

**Church of St. Sebastian**  
**July 8, 2018 - 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SAT. JULY 7, Vigil: 14<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

5:00 pm MASS

**SUNDAY, July 8, 14<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

9:00 am JOSEPH L McANDREW, 36th anniversary,  
requested by Thomas McAndrew and family

11:00 am GEORGE C CHENG, requested by  
Mikki Catanzaro

**Monday, JULY 9**

7:00 am MASS

**Tuesday, JULY 10**

7:00 am INTENTIONS OF THE PARISH

7.25 am Novena Prayers - Our Lady of Perpetual Help

**Wednesday, JULY 11 , Saint Benedict, Abbot**

7:00 am FR. MICHAEL O'CONNOR,, O.P., birthday

**Thursday, JULY 12**

7:00 am VIVIENNE COTE, BEQUEST

**Friday, JULY 13**

7:00 am JOHN A. O'NEILL, JR. , req. by brother James

**SAT. JULY 14, Vigil: 15<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

5:00 pm PRO POPULO

**SUNDAY, July 15, 15<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

9:00 am MASS

11:00 am JENNY & ALEX CALENDIA, requested by  
Belle Calenda

**WEEKLY PARISH FINANCES**

*Due to an early deadline, the collection information is not available at the time.*

***A sincere thank you for your support!***

**Please remember  
St. Sebastian Parish  
in your Will and Estate  
*A sincere thank you for your support!***

*Let us pray for the repose of the souls of  
Vivienne Cote  
whose love for our parish was shown in a  
bequest to St. Sebastian Church.  
We remember her in gratitude and offer  
Thursday's 7 am Mass for her this week.  
May she rest in the peace of the Lord.*

From Fr. Jordan

My dear parishioners,

May the Grace of Our Lord remain always with us!

Well, I made it through the move! As I sat in my room in Baltimore I thought, "I can't do this!" But thanks to my good friend David Ifkovits and a group of parishioners the truck was packed. David and I drove from Baltimore from Providence on Tuesday. Marie Brito organized a powerful group of helpers: William and James Wert, Sophie Schmults, and Susan Gunter were awesome! The rectory is filled with boxes, but it will all get done in time.

This past Wednesday we celebrated the 4th of July, the 242<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of our independence.. Family gatherings, parades, and fireworks marked the day. Our nation is neither happy nor united. The deep political differences which mark our citizenry; the issues of life, immigration, health care, Social Security and our place as leaders of the free world are but a few of the topics that spark heated debate and divide families and friends. Let us recommend our country and our governmental leaders to God; let us beseech Him to send the fullness of the Holy Spirit upon all our elected officials.

Next weekend I have the joy of witnessing the marriage vows of two of my former students. I will be in Chicago from Thursday until Sunday. You will be in the capable care of my Dominican Brother, Fr. Michael Dominic O'Connor, O.P. Fr. Michael is a gifted musician, and is currently finishing his doctorate in Moral Theology from the Angelicum in Rome. Please welcome him.

Thank you for the very warm welcome you have given me - you are just the best!

O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to Thee!

Peace,  
Fr. Jordan, O.P.

PS. Please take special note of the bulletin blurb about Catechesis of the Good Shepherd.



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### *A New Possibility for Religious Education*

Monsignor Montecalvo has told me about the great number of children we are blessed to have in our parish. He also mentioned the good and faithful work of Marie Brito and our Religious Education Teachers. In a brief conversation with Marie I inquired of the Parish had ever considered the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd.

What is the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd? The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) is a Montessori-based religious formation program for children, beginning at the age of three. It seeks to create and facilitate a sacred, “hands on” space for children called an atrium, in which both the children and their catechists can hear, ponder, and celebrate the most essential mysteries of the Catholic faith as revealed in the Scriptures and the Liturgy. Originally developed in Rome by Sofia Cavaletti and Gianna Gobbi fifty years ago, the Catechesis continues to spread world-wide and is used with adaptation in various Christian traditions. This year’s course will ground the participant in the theory and practice of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd while also concretely preparing him/her to develop and facilitate an atrium for 6 to 9 year-old children.

There is a great opportunity for prospective catechists to learn about and be formed in CGS. Sister Mary Rose Bingham, O.P., is a nationally recognized formation leader in CGS who will be presenting training in the basics of CGS from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm on July 16 – 20, and July 23 – 27 at Saint Pius V School. I know Sister: she is a gifted principal, a master teacher, and a brilliant catechist! What will you learn in these two weeks?

You will learn

- to explore with participants the general developmental characteristics and religious characteristics of the 6- to 9-year-old child,
  - to facilitate meditation on the Biblical and liturgical themes of the Catechesis,
  - to offer guidelines and assistance to catechists for setting up an atrium for 6- to 9-year-old, preparing an album, and making materials,
  - to deepen participants’ ability to observe and to learn from children, while also exploring avenues for deepening parental and congregational ability to observe and learn from children
- If you are interested in know more about this transformational program about sharing the faith with our children, please talk with Father Jordan, or contact Claudia Almonte, Saint Pius V School Assistant, at [calmonte@spvri.org](mailto:calmonte@spvri.org) or 421-9750.

The parish will pay any tuition or costs for this training.

### **Thank you!**

Thank you for expressing your belief in St. Patrick Academy through your generous gift of \$25,000.00 received on June 19, 2018 to provide scholarships for five deserving students. Support like yours is critical to ensure that the Academy is able to keep its promise to provide a Catholic college-preparatory education to all students - regardless of need - who aspire to spiritual, personal, and academic excellence. We would not be able to reach this goal without your commitment and support.

Many of our students have seen hardship far beyond their years, emerging from unthinkable struggles to attend St. Patrick Academy and pursue their dreams. Thanks to your support and God’s grace, our students are overcoming obstacles to become agents of change, transforming themselves and their communities.

Reverend James T. Ruggieri, Pastor

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** Prayers are asked for these friends, family, and fellow parishioners. If you would like someone included in the Prayers for the Sick please call the rectory.

***Jim Moy, Lauren M. Whatmough, Diane C., Susan Porter, Leah Davis, Natalie Swift,, Frances Geary, John Haddad, Myra Werman, Fr. Robert Beloin. Carol O., Sandy C., Bob, and Bob K.***

Registrations for the Fall Religious Education classes are now taking place. Forms for NEW Students and for RETURNING Students can be found on our Parish Website under Religious Education. Please fill in the appropriate form and sent it along with the \$30 registration fee to the address found at the top of the forms, Attn. Ms. Marie Brito.