

Church of St. Sebastian

October 9, 2011—Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scheduled Masses For This Week

Saturday, October 8, Vigil: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm Marion O'Donohue, 19th anniversary

Sunday, October 9, 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Special Intention

11:00 am For the People

Monday, October 10, Weekday

Columbus Day ~ Holiday Mass Schedule~

9:00 am Jim Taft
-requested by the Cummings family

Tuesday, October 11, Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Wednesday, October 12, Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Thursday, October 13, Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Friday, October 14, Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Next Weekend Masses

Saturday, October 15, Vigil: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm Thank you for your prayers
-requested by Betty Mullaney

Sunday, October 16, 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am For the People

11:00 am Edward & Helen Lawlor, wedding anniversary remembrance
-requested by their family



WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

October 1/2, 2011

# of Budget Envelopes Used This Week	64
Contributions-Budgets and Checks	\$3,446
Loose Contributions	\$ 452
Total Offertory	\$3,898
Seminarian Education	\$1,043

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

THE PASTOR'S CORNER

There's plenty happening at the parish!! A new Children's Liturgy of the Word, an emergency roof repair project, Oktoberfest next Saturday evening (get those reservations in!) and more baptism and wedding meetings. All wonderful news as the parish is energized! Have you noticed number of young adults coming to the parish? They have told me that they find the parish friendly and welcoming. Not a bad description by any means. Today's Gospel presents the invitation to go out and bring people in to the wedding feast. We seem to be taking the message to heart. Don't be bashful to invite a friend to join us.

Speaking of joining us....! Next Saturday, the parish welcomes Bishop Mulvee for the first time during my pastorate. He accepted the invitation to join us for the regular 5:00 pm Mass and *Oktoberfest*. Welcome to St. Sebastian's, Bishop! You are always most welcome in our midst, and we remember you in our community prayers.

I have received word that our new Roman Missal and the pew cards are on their way to us. The pew cards are a worship aid to assist in our active participation with the new translation. This third edition of the Roman Missal will be implemented on the First Sunday of Advent, November 27th. Some extended teaching will be given to the parish about the new translation during the coming weekends. Your *very* first response will be, **"And with your Spirit!"** Anyone interested in online information can go to www.usccb.org or www.riliturgy.com for some very interesting articles.

Liturgy is our very heart and soul as a Church. It is the public expression of our spiritual life. In signs and symbols, the transcendent God communicates to us. Words, vesture, music, light, and silence all have a place when approaching the Holy. As we listen to the high rhetoric of the new translation, we are mindful that it is the *same* Eucharist we have been celebrating. A refined translation has been approved for the English speaking world. I think you'll find it poetic, beautifully nuanced, and very reverent in tone. We'll get used to it together.

Enjoy the fall; plant some bulbs and mums, go apple picking, pray for the *N.E. Patriots*, and spend time with family and loved ones.

Msgr. Darcy

Our Lady's Candle burns this week in remembrance of the wedding anniversary of Edward and Helen Lawlor as requested by their family.

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ANNUAL SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

Please consider donating new school supplies for our Community Outreach Committee's annual drive to benefit San Miguel School and Sophia Academy. Help welcome the students back to school with: graph paper, binders, highlighters, binders, and other supplies. Your donations can be left in the bin in the vestibule through October 16th. Your help is appreciated!

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 in November. Thank you for your generosity!

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 Mr. Bill Cooper, the organist/director after any Mass or call him at 258-2023 for more information.

PARISH BOOK CLUB

The Parish Book Club will next meet on Wednesday October 19th at 7:30 pm in the Father Randall Room to discuss *Père (Fr.) Goriot (Old Goriot)* by Honoré de Balzac. New members are always welcome!

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

A Children's Liturgy of the Word will be 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.

WEDDING BELLS ARE RINGING!!

Congratulations to Kevin & Ashley, and Philip & Rebecca who were married at St. Sebastian's this weekend. May the Lord bless you all the days of your married life!

THE ORDER OF MALTA FLAG AT ST. SEBASTIAN'S

The standard of the *Order of Malta* flies over the front entrance of the rectory. The RI Chapter is based here at St. Sebastian's with Monsignor as their chaplain. His June homily on the Solemnity of the Birth of John the Baptist will be published in the Malta Magazine. This lay religious order was founded in 1050 in Jerusalem to defend the faith and to care for the sick and the poor. Each year the Order brings the sick on pilgrimage to Lourdes, France as one of their major charitable works during the year. The next pilgrimage will be from May 2-9, 2012.

ST. SEBASTIAN EMERGENCY REPAIR FUND

The Emergency Fund is at an amazing \$10,400 from 16 donors! The roof repairs are scheduled to begin on October 13 and will last for about two weeks. ***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 30 in the collection basket or to the rectory. Your major gift can be extended over six months if you so chose.



OCTOBER IS "CATCH UP" MONTH

During this month, please use the special envelope in your budget packet or drop a check in the first collection basket to "catch up" any weeks you may have missed this past year. Unfortunately, we cannot miss any of our monthly bills during the year and appreciate your help in meeting expenses.

Thank you to all parishioners who have already made up their budgets. Your contributions are greatly appreciated!

IF IT'S FALL; IT'S TIME FOR OKTOBERFEST!!

The parish celebration of **OKTOBERFEST** will take place on Saturday, October 15th 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: \$25 per person.**

Name: _____

Number Attending: _____

Amount: \$ _____

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