

**Church of Saint Sebastian**  
**June 16, 2019 - Trinity Sunday**

**SUNDAY MASS**

Saturday Vigil  
 5:00 pm

Sunday  
 9:00 am | 11:00 am

**DAILY MASS**

Monday - Friday  
 7:00 am

Holidays  
 9:00 am

Saturday  
 9:00 am

**RECONCILIATION**

Saturday  
 4:00 pm - 4:45 pm  
 or by appointment

**ADORATION**

Mon-Thurs. 6:30 am - 6:55 am  
 Sunday Following the 9:00 am  
 Mass until 10:55 am

**PARISH OFFICE**

Monday - Friday  
 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

CHURCH OF SAINT SEBASTIAN

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**THIS WEEK AT ST. SEBASTIAN'S**  
**WON'T YOU JOIN US?**

SUNDAY	6/16	ADORATION - FOLLOWING 9:00 AM MASS TO 10:55 AM	9:00 AM	CHURCH
TUESDAY	6/18	NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP	7:20 AM	CHURCH
THURSDAY	6/20	WOMEN'S MORNING OF RECOLLECTION	9:30 AM	CHURCH

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### ***From Father Jordan***

My Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

May the Grace of Our Lord remain always with us!

Thank you for the many comments I have received concerning my column in last week's bulletin. These are not easy topics to discuss, but such conversations are necessary and helpful. There is the great temptation during difficult patches like we are experiencing as a Church, a country, and even personally to become discouraged: it is human, normal, and natural. As a people of faith discouragement cannot have the last word – it can't because of the victory that is ours in and through Christ Jesus. As my Novice Master would say to us during times of discouragement, "Keep on keeping on, Brothers; keep on keeping on... and grab your Rosary Beads!"

After the seriousness of my words last week, I thought we need something a little light.. So many of you remarked about my vocation story, I thought I would share a little bit more of my background with you. Let's call this "**How did I Get Here?**"

### **The Story that Makes the Story**

As you know, I spent a number of years as Pastor of Saint Catherine of Siena Church in New York City, and also as the Executive Director of Dominican Friars Health Care Ministry. Saint Catherine's and the Health Care Ministry will always be one of the happiest chapters of my life. Not that there weren't difficult times – there were; there always are. But I have never experienced just a sense that I was doing exactly what God wanted me to do, and He was more than generous with His Gifts and Graces!

There is a very long list of accomplishments that I could tell you about Saint Catherine's and the Health Care Ministry, but I think the most important thing I could share with you about these 6 magical years is this: Saint Catherine's and the Health Care Ministry were living on the glory of days gone by and we had to make a choice: to allow the Parish to sleep or to wake this sleeping giant that care for over 1400 families, and a countless number of patients, families, and medical personnel that surrounded the Church. Saint Catherine's is located in the midst of Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, New York Presbyterian Hospital, and the Hospital for Special Surgery. Every Catholic in those hospitals were our

"parishioners". The people chose to "wake the sleeping giant" (a phrase used to describe Saint Catherine's at its founding in 1895) and to ***Set the World Ablaze*** (the words of Saint Catherine in one of her letters: If you are what you should be, you will ***Set The Word Ablaze!***)

In 2014 the Archdiocese of New York began the painful process of closing and merging Parishes. Despite our growth (over 400%) and our solid finances (collections increased by 78% after being adjusted for inflation) Saint Catherine's was merged with another Parish. At my request, another Friar was chosen to lead the merged Parish. I was scheduled to become the Pastor of our Parish at Yale University, Saint Mary's, but instead I asked for a sabbatical. I was on sabbatical at PC during 2015 – 2016. In 2017 I taught at an inner-city high school in Washington, DC; and in 2018 I was the Hospital Chaplain at Johns Hopkins University Medical Center. After an assignment like Saint Catherine's, it takes a while to land in the right new spot.

### **Saint Sebastian's needs a Pastor**

In February of last year, I received a phone call from my Provincial telling me to call Bishop Evans – I had no idea what was about to transpire. I flew to Providence the next day, met with Bishop Evans, and drove with him here to see Saint Sebastian's and meet Monsignor Montecalvo. In mid-April I received another phone call asking me to come to Saint Sebastian because the Diocese had no priest to send: and I knew I had to say "yes" but more importantly I wanted to say "yes" to the request. I arrived here on June 24, 2018. There is more to the story, but you will soon read that in a report I am writing "Joined as One in the Joy of Christ".

