

Church of St. Sebastian
October 14, 2018 - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

From Father Jordan

My Dear Ones,

May the Grace of our Lord remain always with us!

I hope you found our celebration of Rosary Sunday helpful and meaningful. I thought all went well. I especially enjoyed being with our younger parishioners at the 9am Mass – although my getting up from sitting on the altar step must have been something to behold!

After our *obscuras* last week about the Rosary, I want to return to our “discussion” about the Liturgy. The question I would like to pose to you this week is, “*Are you coming to Mass on auto-pilot?*” I know that on many occasions this can be the way in which I came to celebrate Mass; it’s called being human. But attending Mass is not simply human – it is the place where heaven and earth are joined as one, and therefore, this act is a mixture of humanity and divinity. We bring ourselves to Mass with all our human failure, successes, hopes, and dreams. By the power of Christ in and through the Holy Spirit all that we are is invited to and transformed by this glimpse of heaven that we are given in and through the celebration of the Eucharist, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI challenges us in this way, “*In the Eucharist we are coming to the greatest Feast of Faith we will know until heaven, and we act as if we are being fast food from McDonald’s or some other such place.*” Sometimes, going through the actions is all we can do, and the Lord understands that so mercifully: He delights in progress, not perfection. Auto-pilot: we have all been there. But, if we give the slightest bit of effort, God will be found faithful! May we come to this “Feast of Faith” with alert minds, open hearts, and attentive ears to receive the untold gifts our Father in heaven longs to give us!

In the Lord,
Fr. Jordan, OP

CGS

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) begins this Monday, October 15th. For questions please contact Mr. Bob Short at ssricgs@gmail.com.

The Community of Saint Sebastian’s offers our sympathy and prayers to the family of Patricia Issarescu, our parishioner who was buried from our Church on Saturday October 14, 2018.

MASS INTENTIONS

SAT. OCT. 13, Vigil: 28th SUNDAY IN ORD. TIME

5:00 pm PAUL SPALITA

SUNDAY, OCT. 14, 28th SUNDAY IN ORD. TIME

9:00 am PRO POPULO

11:00 am ELMHURST ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION ,
requested by Kathy Sheehan Sullivan

Monday, OCTOBER 15, Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

9:00 am JANE HODNETT, month’s mind, requested by her sister Barbara

Tuesday, OCTOBER 16

7:00 am CHARLES ANDREWS, 7th anniversary,
requested by Jonathan and Regina Andrews

7.25 am Novena Prayers - Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Wednesday, OCTOBER 17, Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr

7:00 am DAVID IFKOVITS, birthday remembrance

Thursday, OCTOBER 18, Saint Luke, Evangelist

7:00 am Mass

Friday, OCTOBER 19, Saints John de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests and Companions, Martyrs

7:00 am MASS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20

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

SAT. OCT. 20, Vigil: 29th SUNDAY IN ORD. TIME

5:00 pm JOSEPH MASTRIANO, anniversary remembrance, and MAY MAZZEO, birthday remembrance, requested by their family

SUNDAY, OCT. 21, 29th SUNDAY IN ORD. TIME

9:00 am Mass

11:00 am PRO POPULO

PARISH FINANCES: OCTOBER 13, 2018

Mass Contributions	\$ 3,111.00
Online Parish Giving	\$ 2,307.00
<u>TOTAL PARISHIONER DONATIONS</u>	<u>\$ 5,418.00</u>
<u>TOTAL PARISH EXPENSES</u>	<u>\$ 5,483.00</u>
DIOCESAN COLLECTION	\$ 1,444.00

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.

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SPIRITUAL LIFE SURVEY RESULTS

Eighty-two Parishioners completed the Spiritual Life Survey, which was taken up on the weekend of September 22 – 23. The results are as follows:

1. 35 parishioners expressed interest in Discussions on Current Topics in society and in the Church;
2. 29 parishioners expressed interest in increased times for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament;
3. 26 parishioners expressed interest in WINE: Women in the New Evangelization;
4. 23 parishioners are interested in a quarterly book discussion on spiritual topics;
5. 22 parishioners are interested in Bible Study;
6. 17 parishioners are interested in beginning a Men’s Group.

Parishioners also supplied great comments on the survey. The Spiritual Life Committee and I will begin to address these in the very near future.

Please stay tuned for further developments.

THANK YOU, BILL COOPER, ORGANIST AND MUSIC DIRECTOR

Last Saturday evening our Organist and Director of Music, Bill Cooper, told me that he needed to begin his retirement earlier than October 29, as was previously announced. Bill completed his service to our Parish on Saturday, 6 October 2018. The Parish of Saint Sebastian is grateful to Bill for his years of service and wish him every grace and blessing as he begins his retirement.

WHAT AND WHY: UNFOLDING THE CATHOLIC FAITH

Join Father Jordan and your fellow parishioners for a series of talks concerning understanding more about our Catholic Faith. Join us on the first and third Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm in the Father Randall Room. Consecutive attendance is not necessary but encouraged: come for the topics of your greatest interest, or the ones that puzzle you the most. Contact Father Jordan, Jordan.kelly@opeast.org for more information.

WELCOME, RYAN MEIRELES

Last Saturday morning our beloved Maintenance Man, Jamie Carrera, came to me and said, “Father, everything is ready; Ryan will do a very good job for you.” So, as we say goodbye to Jamie, we say hello to Ryan – this is the dynamic of the Christian life. Ryan is a great young man with a strong background in construction and maintenance. His references are stellar. Please join me in welcoming Ryan Meireles.

THE PARISH BOOK CLUB will meet this Wednesday, October 17th at 7 pm Fr. Randall Room to discuss The Last Hurrah by Edwin O’Connor. All are welcome!

CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR PRISON INMATES

If you have unused Christmas cards or blank cards you no longer need, please bring them to the collection box in the church vestibule within the next two weeks. Cards dropped off after September will be stored for delivery in 2019. Chaplain Martha Paone is very grateful to have these cards to distribute to inmates to send to friends and loved ones.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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

Morning of Recollection for Women

Women from any parish are invited to the monthly Morning of Recollection, this Thursday, October 18th here at St. Sebastian’s from 9:30 am to 12 noon. These recollections are opportunities to spend quiet time with Christ in prayer. They include two meditations by a priest of Opus Dei, and a talk by a lay woman about a practical aspect of living our faith. Confessions are available and Mass is offered at 11:30 am. If you need onsite child care, contact Mary at 646-453-9345.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR DONATIONS NEEDED TO FILL GIFT BASKETS

Please help us fill our themed Gift Baskets for the Raffles at our Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, December 1st. Proceeds benefit the “Keep the Heat On” Heating Assistance Program. Sign-up Sheets are located in the Church Vestibule. Please sign up and drop off items in the Collection Box in the vestibule by October 16. Any questions please contact Karin Schrott at 401-465-7444 or email: karinschrott@gmail.com. Thank you for your support.

Parish Meetings and Activities			
10/14	Rel. Ed. Grades 6-9	10 am	Classrooms
10/15	Rel. Ed. Grades 1-5	4 pm	Classrooms
10/16	Christmas Bazaar Mtg	6 pm	Church Hall
10/16	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, ages 4-6	4:15 pm	Atrium (Stage in Church Hall)
10/16	Prayer Shawl Ministry	7 pm	Fr. Randall Rm
10/17	Parish Book Club	7 pm	Fr. Randall Rm
10/18	Women’s Morning of Recollection	9:30 am	Church
10/20	Mass for the Healing of Victims of Clergy Sexual Abuse	9 am	Church