

Church of St. Sebastian
September 30, 2012 — Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scheduled Masses For This Week

Saturday, September 29, Vigil: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm For the People

Sunday, September 30, 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Joseph Bartolucci

-requested by Jennifer Moyles

11:00 am Mass

Monday, October 1, Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

7:00 am Mass

Tuesday, October 2, The Holy Guardian Angels

7:00 am Mass

Wednesday, October 3, Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Thursday, October 4, Saint Frances of Assisi

7:00 am Mass

First Friday, October 5, Weekday

7:00 am Mass

5:30 pm Mass

Next Weekend Masses

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

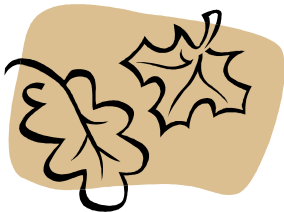
5:00 pm Joseph Mastriano, 20th anniversary
-requested by his family

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



WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

September 23, 2012

of Budget Envelopes Used This Week 65

Contributions-Budgets and Checks \$ 6,416

Loose Contributions \$ 671

Total Offertory \$ 7,087

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

There are some conversations that we always remember. I had one with a very gifted therapist in 1986. He asked me: "*What's the difference between a rut and a grave?*" His answer: "... *the depth.*" We were speaking of interpersonal relationships that we all need, want, and enjoy as human beings. The conversation was in the context of 'stuck' relationships. Being stuck can affect even our life in the Catholic Christian faith.

"*I just not going anywhere,*" may be a statement we have heard from a spouse, child, friend, or a colleague. They, in fact, may be stuck either in a dead-end relationship, a career block, or a spiritual plateau. In terms of our faith life, what are we going to do about it? Not someone else: you and me! Indulge me for a moment as I ask some questions out loud.

Do you pray? What is the conversation like? Is it spontaneous, or do you pray using traditional prayers? Outside of mealtime, have you ever prayed with someone else? Why? Why not? Does it make you uncomfortable to even consider these questions?

The Church is entering *A Year of Faith*. Pope Benedict prays that it will provide the opportunity to strengthen our relationship with God. Let me state clearly and unequivocally that nothing is more important in our lives. Nothing or no one! We may fool ourselves, if but for awhile (the so-called *rut!*); or, we may choose to live permanently without God (hence, the *grave!*). Faith, however, is ultimately a free gift from God. It needs to be nurtured, informed, shared, and lived. Otherwise, the rut ever so slowly becomes a grave!

Don't apologize for being a Christian: celebrate it! We are with Him, not against Him! Is that *Good News?* We also have to answer that question for ourselves, too.

Enjoy *A Year of Faith!*

~ Msgr. Darcy

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

Beverly DiLello, Kathy McCaughey, Steve Ungar, 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.

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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.**

RCIA: BECOMING A MEMBER OF THE CHURCH

A number of adults have expressed their desire to receive instructions on becoming a member of the Catholic Church. Msgr. Darcy will be conducting these classes for these candidates. Please email him at Msgrdarcy@gmail.com for further information.

FIRST FRIDAY MASSES resume this month. Mass will be celebrated at both 7:00 am and 5:30 pm this Friday, October 5th.

OUR CHILDREN'S LITURGY will begin on next Sunday October 7th at the 9:00 Mass. Mature children ages 3-10 are invited to participate. We had such a great turn out last year and are hoping for more children to join us this year.

BABYSITTING SERVICES also will start next Sunday, October 7th during the 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.

BLOOD DRIVE: THANK YOU!

The RI Blood Bank was pleased to have **11 donors** from last week's Blood Drive. This will help 33 people! Thanks to all who were able to donate a pint of life. Another drive will be held in the springtime.

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

The parish celebration of **OKTOBERFEST** will take place on 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!

Knit in Prayer

The next meeting of our Prayer Shawl Ministry will be THIS Tuesday October 2nd in the Fr. Randall Room. We're continuing to make prayer shawls but will be discussing ideas and patterns for small Baptism Blankets which will be given to our newest parishioners when they are baptized. Call Pat Capece 274-8632 or Elaine Kehoe 273-4259 with ideas or questions. Please join us in this lovely way to spread joy to others.



THIS WEEK AT ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH

Sun.	9/30 Pancake Breakfast	10:00 am
	Religious Ed—Grades 5-8	10:00 am
	Religious Ed—Grades 9-10	6:30 pm
Mon.	10/1 Religious Ed—Grades 1-4	3:30 pm
Tues/	10/2 Knit in Prayer	7:00 pm
Thur	10/4 Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm
Friday	10/5 First Friday Masses	7 am, 5:30 pm