

Church of St. Sebastian
July 29, 2018 - 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

SAT. JULY 28, Vigil: 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 pm LIVING and DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE
ROLLO and BIANCHI FAMILIES

SUNDAY, JULY 29, 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 am PRO POPULO

11:00 am DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE CROCE and
MONDILLO FAMILIES, req. by daughters and family

Monday, JULY 30

7:00 am FRANK SABATINO, req. by Judy Drew

Tuesday, JULY 31, Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

7:00 am Mass

7.25 am Novena Prayers - Our Lady of Perpetual Help

**Wednesday, AUGUST 1, Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop
and Doctor of the Church**

7:00 am Mass

Thursday, AUGUST 2

7:00 am Mass

First Friday, AUGUST 3

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

5:30 pm Mass

SAT. AUGUST 4, Vigil: 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 5, 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 am MARGARET McOSKER FARRELL, req. by John
and Mary Cappelli

11:00 am PRO POPULO

PARISH FINANCES: JULY 22, 2018

WEEKLY PARISH COLLECTIONS

Weekend Mass Donations \$ 3,638.00

Online Parish Giving \$ 660.00

Total Offertory \$ 4,298.00

PARISH EXPENSES PAID \$ 3,844.00

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 or on our parish website at www.stsebastianri.org.

From Father Jordan

My Dear Ones,

May the Grace of our Lord remain always with us!

As I write this to you I am aware that on Wednesday of this week we enter the month of August: summer is flying away! I hope you have had time to be with family; to rest and recharge your batteries.

On Monday and Tuesday of this week I had the privileged joy of being with the Dominican Sisters of Saint Cecilia in Nashville, TN (the Sisters teach at Saint Pius V School). I was there to attend the Perpetual Profession of Vows of ten of our Sisters. It was a great celebration! The Sisters glowing, the wonderful singing of "*Come, O Spouse of Christ; receive the crown the Lord has prepared for you;* parents glowing the pride and wonder – quite a day! As I looked over the great crowd of people, I thought of all of you. Vocations are born in solid, Catholic families. The strong family life of our Parish is a wonderful garden in which future vocations to the priesthood, religious, and married life will be born. What parents give their children will yield eternal benefits! As children witness the selfless - sacrificial love of their parents, they will learn to live the same way. If parents make prayer a priority, so will their children – even if they wander away for a little while.

Tomorrow evening the Trustees and Finance Committee of the Parish will gather to formally "elect" me Treasurer and Secretary of the corporation that is The Church of Saint Sebastian. This election is required by Canon Law. After the election (I hope I win!), the Trustees, Finance Committee and I will have a brief meeting to address some issues and establish goals for the next year. Many of you have spoken to me about the tower of our Church. The repair of the tower, other repairs, and some liturgical matters will be part of our discussion.

If you are planning to get married and you want to be married here at Saint Sebastian – please contact me. Also, if you know engaged couples that are looking for a parish to join, or a Church in which they can be married, please send them my way. Also, if you need to complete your Sacraments, i.e. you were baptized and may have made your First Communion but you weren't confirmed and you would like to be confirmed, please contact me. Is anyone interested in the Magnificat Pilgrimage?

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

Church of St. Sebastian

Founded October 15, 1915

THE BEST GIFT EVER

Have you ever wondered about what gift to give to someone to let him or her know how much he or she means to you? Look no further! Give the gift of having a Mass offered for the intentions of the persons who mean so much to you: a birthday remembrance, in thanksgiving for God's goodness in your life; when someone is ill or dies; remembering a husband and wife on their wedding anniversary and more are reasons to have a Mass celebrated for someone. The requested offering for Mass is \$25. Please contact Mary Brennan in the Parish Office to reserve a Mass or for more information.

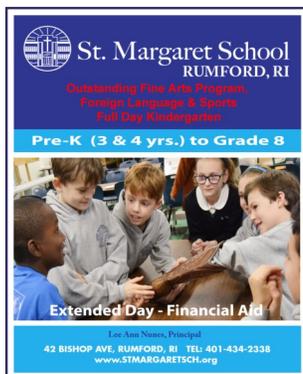
LETTERS OF GOOD STANDING

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
- 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 and click on Parish Info.



The St. Sebastian Religious Education Program is looking for 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 Thank you and God bless you.

The Religious Education program is accepting registrations for the 2018/2019 year. Registration forms may be found on our website www.stsebastianri.org Please print and complete the appropriate form and send it, along with the \$30.00 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 may be submitted starting immediately right up to the start of classes. **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.

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.

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 it at: www.Parishgiving.org or call the rectory for more information.

Next week, we will take the **Peter's Pence Collection**, which provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous. For more information, visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence.