

**Church of St. Sebastian**  
**August 26, 2018 - 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

***From Father Jordan***

My Dear Ones,

May the Grace of our Lord remain always with us!

It seems like I just arrived yesterday, but today I am here at Saint Sebastian's two months. I know that isn't a terribly long time, but I feel very at home and I am grateful for your kind welcome, and the deep sense of support I find among you.

At 60 days what do I see? First and foremost, I see a wonderful community who wants to grow in our Catholic Faith; a community that wants to praise God more and more; a community that has a heart for service; and a community who likes one another! These are immeasurable gifts that cannot be taken for granted and deserve our constant and ongoing attention.

After 60 days I am aware of other items that need our ongoing attention. Some items that are on my heart:

- ✠ How do we expand our Faith Formation for all members of our community: children, teens, young adults, men, women, and seniors?
- ✠ Our physical plant is in need of deferred attention: the Tower and tuck-pointing of the Church, front stairs, and handicapped ramp; the outside window sashes of the Church need sanding and repainting.
- ✠ Once everyone is "back" in September, we need to do something social!

Mark your calendars for some up coming events:

- ✠ Saturday Morning Mass at 9:00 am began last Saturday and continues from now on. This Mass is part of the penance for the crisis in our Church that I mentioned in my homily last week.
- ✠ Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) for 3 – 6 year old students will begin on **Monday, October 15**. More details to follow shortly.
- ✠ Religious Ed will begin on **Sunday, September 9 and Monday, September 10**. All catechists will be commissioned on Catechetical Sunday, September 16 at the 9:00 am Mass.
- ✠ Watch for news about extended Eucharistic Adoration, a new website (!), and our Christmas Bazaar Saturday, December 1.

Until we meet at the altar, *O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us, who have recourse to Thee!*

In the Lord,  
*Fr. Jordan, OP*

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SAT. AUGUST 25, Vigil: 21<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

5:00 pm Mass

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 26, 21<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

9:00 am PATRICIA WILSON, birthday remembrance, requested by her family

11:00 am PRO POPULO

**Mon., AUGUST 27, Saint Monica**

7:00 am A SPECIAL INTENTION

**Tuesday, AUGUST 28, St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

7:00 am THANKSGIVING FOR BABY THOMAS MICHAEL CHITKO, requested by his family

7.25 am Novena Prayers - Our Lady of Perpetual Help

**Wednesday, AUGUST 29, The Passion of Saint John the Baptist**

7:00 am Mass

**Thursday, AUGUST 30**

7:00 am Mass

**Friday, AUGUST 31**

7:00 am IN THANKSGIVING FOR SOLEMN PROFESSION, requested by Fr. Jordan

**SAT. SEPTEMBER 1**

9:00 am FOR THE HEALING OF THE VICTIMS OF CLERGY SEXUAL ABUSE

**SAT. SEPTEMBER 1, Vigil: 22<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY. TIME**

5:00 pm PRO POPULO

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 22<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

9:00 am EDWARD MICHAEL FOGARTY, 1st anniversary, req. by wife Gail Higgins Fogarty

11:00 am ANN C TOSELLI, 3rd anniversary, requested by her family

**The Altar Flowers today are given by Carmine & Isabel Rao in celebration of blessings from God.**

# Church of St. Sebastian

## Founded October 15, 1915

### HELP WANTED

Are you handy with wood? Are you a good carpenter? We need a new manger for the Nativity Scene in Church. If you could help build a new one, please contact Father Jordan.

### HELP ADD BEAUTY TO OUR SUNDAY LITURGY

Please consider adding some beauty to our Sunday Masses by giving the altar flowers in memory of a loved one, or in celebration of blessings from God. Your intention will be listed in the Sunday Bulletin. The required contribution is \$50.

### NEW CHOIR MEMBERS WELCOME!

Our small but dedicated choir would appreciate singers joining us this coming year. We will be rehearsing on Sundays at 10 o'clock for the 11 o'clock Mass. Our first rehearsal will be Sunday, September 16th. If you can help, please see Bill Cooper after any Mass on weekends or talk to any of our Choir Members. Thank you.

### PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Prayers are asked for our friends, family, and fellow parishioners. If you would like someone included in the Prayers for the Sick, please call the rectory.

### MONTHLY MAINTENANCE COLLECTION

#### NEXT WEEKEND

This collection helps defray the cost of maintaining our beautiful church, rectory and parish grounds. The parish is very fortunate to have staff members who take great pride in keeping our facilities in magnificent shape. Please be generous to this important collection to continue necessary upkeep of our parish property.

### CHRISTMAS BAZAAR: CRAFTERS NEEDED

Would you be willing to make a handmade item for our Christmas Bazaar on December 1st? The proceeds from the bazaar will benefit the "Keep the Heat On" program providing heating assistance for individuals and families who have exhausted all other public and private means of assistance. For further information, contact Karin Schrott at 401-465-7444 or [karinschrott@gmail.com](mailto:karinschrott@gmail.com).

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**TWO TEACHERS:** St. Sebastian Religious Education is in need of 2 teachers, one each for Grades 4 and 7. If you or anyone you know is interested, please contact Ms. Marie Brito at [msmarie06.stseb@gmail.com](mailto:msmarie06.stseb@gmail.com) Thank you and God bless you.

### REGISTRATION FOR ALL STUDENTS:

Religious Education is accepting registrations for the upcoming school year. Registration forms are on our website. [www.stsebastianri.org](http://www.stsebastianri.org) Please print and complete the appropriate form and send it, along with the \$60.00 registration fee, to the rectory, Attn: Religious Education. If your child is a new student, please include a copy of his or her Baptismal Certificate only if they were not baptized at St. Sebastian's.

**Registrations will be accepted until classes begin next month.**

**Classes will start on Sunday, September 9th for grades 6, 7, 8, and 9 and on Monday, September 10th for grades 1-5. Thank you.**

**Our Lady's Candle intention: Edward W. Lawlor, anniversary, requested by daughters Patricia and Regina.**

### LETTERS OF GOOD STANDING

I often receive requests for "letters of good standing" when a parishioner is asked to be a Godparent at Baptism, or a sponsor at Confirmation. I'm happy to offer such a letter, for registered parishioners.

Registered parishioners are:

- Parishioners who have filled out a parish registration form;
- Attend Mass regularly;
- Are listed in the parish data base;
- Who support the parish through using envelopes, electronic giving, and/or the generous sharing of time and talent.

Have you just read this and thought, woops! I thought I was registered but have never formally registered. It's easy, please call the Parish Office or register online on our website [www.stsebastianri.org](http://www.stsebastianri.org) and click on Parish Info.