

Church of St. Sebastian
September 2, 2018 - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

From Father Jordan

My Dear Ones,

May the Grace of our Lord remain always with us!

As I announced to you last week at the two Sunday Masses, the former Apostolic Nuncio, Archbishop Carlo Maria Vigano, has brought allegations against Pope Francis and the highest-ranking cardinals of our Church forth to the United States. The charges are disturbing, frightening, heartbreaking, and can shake us to the very foundation of our faith. As I also mentioned to you last week, now more than ever we need one another! We need to support one another by our common prayer and penance; our willingness to dialogue with one another in an irenic manner; and our common mission to not become discouraged or lose hope. As my Spiritual Director always tells me, "discouragement is an engraved invitation to the evil one to come and get you." The devil has been busy enough! With God's Grace, we can stop the devil in his tracks!

On Tuesday of this past week I met with Bill Cooper, our Director of Music and Organist. During that meeting Bill told me that he would be retiring from Saint Sebastian's as of Sunday, October 29. We discussed a possible later date, but after talking we agreed upon October 29. I know I speak for every member of Saint Sebastian's when I offer Bill our profound gratitude, thanks, admiration, and best wishes. Bill joined Saint Sebastian's at Thanksgiving of 2010; his ministry to the Parish has been marked by artistry, kindness, and dedication. God Bless you, Bill; we will miss you!

Bill's decision to retire causes other changes. In order to continue our tradition of liturgical music, Andrew Garrepy will join Saint Sebastian's on the weekend of September 15 & 16. Andrew will be the Cantor and Choir Coordinator until we are able to find a new Director of Music and Organist. Andrew is a talented, liturgically minded, and gracious individual: we are fortunate to have him in our midst.

Because of Andrew's particular skill set, our cantors Marie Brito and Lori Maciel will conclude their ministry on the weekend of September 8 and 9. Like Bill, I offer Marie and Lori the thanks and appreciation of the entire Parish Community for their years of dedicated, caring, and beautiful service. We wish Marie and Lori every blessing and assure them they always have a home at Saint Sebastian. Ms. Marie will, of course, continue as the Coordinator of Religious Education for the Parish.

Lots going on and lots to pray for!

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. SEPT. 1, Vigil: 22nd SUNDAY IN ORD. TIME

5:00 pm PRO POPULO

SUNDAY, SEPT. 2, 22nd SUNDAY IN ORD. 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

Mon., SEPTEMBER 3, Saint Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

LABOR DAY, HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

9:00 am Mass

Tuesday, SEPTEMBER 4

7:00 am DOROTHY ROBERTS, 5th anniversary, BEQUEST

7.25 am Novena Prayers - Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Wednesday, SEPTEMBER 5

7:00 am IN THANKSGIVING FOR BABY THOMAS MICHAEL CHITKO

Thursday, SEPTEMBER 6

7:00 am HELEN JUNE CUNNINGHAM, 8th anniversary, requested by her family

First Friday, SEPTEMBER 7

7:00 am Mass

4:30 pm Blessed Sacrament Exposition

5:30 pm First Friday Mass

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

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

SAT. SEPT. 8, Vigil: 23rd SUNDAY IN ORD. TIME

5:00 pm PRO POPULO

SUNDAY, SEPT. 9, 23rd SUNDAY IN ORD. 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

*Let us pray for the repose of the soul of
Dorothy Roberts
whose love for our parish was shown in a
bequest to St. Sebastian Church.
We remember her in gratitude and offer
Tuesday's 7:00 am Mass for her this week.
May she rest in the peace of the Lord.*

Church of St. Sebastian

Founded October 15, 1915

On Labor Day, Monday, September 3rd, morning Mass will be held at 9:00 am.



PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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

COMMUNITY OUTREACH COMMITTEE

The committee will meet for the first time this season on Sunday September 9th at 10 am in the Rectory. New volunteers are welcome. We are a friendly group and there is much work to be done.

Christmas Bazaar Committee

Beginning this week, the committee meets weekly on Tuesdays at 6 pm in the church hall. New members are always welcome!

SPIRITUAL LIFE COMMITTEE

This committee will meet on Thursday, September 6 at 6:30 pm in the Rectory. All current members of the Committee are asked to be in attendance and new members are warmly welcome.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

This Ministry meets the first and third Tuesday evenings of the month at 7 pm in the Fr. Randall Room. The next meetings are Tuesday September 4 and Tuesday September 18th. If you are aware of someone who would benefit from receiving a prayer shawl, please call the rectory.

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

Our Lady's Candle intention: Ann Toselli, 3rd anniversary, requested by her family.

Congratulations to the Chitko Family on the baptism of Thomas Michael on August 19, 2018.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

TEACHER NEEDED: St. Sebastian is in need of one Religious Education teacher for Grade 4. If you or anyone you know is interested, please contact Ms. Marie Brito at msmarie06.stseb@gmail.com Thank you.

REGISTRATION: *Please remember to register your student prior to classes beginning on September 9 & 10.*

Registration forms are on the parish website. Please send the completed form 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.

Classes begin Sunday, September 9th for Grades 6, 7, 8, and 9 and Monday, September 10th for Grades 1-5. Thank you.

Parish Meetings and Activities			
9/3	Labor Day Morning Mass	9 am	Church
9/4	Prayer Shawl Ministry	7 pm	Fr. Randall Rm
9/4	Christmas Bazaar Comm	6 pm	Church Hall
9/6	Spiritual Life Committee	6:30 pm	Rectory
9/7	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	4:30 pm	Church
	First Friday Masses	7 am 5:30 pm	Church
9/9	Community Outreach	10 am	Rectory

PARISH FINANCES: AUGUST 19, 2018

WEEKLY PARISH COLLECTIONS

Weekend Mass Donations	\$ 3,142.00
Online Parish Giving	\$ 585.00
Total Parish Collection	<u>\$ 3,727.00</u>

<u>PARISH EXPENSES</u>	<u>\$ 7,056.00</u>
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A sincere thank you for your continued support!

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