

Church of St. Sebastian
October 7, 2012 — Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scheduled Masses For This Week

Saturday, October 6, Vigil: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm Joseph Mastriano, 20th anniversary
-requested by his family

Sunday, October 7, 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

11:00 am For the People

Monday, October 8, Weekday

~Columbus Day~Holiday Mass Schedule~

9:00 am Mass

Tuesday, October 9, Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Wednesday, October 10, Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Thursday, October 11, Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Friday, October 12, Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Next Weekend Masses

Saturday, October 13, Vigil: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm Marion O'Donohue, 20th anniversary

Sunday, October 14, 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am For the People

11:00 am Charles Andrews, 1st anniversary

-requested by Jonathan and Regina Andrews



WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

September 30, 2012

# of Budget Envelopes Used This Week	63
Contributions-Budgets and Checks	\$ 2,730
Loose Contributions	\$ 597
Total Offertory	\$ 3,327

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

Today's Gospel is laden with teaching, distinctions, and challenges on marriage. It engages the contemporary debate within the public square and with our culture. The Church accepts the marriage between only a man and a woman as Divine Teaching; for others, it's only a distraction from those "intolerant Catholics." Do you know of any similar Teaching from the Scriptures that evokes such reaction within the Church and the culture?

All the above being said, no person, no pastor, and even no pope can change Divine Law. The Church can not change the number of Sacraments; the Church can not add a "fourth" Person in the Godhead, the Church can not authorize coffee and donuts as the physical matter for the celebration of the Eucharist. Similarly, the Church can not acknowledge a marriage between two people of the same sex based on the Divine Law. It's not gay bashing; it's religious submission of mind and will (*obsequium religiosum*) to Divine Law. With marriage rooted in the Divine and Natural Law, every word is very carefully nuanced in one of the few theological canons in the Code of Canon Law. Thus we read: "*Can. 1055 §1...The matrimonial covenant, by which a man and a woman establish between themselves a partnership of the whole of life and which is ordered by its nature to the good of the spouses and the procreation and education of offspring, has been raised by Christ the Lord to the dignity of a sacrament between the baptized.*"

Obviously, there are many faces to the contemporary family. What family has not been touched by divorce? I believe we all would agree that the tragic end of a marriage affects not only the couple but also their children and extended families. As I mentioned a few weeks ago, life can get messy! The tension within our interpersonal relationships reflects either the gift of unity and peace, or our human frailty and brokenness. Is there any wonder why we need to pray constantly for all our families?

Next weekend I'll be addressing the important temporal needs of the parish as we move toward a very bright future. It will be within the context of our personal responsibility to this wonderful Parish Community known as St. Sebastian's!

Enjoy this Fall Weather,
~Msgr. Darcy

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YEAR OF FAITH
October 11, 2012—November 24, 2012

Pope Benedict will inaugurate a Year of Faith on October 11th. It is a call to a new evangelization of the Church. **Bishop Tobin invites everyone to the Cathedral on Sunday, October 14 at 1:00 pm as the Diocese begins the celebration of this special year of reflection, conversion, and action on the Gospel of Christ.**

Here at the parish...

"FOR WOMEN ONLY"

The women of Saint Sebastian's are invited to a presentation on authentic femininity by local author, Genevieve Kineke. Bringing a fresh and inclusive view to the topic, her message has been enthusiastically received by audiences of all ages. Prepare to be surprised and inspired as we discuss its application to our everyday lives. Genevieve will be with us on **Monday, October 15 at 7:00 pm.**

FUTURE PRESENTATIONS TO BE OFFERED AT THE PARISH DURING THE YEAR OF FAITH

MUSLIM-CHRISTIAN RELATIONS presented by Dr. Sandra Keating of Providence College.

CATHOLIC TEACHING ON END OF LIFE ISSUES: WHOSE LIFE IS IT ANYWAY? presented by Fr. Chris Maher, S.T.L. in January

THANKS FOR YOUR HELP

A big "**THANKS**" to the Religious Education Students and their parents for the delicious Pancake Breakfast last weekend. You should have seen the men cooking in the kitchen! Thanks to all.



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

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.

IF IT'S FALL, IT'S TIME FOR OKTOBERFEST

The parish celebration of **OKTOBERFEST** will take place **next Saturday, October 13th** from 6:00 to 9:00 pm in the Church Hall. Bratwurst steamed in beer with (or without) sauerkraut, German-style potato salad, spinach ravioli in chicken broth, pretzels with a selection of mustards, German chocolate cake and coffee will be the fare while enjoying Bavarian music and refreshments. Reservations required for the first 100 people. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$10 for children age 18 and younger.



Name: _____

Number Attending: _____

Amount: \$ _____

Please return in a marked envelope either to the rectory or in the collection basket to reserve a place at the is exciting and fun parish event. A lot of excitement, so get your reservation in quick!

PARISH BOOK CLUB

St. Sebastian Book Club will meet on Wednesday, October 17th at 7:30 pm in the Fr. Randall Room to discuss Fahrenheit 451 by R. Bradbury.

Subsequently:

November 14th P.G. Wodehouse, A Damsel in Distress

December 12th J. Austen, Persuasion

THIS WEEK AT ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH

Sun.	10/7	NO Religious Education	
Mon.	10/8	Columbus Day— Mass	9:00 am
		NO Religious Education	
Thur.	10/11	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm
Sat.	10/13	OKTOBERFEST	6:00 pm

OUR CHILDREN'S LITURGY begins **this weekend** at Sunday's 9:00 Mass. Mature children ages 3-10 are invited to participate. We had such a great turnout last year and are hoping for more children to join us this year.

BABYSITTING SERVICES also begin **this weekend** at Sunday's 9:00 Mass.. Anyone interested in this service may bring your child/children (ages 2 & 3) down to the church hall stage area before Mass begins.