

Church of St. Sebastian
October 23, 2011—Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scheduled Masses For This Week

Saturday, October 22, Vigil: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm James Pizzuti
-requested by Elizabeth Dugan

Sunday, October 23, 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Mass
11:00 am For the People

Monday, October 24, Weekday

7:00 am Mr. and Mrs. William Moreau
-requested by their daughters

Tuesday, October 25, Weekday,

7:00 am Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, October 26, Weekday

7:00 am Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, October 27, Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Friday, October 28, Saint Simon and Saint Jude, apostles

7:00 am Mass

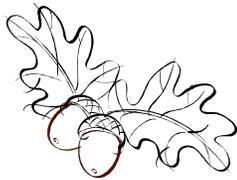
Next Weekend Masses

Saturday, October 29, Vigil: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm For the People

Sunday, October 30, 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Thank you for your prayers
-requested by Betty Mullaney
11:00 am Mass



WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

October 15/16, 2011

# of Budget Envelopes Used This Week	80
Contributions-Budgets and Checks	\$3,772
Loose Contributions	\$ 742
Total Offertory	\$4,514

Please consider enrolling in *Parish Giving*, our electronic stewardship program for parish contributions. You can register online at www.Parishgiving.org or on our parish website at www.stsebastianri.org.

PASTOR'S CORNER

Hinge- noun : a jointed or flexible device on which a door, lid, or other swinging part turns. (Webster's Dictionary)

The top hinge on the front door of the Church was recently repaired. It had become loose, out of balance, and required attention to work properly. You don't realize the quiet simplicity of balance until it is compromised. The door served as a modern parable about the spiritual life.

In another test, Jesus is asked which of the 613 mandates in the Law is the greatest. The answer is in today's Gospel. He tells us to love God with all that we are; *and* our neighbors as ourselves. The two great hinges of the spiritual life. Are we in balance...are we working properly?

Just about one month from now, we will begin using the Third Edition of the Roman Missal. The language will be different than what all of us have been used to since 1974. The deeper spiritual reality is ever the same: our prayer is directed to the God who saves us in Christ. That gift challenges us to share the opportunity of salvation to others. We are a hinge people: loving God and neighbor in proper balance and in a noteworthy rhythm of life.

The homilies for the next two weekends will center on the changes in the Sacred Liturgy. Pew cards will be used through the transition period and for as long as it takes for you and me to become familiar with the new translation. I anticipate tongue twisting for all of us... but, we will survive! I do believe you will find an even deeper spiritual reality in the texts.

There are new parishioners and visitors among us. We welcome them to the parish. I have met quite a few of them in the past weeks and I told them that they will find St. Sebastian's a caring, friendly community. They will recognize Christ in us by our love of God and neighbor.

Finally, a sincere thank you to everyone who worked or donated their time and gifts to the Oktoberfest. It was a wonderful gathering of seventy parishioners and friends.

May the Lord be with you!
Msgr. Darcy



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NOVEMBER; THE MONTH OF ALL SOULS

Our faith reminds us to always pray for our deceased brothers and sisters. We do so in a special way during the month of November. Envelopes are provided in the pews this weekend and next if you would like to remember your beloved dead. Kindly return the envelopes which will be reserved in a place of honor throughout the month of November.

The 11 AM Mass on November 6th will be offered for parishioners who died over the past year. Their families have been invited to join us as we remember their loved ones here at St. Sebastian's. May they rest in the peace of Christ. Amen.

PASTA NIGHT AT ST. SEBASTIAN'S

Saturday, November 5th immediately following the 5:00 pm Mass. All are invited! Admission is \$3.00 per person. Sign up sheets are in the vestibule for volunteers to set up, serve, clean up, and for the number of people attending. Please Join Us!



MENTORING MATTERS!

St. Patrick Academy is currently looking for faith-filled individuals to join its mentoring program, **Mentoring for Success**. The program selectively matches adult role-models with students beginning in Grade 9 to mentor them through their high school experience. For more information, or for an application, email your request to rbrissette@stpatrickacademyri.com or call 421-9300 x11

ST. SEBASTIAN EMERGENCY REPAIR FUND

*The Emergency Fund is at an amazing **\$28,350 from 35 donors!** It is very important that every family or individual step up to the plate and help with these emergency repairs.*

"THANK YOU" to those who have made their sacrificial gift for this campaign. Please return your intention card by October 30th in the collection basket or to the rectory. Your major gift can be extended over six months if you so chose.

An online giving option for the roof project is available at www.Parishgiving.org.

SAVE YOUR OLD COATS!!

The parishioners of St. Sebastian Church will once again be taking part in the "Buy Nothing Day—Winter Coat Exchange" on November 25th on the State House Lawn. Save your old unwanted coats now for collection in the Church beginning November 6th. Thank you for your generosity to this annual Outreach Committee event.

CHOIR REHEARSALS—PRAISE THE LORD!

Parishioners who would like to assist in the ministry of music are cordially invited to sing at our 11:00 am Sunday Mass and at the major solemnities of the Church Year. Our small volunteer parish choir needs voices in all vocal ranges. Rehearsals are held each Thursday at 7:30 pm in the Fr. Randall Room. Please speak with Bill Cooper, the organist/director after any Mass or call him at 258-2023 for more information.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

A Children's Liturgy of the Word is held each Sunday during the 9:00 am Mass. Catechists, a few parents, and the children will retire to the Fr. Randall Room for their lesson, and return at the Profession of Faith. Many thanks to Ms. Marie and the volunteers who have offered to restart this education program for our little parishioners.



Our Lady's Candle burns this week as a birthday remembrance of Marilyn Hartley Picerelli as requested by Patricia Lawlor and Regina Andrews.

THIS WEEK AT ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH

Sun.	10/23	Religious Education	10:00 am
		Coffee Hour	10:00 am
		Religious Education	6:30 pm
Mon.	10/24	Religious Education	3:30 pm
Thurs.	10/27	Opus Dei	10:00 am
		Choir Rehearsal	7:30 pm