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

***Fr. Jordan, OP***

We have been advised that East Side Marketplace is no longer accepting register receipts nor donating funds to local groups. We thank all of our parishioners who have been so loyal in donating their receipts over the years.

## Church of Saint Sebastian Founded October 15, 1915

### **Congratulations!**

Congratulations to our parishioners Corey and Marissa Rastello who were married on Saturday, June 15 at Saint Dominic's Chapel of Providence College. May God shower Marissa and Corey with many happy years together, and the great blessing of children!

### **Welcome to Our Faith!**

Please join me in congratulating and welcoming Monique Geralda Vaz to our Catholic Faith, Monique was baptized, confirmed, and received First Eucharist on Pentecost Sunday at the 11:00 am Mass! God Bless you, Monique!



### **SAVE THE DATE!**

Please circle **Saturday October 19, 2019** on your calendar for our first annual **Saint Sebastian's Founders' Day Celebration!**

Our Parish was founded on October 15, 1915. Come celebrate our 104<sup>th</sup> Birthday!!

Plans are being made for an Oktoberfest-style celebration by Karin Schrott and Father Jordan. Do you want to help? Please contact Karin or Father. Proceeds will benefit the Saint Sebastian Community Outreach Committee. The Celebration will begin with Mass at 5:00 pm, followed by cocktails, dinner, and music in the Parish Hall. Mark your calendars and see you there!

### **Do You Know?**

Everyone knows the American author Nathaniel Hawthorne. But do you know that his daughter, Rose, was a wife, mother, widow, and religious founder?

After the deaths of her husband and her son, Rose felt a deep inner calling. A convert to Catholicism, Rose searched for a way to serve God. Through a series of providential experiences, Rose came in touch with those suffering from incurable cancer. Rose and her friend Alice Huber began caring for these with incurable cancer on the Lower East Side of Manhattan. The work for incurable cancerous people began with one patient, in two little rooms at No. 1 Scammel Street, New York City. Soon other women joined Rose and Alice, and the Hawthorne Sisters were born.

Rose, later known as Mother Alphonsa, called the places where she and her Sisters cared for the sick poor "our homes". The Homes run by the Sisters that Rose founded are dedicated to providing palliative care to persons afflicted with incurable cancer who cannot afford to pay for care. All of the Sisters homes have always been, and remain, free. No payment of any kind is accepted from patients, their families, or the government.

To learn more about the Hawthorne Dominican Sisters and their work, go to: [www.hawthorne-dominicans.org](http://www.hawthorne-dominicans.org)

Our Lady of Czenstochowa Polish Festival will be held Friday and Saturday, June 28th & 29th, from 5 pm to 10 pm, and on Sunday June 30th from Noon to 4 pm, On our school grounds at 222 MacArthur Blvd, Coventry RI.

Join us for POLISH/AMERICAN FOOD, GAMES, RAFFLES, BINGO and much more.

Frozen Golomki and Pierogi also available for sale.

Polish Bands and Dancing!

Free Admission & Parking

Call: 401-821-7991 or visit [www.olesvp.org](http://www.olesvp.org) for more information.

THANK YOU!

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## Work in Progress: Construction Update

I hope you have noticed how bright and new the tower and other parts of the Church look! The workers have done a wonderful job, and we are in the home stretch. I am very grateful to all of you for your patience; to Lombardi Brothers for their superlative work; and we all owe deep thanks to our parishioner, Don Conte who has supplied the new capstones that are present throughout the Church.

The next step in the process is the re-staining of the doors. A number of you have expressed to me on many occasions the widespread unhappiness with the doors. It is my thought to return the doors to the original Mahogany tone. I have received three bids for the re-staining of the doors. The least expensive bid is \$7,200.00. If someone would like to pay for the re-staining of the doors, the Parish would be most grateful.

I thank all of you who have called me, written to me, or spoken with me privately with your opinions about the new color of the window frames. I am happy to write that I have received more compliments than complaints. There isn't always time for extensive consultation, and there wasn't in this situation. When consultation is possible, I will seek your advice.

## Religious Education 2019 – 2020

Last Monday we ended the Religious Education School Year for 2018 – 2019. It was a great day for teachers, students, parents, and me! ☐ More sugar and carbohydrates than anyone should eat, but our kids ran them all off! It was so much fun to see everyone there!

