

Church of Saint Sebastian
June 30, 2019 - 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

PARISH ADMINISTRATION & STAFF

REVEREND FATHER JORDAN KELLY, O.P.
Pastor

MEGAN MORROW
Cantor

KRISTEN GOLD
ROBERT SHORT
Coordinators of Religious Education
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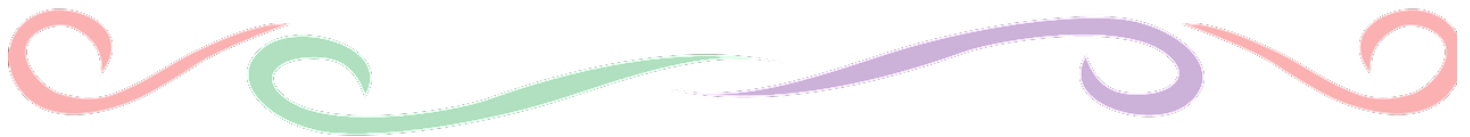
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Jamie Hill
Janice Opalenski
Patricia Recupero
Ellen Reinhardt
Fred Reinhardt
Robert Whelan



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

SUNDAY	6/30	ADORATION - FOLLOWING 9:00 AM MASS TO 10:55 AM	9:00 AM	CHURCH
TUESDAY	7/1	NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP	7:20 AM	CHURCH
		PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY	7:00 PM	FR. RANDALL ROOM
THURSDAY	7/4	INDEPENDENCE DAY - HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE	9:00 AM	CHURCH
FRIDAY	7/5	MORNING MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED AT 9:00 AM	9:00 AM	CHURCH
		THERE WILL BE NO FIRST FRIDAY MASS OR DEVOTIONS		

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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 an adventure and discover the great virtues of Faith, Hope, and Love in every place you land!

“Growing with the Saints”

July 22 through 26

8:30 am to 12:00pm

St. Sebastian Church

music, crafts, snacks, games, and more for children
aged 3 to 12.

Contact Mr. Bob (ssricgs@gmail.com)
for more information.

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Grateful for God's Providence

Every Parish in the Diocese of Providence is to participate in the Diocesan Capital Campaign, Grateful for God's Providence. I acknowledge that for a number of reasons this is not a welcomed task, or one happily embraced. However, there are ways in which this project can be embraced, offering us a happy outcome. Our Parish Goal is \$343,383.00. I am both grateful and humbled to report to you that we have raised almost 66% of our Parish Goal. It is my hope that by the time we begin the public part of the Campaign in mid-September we will have met our goal. This is the point where the task becomes happy.

Once we meet our goal, the Parish has been given special permission by the Diocese to keep 100% of all additional monies raised. This is both a very unusual permission and a very beneficial permission. It is my hope and prayer, that being able to keep much more of the monies raised, that most difficulties or hesitations may be overcome. I will be sharing more information about this initiative throughout the summer, and especially in the fall.



**Founders
Day 2019**

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 104th 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!

Construction Update

I hope you have noticed the magnificent transformation of the stonework on the Tower and the rest of the Church. The Tower is especially impressive as is the work on the front of the Church. We are waiting for the new capstones to be finished in order that the work on the lower east door may be completed.

What will be next? In the Fall we will begin the capital campaign, *Grateful for God's Providence*. The money raised through this campaign will provide for the following:

- Repaying ourselves for the monies spent on the construction project
- The repair of the handicapped ramp
- Painting of the railings of the Church
- Restoring bathrooms at the back of the Church Hall
- Renovation of the Church Hall, kitchen, and stage area
- Painting of the body of the Church
- Re-staining the doors of the Church
- Landscaping the "playground" area on Lorraine Avenue
- Financial support for Faith Formation, Religious Education, and Community Outreach

School Tuition Assistance

Saint Sebastian offers tuition assistance for those parents who have children attending Catholic Grammar School. Based upon taxable income, this assistance is part of the parish's assessment to the Diocese. Families seeking tuition assistance are asked to contact Father Jordan.

Our hands and hearts are instruments through which God shows his love. . Help us wrap each of our lonely homebound or seriously ill relatives and friends with a shawl made by our PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY of our Parish. **Our next meeting is Tuesday July 2nd.** Everyone is invited to join, meetings will continue through the summer on the first and third Thursdays at 7 pm in the Fr. Randall Room.

