

**Church of St. Sebastian**  
**August 5, 2018 - 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*From Father Jordan*

My Dear Ones,

May the Grace of our Lord remain always with us!

I continue to have lots of meetings with parishioners who work so diligently for our wonderful community – we are so blessed! Each meeting is filled with willingness to serve; ideas about what can be better; ideas about what we have never tried. After all of these meetings I have a returning question: *what is our mission and where are we going?*

The root of our mission must be the proclamation of Jesus Christ through His Gospel, and the New Evangelization. What is the New Evangelization? The New Evangelization is a *particular grace* through which I hear the Gospel *in a way I never have before*, and seek to *respond to the Gospel without compromise*.

A particular grace:

When the moment is right, God offers us a grace that He has not offered us before and invites our response. As in all things, God never *imposes*: He constantly *proposes!*

In a way I never have before:

Have you ever suddenly experienced “the light bulb going on”? Such an “a ha” moment is what it means to hear something as we never have before. I choose to develop a new and deeper *intimate relationship with Christ*, by which He is the *source, center, and end of everything I do*.

To respond without compromise:

Simply put: no more hedging my bets, no “cafeteria – Catholicism”: I am all in. To respond without compromise *does not* mean being holier than thou. To respond without compromise *does mean* I acknowledge my complete dependence upon the Lord as I strive to live this life of grace, and my daily life.

How might this New Evangelization come ever more alive at Saint Sebastian? Consider these thoughts: I’m here most Sundays but have I **registered** in the Parish? What about a faith formation program for the *women of the Parish*? Am I volunteering in any way? What about **more frequent Adoration** of the Blessed Sacrament?

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 4, Vigil: 18<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

5:00 pm RAY TESTA, 27th anniversary, req. by his family

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 5, 18<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

9:00 am PRO POPULO

11:00 am MARGARET McOSKER FARRELL, req. by John and Mary Cappelli

**Monday, AUGUST 6, The Transfiguration of the Lord**

7:00 am MARY C. HAY, month’s mind, req. by Barbara Hodnett

**Tuesday, AUGUST 7**

7:00 am Mass

7.25 am Novena Prayers - Our Lady of Perpetual Help

**Wednesday, AUGUST 8, Saint Dominic, Priest**

7:00 am - MADELINE DENNING, req. by daughter  
- FOR ALL LIVING & DECEASED DOMINICANS

**Thursday, AUGUST 9**

7:00 am Mass

**Friday, AUGUST 10**

7:00 am MARY DYER BOGAN, BEQUEST

**SAT. AUGUST 11, Vigil: 19<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

5:00 pm PRO POPULO

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 12, 19<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

9:00 am PATRICIA WILSON, 1st anniversary, req. by husband and family

11:00 am MARY DYER BOGAN, 3rd anniversary, req. by Mary Flair Bogan

**PARISH FINANCES: JULY 29, 2018**

**WEEKLY PARISH COLLECTIONS**

**Weekend Mass Donations** \$ 3,604.00

**Online Parish Giving** \$ 836.00

**Total Offertory** \$ 4,440.00

**PARISH EXPENSES PAID** \$ 6,977.00

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

Please consider enrolling in Parish Giving, our online stewardship program for parish contributions. You can register online at [www.Parishgiving.org](http://www.Parishgiving.org) or on our parish website at [www.stsebastianri.org](http://www.stsebastianri.org).

# 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.

## Congratulations and Welcome

Congratulations to Ysabel Elise Nazareno-Malish, the child of our parishioners Sterling Malish and Jennifer Nazareno; Emily Elizabeth Ruggieri, the child of our parishioners John and Bridget Ruggieri; and Nico Alexander Zhukavets, the child of Mikalai and Jenny Zhukavets, who were baptized this past weekend. As we welcome these infants to our faith let us support them and their families by our prayer and example!

## 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.



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.



Our **MONTHLY MAINTENANCE COLLECTION TAKES PLACE 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.

St. Sebastian Religious Education is in need of 3 teachers, one each for Grades 2, 4, and 7. If you or anyone you know is interested, please contact Ms. Marie Brito as soon as possible at [msmarie06.stseb@gmail.com](mailto:msmarie06.stseb@gmail.com) Thank you and God bless you.

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.**

**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.

**CHRISTMAS BAZAAR MEETINGS**

Our next committee meetings are Tuesday August 7<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday August 21<sup>st</sup>, and Tuesday September 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in the Church Hall. If you are interested in sharing your ideas and talent, please join us. If you are not able to attend but have some ideas, questions, or would like to help, please contact Karin Schrott at 465-7444 or [karinschrott@gmail.com](mailto:karinschrott@gmail.com)

**SUMMERTIME CHARITABLE GIVING**

Ordinary expenses continue even in the lazy summer months. Please, don't forget the parish if you are fortunate to relocate for the summer. The easiest way is through electronic giving. It helps stabilize our budget. It's easy, convenient, and safe. Take a serious look at it at: [www.Parishgiving.org](http://www.Parishgiving.org) or call the rectory for more information.