Where do we go from here? Miss Kristen and Mr. Bob are a dynamic duo, and they will both continue, but with a little nuance. Kristen will continue to teach First Communion Class and help coordinate the elementary events. Bob will be assuming greater responsibility for the middle school students, Confirmation Class, Youth Ministry, Adult Faith Formation and RCIA (Director of Faith Formation and Evangelization). I can't tell you how grateful I am to have both Kristen and Bob working with our children, and also, helping me make sure all the bases are covered!

## Pre-Registration for Religious Education Fall 2019

Parents of students in Grades 1 – 9 are asked to pre-register their child (children) for Religious Education which begins in September of this year. Current students will be asked to re-register before the close of this school year.

The registration fee per child is \$60 and registration is open to all registered active families. New students who were not baptized at St. Sebastian's must also provide a copy of their baptismal certificate.

Please contact Bob Short at [ssricgs@gmail.com](mailto:ssricgs@gmail.com) with any questions

## SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Beginning on Friday June 21st the Parish Office will close at 1:00 pm on Friday afternoon. Office hours for Monday through Thursday will remain 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

## WELCOME AND THANK YOU, FR. BERNARD MULCAHY, O.P.

Please join me in welcoming my Dominican Brother and dear friend, Father Bernard Mulcahy, O.P. Father Bernard is a professor of Theology at the Pontifical Faculty of the Josephinum in Columbus, Ohio. Father Bernard is graciously covering the Parish while I am on vacation June 14-22.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

*Around the World in 5 Days!* How can we do that? Travel with Mr. Bob and his great co-pilots, Sts. Juan-Diego; Brigid of Ireland; Martin de Porres; Nicholas of Myra; and Kateri Tekawitha on a five-day adventure and discover the great virtues of Faith, Hope, and Love in every place you land! Contact Mr. Bob ([ssricgs@gmail.com](mailto:ssricgs@gmail.com)) for more information.

## FIRST COMMUNION CLASS 2020

If your son or daughter is entering second grade and you want them to make their First Holy Communion on Mothers' Day 2020 – please call me at your earliest convenience!

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## PARISH FINANCES: 6/9/2019

### WEEKLY OFFERING

Mass Contributions	\$ 3,437.00
Online Giving	\$ <u>1,252.00</u>
<b><u>TOTAL WEEKLY OFFERING</u></b>	<b>\$ <u>4,689.00</u></b>

NUMBER OF REGISTERED FAMILIES	318
TOTAL NUMBER OF GIFTS	100
MEDIAN OFFERING	\$ 25.00

Diocesan Collection \$ 637.00

### PARISH EXPENSES

Maintenance/Custodial Supplies	\$ 1,536.00
Maintenance of Grounds	\$ 243.00
Benefits	\$ 913.00
Mary House Donation by Parish and Community Outreach	\$ 1,000.00
Volunteer Appreciation Dinner Supplies	\$ 316.00
Dry Cleaning	\$ 230.00
Providence Journal Digital Subsc.	\$ 70.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$ <u>760.00</u>
<b><u>TOTAL EXPENSES</u></b>	<b>\$ <u>5,068.00</u></b>

### NET WEEKLY INCOME

(EXPENSE)

\$ 379.00

What are the numbers telling us? First the good news: last week showed approximately 20 more gifts than on a typical Sunday – thank you. The total collection is just a bit shy of our weekly goal of \$6,400.00. This amount will help us operate with a little less tension, and a tiny bit more profit. Can we bridge the gap of \$1,700 per week? I am very concerned and afraid about the summer income. Please remember your support of St. Sebastian while you enjoy some well deserved rest and relaxation. Online giving is just a click away! 😊

*Fr. Jordan, OP*

## SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR FALL 2019

As we celebrate the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation during these Easter Days, we are already preparing for the celebration of these Sacraments in 2020 and 2021.

Unless your child is enrolled in a Catholic School, preparation for First Holy Communion and Confirmation requires attendance of Religious Education Classes for two years. If you have any questions or concerns about this policy, please contact Father Jordan.

Please contact Kristen Gold ([ssriprimaryre@gmail.com](mailto:ssriprimaryre@gmail.com)) or Bob Short ([ssricgs@gmail.com](mailto:ssricgs@gmail.com)) concerning classes for First Holy Communion in the Spring of 2020, and Confirmation in the Spring of 2021.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

If your child is entering First Grade in the Fall of 2019, he/she needs to be enrolled in Religious Education for First Holy Communion taking place in the Spring of 2021;

If your child is entering Second Grade in the Fall of 2019, and you are planning for First Holy Communion taking place in the Spring of 2020, please contact Kristen Gold at [ssriprimaryre@gmail.com](mailto:ssriprimaryre@gmail.com), or call 272-6062 as soon as possible.

