

Church of St. Sebastian
October 21, 2012- Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scheduled Masses For This Week

Saturday, October 20, Vigil of the 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm Mr. & Mrs. Edward W. Lawlor,
 Wedding Anniversary Remembrance
 -requested by the family

Sunday, October 21, 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Luise Fogarty, 1st anniversary
 -requested by John Paul and Helen Shearer
 11:00 am Deceased Members of the Elmhurst Alumnae Association

Monday, October 22, Weekday

7:00 am Mr., & Mrs. William Moreau
 -requested by the family

Tuesday, October 23

7:00 am Stephen Bartolucci, Birthday Remembrance
 -requested by Jennifer Moyles

Wednesday, October 24

7:00 am For the Souls in Purgatory
 -requested by a parishioner

Thursday, October 25

7:00 am Dustin DeMarco
 -requested by the Bartolucci Family

Friday, October 26

7:00 am For the Souls in Purgatory

Next Weekend Masses

Saturday, October 27, Vigil of 30th Sunday Ordinary Time

9:00 am
 11:00 am For Religious Freedom
 -requested by M. Rachel and John Baxter

LAST WEEK'S SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

October 14, 2012

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| # of Budget Envelopes Used This Week | 76 of 320 |
| Contributions-Budgets and Checks | \$ 3,452 |
| Loose Contributions | \$ 1,267 |
| TOTAL OFFETORY | \$ 4,719 |
| Parish Maintenance | \$ 1,392 |

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

You can register online at www.Parishgiving.org or on our parish website at www.stsebastianri.org.

THE PASTOR'S CORNER

With all honesty, I'm glad that last weekend is over! My training instructed me to teach, lead, and sanctify the faithful on the way ("*el Camino*") to God. Theology, biblical studies, canon law were an academic delight. Seminarians are rarely exposed to the nitty-gritty of temporal goods...like roofs, sidewalks, budget preparation, and increased offertory appeals! I remember preaching years ago to the cloistered Carmelite nuns in Barrington on the Feast of St. Theresa of Avila, whose feast was last Mon., Oct. 15. After the Mass, an older nun thanked me for the spiritual insights, but then added, "You made our spiritual life sounds so *wonderful*. I'm meeting now with a contractor for a *new septic system!*" That's when the kneeler hits the pavement of real life!!

Speaking of parish temporal concerns, we are all aware of the sidewalk issues in front of the Church and rectory. My concerns with the walking hazards were sent directly to DPW in 2010, then in July 2011. On Oct. 9th, I forwarded a letter and photos to our Ward 2 Councilman, Mr. Sam Zurier. He responded promptly and is in ongoing contact with me on this safety issue. He did provide me with information of how a parishioner or constituent can file a complaint should you get injured on the sidewalk. I provide it for you: <http://www.providenceri.com/eFile/437> ***Our diligent Maintenance Director, Dave Belanger, will again highlight and stripe the areas to prevent injury.***

With the change in seasons, I will be happy to discuss our snow removal needs with interested vendors. If you have a reliable person or company for snow removal, they are invited to contact me or Dave Belanger, our Maintenance Director, for a conversation about this upcoming winter season. Please have them call the rectory at their convenience (751-0196).

Finally, **the Outreach Committee will meet next Sunday, Oct. 28th at 10 am in the Church Hall.** New members are always welcome and encouraged to get involved in even one activity or project. The Committee will provide opportunities for the parish to continue its ministry to the needy.

Enjoy the week,
 ~Msgr. Darcy



The Second Collection today is for World Mission Sunday, sponsored by the Propagation of the Faith.

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OUR INCREASED WEEKLY GIVING STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM is now underway. Please respond by using the **burgundy response envelope** enclosed with the letter you received from Msgr. Darcy this week. The participation of **ALL** parishioners is essential for the success of this effort. If you increased your weekly offering but did not use the special envelope, please do so next weekend so we can properly acknowledge your kind response.

NOVEMBER: THE MONTH OF ALL SOULS

We remember our faithful departed during the month of November. As the earth prepares for the sleep of winter, so our loved ones sleep awaiting the Resurrection. Families and friends have been invited to the 11AM Mass on Sunday, November 4th as the parish remembers all those buried from the parish Church this past year.

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. You can return them in the regular Offertory collection basket.

PLEASE KEEP OUR FELLOW PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS:

Denise Walker, Beverly DiLello, Kathy McCaughey, Deborah Bessette, Peggy Corrigan, Vilma O'Connor, and Beatrice Calvo Crozier.

Please contact the rectory if you would like to add a person to our prayer intentions.

OUR CHILDREN'S LITURGY takes place during each Sunday's 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.

BABYSITTING SERVICES are available 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.

THIS WEEK AT ST. SEBASTIAN'S CHURCH

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| Sun. | 10/21 | Religious Ed. Grades 6-8 | 10:00 am |
| | | Religious Ed. Grade 9-10 | 6:30 am |
| Mon. | 10/22 | Religious Ed. Grades 1-5 | 3:30 pm |
| Thurs. | 10/25 | Women's Opus Dei | 9:30 am |
| | | Choir Rehearsal | 7:00 pm |



The Year of Faith
~~~Save the Date~~~

**Our next adult education session is on Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup> 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 Consultor 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.**

### A FAMILY PRAYER FOR THE YEAR OF FAITH

O God our Father,  
in Jesus you call all Christian families and homes  
to be signs of living faith.  
By the light of the Holy Spirit,  
lead us to be thankful for the gift of faith,  
and by that gift  
may we grow in our relationship with your Son,  
and be confident witnesses to Christian hope and joy  
to all we meet.  
In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen

### CONGRATULATIONS!!

*The parish congratulates **Sara Wallace and Grant Petrichko** who celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage here on Saturday, Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>!*

*We also extend our best wishes to **Maeve Isabel Sullivan**, daughter of Patrick and Shannon Sullivan. She was baptized last Sunday, Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>.*

### THANK YOU FOR OKTOBERFEST

A shout out to all who attended and helped out at the **Oktoberfest**. A special word of thanks Dave Belanger, Bob Salmani, and Clark Phillips; cooks!!