ultimate goal of our faith journey. There is no greater gift for the believer than to behold forever the face of God! Think about that the next time we look at a newborn baby, our fiancé(e), your closest friend, or even a loved one who just transitioned to God. Isn't that the reason why we take pictures with smart phones, iPads, and cameras...to cherish and savor the moment? The *Good News* is we won't have to worry about taking pictures (or anything else) when we finally get "to see the face of God!"

Opportunities to reach out will present themselves as the month moves on. There's a sign-up even today for *Adopt a Family at Christmas*. "Caring is sharing" remains at the heart of who we are a parish. I know you will respond as you always do... as if for Christ.

I extend my thanks for the real joy of being your pastor. One can never say thank you enough...and so I do to you this entire month ...THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFUL RESPONSE TO THE CHALLENGE OF THE GOSPEL.

~With gratitude and prayers,
Msgr. Darcy



Our Lady's Candle burns this week as an anniversary remembrance of Alex Calenda, Sr. as requested by Belle Calenda.

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NEW PARISHIONERS TO ST. SEBASTIAN'S

Our parish family continues to grow with new parishioners. Welcome David Zizik and Karen Power, Karen Ann Bessette, James and Pamela DeLuca, Robert and Kara DiSandro, Magdalena Krzystolik, Kyle and Jennifer Moyles, Jose and Luc Negron, George Patton, Kim Perry, Bruce and Kristen Ciummo, Daniel and Suzana Gertrudes, Vincent Giordana and Lisa Rocchio, Leanne Heslop, Nicholas Silva, and Patrick and Shannon Sullivan. The parish greets you with warmth and looks forward to your active presence at St. Sebastian's!

PARISH BOOK CLUB

St. Sebastian Book Club will meet on Wednesday, November 14th at 7:30 pm in the Fr. Randall Room to discuss A Damsel in Distress by P.G. Wodehouse. Subsequently: December 12th J. Austen, Persuasion.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD COLLECTION

Beginning next weekend we are collecting monetary donations and canned goods 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 will benefit the Buy Nothing Coat Exchange.



THIS WEEK AT ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH

Sun.	11/4	Religious Ed Grades 6-8	10:00 am
		Religious Ed Grades 9-10	6:30 pm
Mon.	11/5	Religious Ed Grades 1-5	3:30 pm
Tues.	11/6	Prayer Shawl Ministry	7:00 pm
Thurs.	11/8	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm



The Year of Faith

---Save the Date---

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

“MOSLEM- 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 Consultant on the Vatican Commission for Religious Relations with Muslims. **Dr. Keating will be with us on Sunday, November 18 at 6:30 PM. All are welcome. Please sign up in the front vestibule of the Church.**

Sponsored by the RI Chapter Order of Malta.

NOVEMBER: THE MONTH OF ALL SOULS

You may use the All Soul's Remembrance Envelope to list the names of those who will be remembered all through November. Their names will be in repose under the icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help for the entire year. You can return them in the regular Offertory basket.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The ministry will meet Tuesday, November 6th and 20th at 7:00 pm in the Fr. Randall Room. Their shawls will be blessed at a weekend Mass in a few weeks. These beautiful shawls surround others with the prayers of our parish. Can you help with this ministry even at home?

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, and Vilma O'Connor.
Please contact the rectory if you would like to add a person to our prayers.