### CONFIRMATION

If your son or daughter will begin 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade in September 2019, they need to be enrolled in Religious Education for Confirmation taking place in the Spring of 2021. Please contact Bob Short at ([ssricgs@gmail.com](mailto:ssricgs@gmail.com)) or 272-6062 for more information.

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** Prayers are asked for our friends, family, fellow parishioners, and especially for *Patricia Maciel, Baby Taylor Keiley, Timothy Hangsterfer, Fr. Urban Voll, O.P., Marilyn Childs, Robert Davis, and Catherine Taylor*. If you would like someone included in the Prayers for the Sick, please call the Church Rectory.

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## Mass Intentions

Saturday	June 15	5:00 pm	<b>Vigil: The Most Holy Trinity</b> Pro Populo
Sunday	June 16	9:00 am 11:00 am	<b>The Most Holy Trinity</b> All Fathers Living and Deceased ✠ Thomas Corrigan, Sr. 4th anniversary
Monday	June 17	7:00 am	<b>Weekday</b> ✠ Helen E. Reiners, 5th anniversary
Tuesday	June 18	7:00 am	<b>Weekday</b> Intentions of Rachel Genieve Fisher
Wednesday	June 19	7:00 am	<b>Weekday</b> Special Intention
Thursday	June 20	7:00 am	<b>Weekday</b> In Gratitude for the life ministry of Ms. Marie Brito
Friday	June 21	7:00 am	<b>St. Aloysius Gonzaga-Memorial</b> For the Well Being of All Children
Saturday	June 22	9:00 am	<b>Weekday</b> For the Healing of Victims of Clergy Sexual Abuse
Saturday	June 22	5:00 pm	<b>Vigil: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ</b> Pro Populo
Sunday	June 23	9:00 am 11:00 am	<b>The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ</b> Intentions of Catherine Nicole Fisher ✠ Thomas H. Roberts, II, 7th anniversary

## Welcome!

In my own name and on behalf of the People of Saint Sebastian's, welcome to our Parish! If you are visiting, coming back to the Church and Mass after some time away, or looking for a Parish, you are most welcome here at Saint Sebastian's.

### BAPTISM

Congratulations of the birth of your child!

We require all parents and godparents to attend Sacramental Preparation Classes. Once you have called the rectory to plan for the baptism of your child, we will have someone contact you to set up a special appointment for Preparation Classes. These classes are usually done one on one with each family and are conducted by a couple who are well prepared to teach and assist in Baptismal Preparation.

### MARRIAGE

Congratulations on your engagement and decision to enter into a Catholic marriage! St. Sebastian Parish will help you in your preparation to ensure that you make this serious and sacred step in your life a holy and happy one.

The day and time of your wedding must be arranged in person by the prospective bride and groom themselves as soon as they feel called to marry. No arrangement can be made by phone or parents. All arrangements should be made nine months prior to the wedding date and done prior to scheduling the reception.

The first meeting with the Pastor may be scheduled by calling the Parish Office at (401) 751-0196.

Spiritual preparation is a key part of this special time. Frequent participation in the sacraments during this time is important, particularly weekly Mass attendance. It is also strongly recommended that you bring yourselves to the Sacrament of Reconciliation during this time of preparation.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

By their word and their example, parents are the first and principal teachers of their children concerning our Catholic Faith. The Religious Education of Saint Sebastian's stands ready to assist parents in their sacred and most important responsibility.

Should you have any questions about the program please contact Ms. Kristen Gold at [ssriprimaryre@gmail.com](mailto:ssriprimaryre@gmail.com) or Mr. Bob Short at [ssricgs@gmail.com](mailto:ssricgs@gmail.com)

### CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Saint Sebastian's also offers Level One, ages 3 - 6, of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, commonly referred to as CGS. CGS is a Montessori-based program of faith formation. Please contact Mr. Bob Short, Catechist, at [ssricgs@gmail.com](mailto:ssricgs@gmail.com)

### PARISH REGISTRATION

Registration is the official way we join a parish community, please stop in the Parish Office or register online to become a registered parishioner. To be considered an active registered member of the parish, members are asked to give of their time, talent and treasure. The parish is in need of and welcomes all three parts of your stewardship.