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PARISH FINANCES: 6/23/2019

WEEKLY OFFERING

Mass Contributions	\$ 4,594.00
Online Giving	\$ 685.00
<u>TOTAL WEEKLY OFFERING</u>	<u>\$ 5,079.00</u>

NUMBER OF REGISTERED FAMILIES	318
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TOTAL NUMBER OF GIFTS	83
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MEDIAN OFFERING	\$ 25.00
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PARISH EXPENSES

Repairs and Maintenance	\$ 531.00
Ministry Fair	\$ 117.00
Vacation Bible School	\$ 288.00
Volunteer Appreciation Dinner	\$ 1,595.00
Kitchen Supplies	\$ 840.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$ 387.00
<u>TOTAL EXPENSES</u>	<u>\$ 3,758.00</u>

<u>NET WEEKLY INCOME</u> <u>(EXPENSE)</u>	<u>\$ 1,321.00</u>
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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 with any questions

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR FALL 2019

We are already preparing for the celebration of First Holy Communion and Confirmation 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 Bob Short (ssricgs@gmail.com) or Kristen Gold (ssriprimaryre@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, or call 272-6062 as soon as possible.

CONFIRMATION

If your son or daughter will begin 7th or 8th 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) or 272-6062 for more information.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Prayers are asked for our friends, family, fellow parishioners, and especially for ***Fr. William Holt, O.P., Mario Teixeira, Patricia Maciel, 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 29	5:00 pm	Vigil: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time Joseph Mastriano, birthday remembrance
Sunday	June 30	9:00 am 11:00 am	13th Sunday in Ordinary Time Pro Populo ✠ Governor Dennis J. Roberts, 25th anniversary
Monday	July 1	7:00 am	Weekday ✠ Bettie J. Kelly, birthday remembrance
Tuesday	July 2	7:00 am	Weekday Intentions of Martha Erin Kelly
Wednesday	July 3	7:00 am	Saint Thomas, Apostle ✠ Lucille Hoyer
Thursday	July 4	9:00 am	Weekday For Our Country
Friday	July 5	9:00 am	Weekday Mass
Saturday	July 6	9:00 am	Weekday For the Healing of Victims of Clergy Sexual Abuse
Saturday	July 6	5:00 pm	Vigil: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Wendell MacIntosh, BEQUEST remembrance
Sunday	July 7	9:00 am 11:00 am	14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Pro Populo ✠ Jenny & Alex Calenda

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 or Mr. Bob Short at 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

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.

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A Wish List for the Parish

Have you wanted to donate something to the Parish? Here are some ideas of things that are needed:

1. New altar cloths for the Altar of Sacrifice, the Blessed Mother's Altar, and the daily Mass Chapel.
2. Volunteer to bring up the gifts at Mass on any given weekend;
3. Donating the altar flowers for any Sunday; for All Saints and All Souls Days; Thanksgiving Day; Christ the King; Saint Joseph's Day or for Rosary Sunday.
4. Volunteering as a sacristan, lector, greeter or Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion;
5. Invite a friend to Church Sunday: **each one; reach one!**
6. Have a Mass said in Thanksgiving for all God's blessings in your life; or, for someone's health; or, to remember someone when they die, or on the anniversary of their death;
7. More altar servers;
8. For young people to consider a vocation to the priesthood or religious life;
9. Dishes, pots and pans for the catering kitchen.

Thanks for your consideration of an item or items on the list!

Do You Know?

On the feast of Corpus Christi, Pope Francis said that Jesus gave the Church the Eucharist for the salvation of the world.

"Every year the feast of Corpus Christi invites us to renew the wonder and joy for this wonderful gift of the Lord, which is the Eucharist," Pope Francis said at the Angelus prayer June 23.

"The Eucharist is the synthesis of the entire existence of Jesus, which was a single act of love for the Father and his brothers," he said. It is "the sacrament of His Body and His Blood given for the salvation of the world."

The Solemnity of Corpus Christi, meaning the "Body of Christ" in Latin, is traditionally celebrated on the Thursday following Trinity Sunday or, in some countries including the United States and Italy, on the Sunday following that feast.

The feast provides an opportunity for the Church to focus on Christ's real presence in the Eucharist, which Pope Francis stressed should be welcomed "with gratitude, not in a passive, habitual way."

"Whenever we approach the altar to receive the Eucharist, we must truly renew our 'amen' to the Body of Christ," the pope said, urging that this "amen" should come from the heart.

"It is Jesus, it is Jesus who saved me, it is Jesus who comes to give me the strength to live. It is Jesus, Jesus alive," Francis said of the Eucharist in a departure from his prepared remarks.

Pope Francis said that the processions with the Blessed Sacrament that take place around the world in celebration of the Corpus Christi feast are an "expression of the Eucharistic faith of the holy people of God."

"I too will celebrate Mass this evening in the Roman quarter of Casal Bertone, followed by a procession. I invite everyone to participate, even spiritually, through radio and television," he said.

"May Our Lady help us to follow Jesus with faith and love whom we adore in the Eucharist," Pope Francis said.



To set-up your online giving, log on to the **St. Sebastian Parish** website at www.stsebastianri.org and click on the Parish Giving logo and follow the easy registration steps.

Parish Giving
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