

**Church of Saint Sebastian**  
**July 14, 2019 - 15th 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**

Summer Hours

Monday - Friday  
 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

CHURCH OF SAINT SEBASTIAN

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

SUNDAY	7/14	ADORATION - FOLLOWING 9:00 AM MASS TO 10:55 AM	9:00 AM	CHURCH
MONDAY	7/15	ELMHURST ALUMNI ASSOCIATION	10:00 AM	FR. RANDALL ROOM
TUESDAY	7/16	NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP	7:20 AM	CHURCH
		PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY	7:00 PM	FR. RANDALL ROOM
WEDNESDAY	7/17	MEN'S OPUS DEI	6:00 PM	CHURCH
THURSDAY	7/18	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!

It is difficult for me to believe that it is over month since I wrote a column for the bulletin! You heard from Father Bernard in my absence, and then there were the weeks with early deadlines, and my inability to type due to some minor hand surgery. I am grateful to write to you today.

### **Summertime... and the living is easy**

These lyrics from George Gershwin's classic "Porgy and Bess" seem apropos for our life together during these summer days. We all relax from the regular hectic pace of the fall, winter, and spring and we rush to have time away. Yes, I said **rush** to have time away. I'm with you as we all work in advance to be away and find ourselves rushing around to pack and to get to wherever we are going and.... collapse. If only the summertime was truly easy!

### **A Spiritual Reality and a Perennial Call**

Do you remember our Lenten Introit: *If today you hear His voice, harden not your hearts...?* I believe that these words also ring true in this vacation season! The Lord calls us to step back, be with our families, and breathe! We need to breathe the air of relaxation and peace; to breathe the air of being together and creating new memories; to breathe the air of reconnecting, forgiving, and recharging our batteries for the year to come. Lent in the midst of summer!?! Do you hear the Lord's voice saying to you, "SLOW DOWN!?" May our hearts be soft and open to His call!

### **Life at 67 Cole Avenue**

As summer ushers us into the time of vacation and renewal, life in the Rectory and in the Parish is also a little slower, but everything still keeps going. The summer offers the opportunity to plan for the coming year, as well as to catch up on work that may have slipped through the cracks during the year.

Here are some highlights of plans for the coming year:

- Bob Short and Kristen Gold are busy preparing Vacation Bible School which will be held from July 22 – 26. See the bulletin for more details.

- Bob and Kristen will send a survey to all parents of students in Religious Education and CGS about the best times for classes.
- The Fall also holds several social opportunities: Fall Festival in late September; Founder's Day Mass and Dinner in October; and the Advent "Gaudete" Celebration.
- During late September and October there will be parish-wide nominations and elections for the Parish Pastoral Council. Several current members will become officers, and other offices and interest areas (social, liturgy, buildings and grounds, etc. ) will be chosen from newly elected members.

A great amount of my time is spent working on the budget to close the current fiscal year and prepare for the new fiscal year. The budget is a heavy responsibility and one that causes me tremendous concern. Although our income is ahead of projection, this has been a year of extraordinary and often emergent expenses. Our collections fluctuate in such a manner that it is difficult to budget a way to pay bills, make payroll, and put some money into savings. With the joint assistance of the Parish and Finance Councils in the Fall we must address the critical need for an increased offertory. Through the bulletin, you have received the facts and figures of what it takes to run the Parish; you have been shown the fixed expenses over which we have little or no control. **Since Easter I have paid a number of bills from my personal money, and I am not taking a salary or receiving any benefits at this time. Your help is needed.** No gift is too small, but we need to embrace the reality that this is not about equal gifts, but equal sacrifice. Please consider increasing your weekly/monthly gift. As you travel during the summer please remember Saint Sebastian still needs and depends upon your support. I am happy to talk with anyone about this or any parish issue.

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

*Fr. Jordan, OP*

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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.

### 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 the PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY of our Parish. Everyone is invited to join in at the next meeting of the **PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** Tuesday, July 16 at 7:00 pm in the Fr. Randall Room, or possibly outside! The Prayer Shawl Ministry continues throughout the summer, meetings in August are 8/6 and 8/20. Join us!



**Founders  
Day 2019**

Please circle **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2019** on your calendar for our first annual **St. 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 St. 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!

### Summer Financial Support

As you travel, your continued support of our Parish is deeply needed and appreciated. Last week we were just able to make payroll, and several of our bills had to be deferred. Please consider giving online, or giving your offertory in advance before you travel, or making it up as soon as you return. Thank you for your constant and ongoing generosity to Saint Sebastian.

### On that day we shall see You as You are....

Filled with the promise and hope of the Beatific Vision, the people of Saint Sebastian offer our sympathy and prayers to our parishioners Richard Bready, his wife Rose, and his sister Carol Ann Lyons, upon the death of Richard's son and Carol Ann's nephew, Maximilian Bready. May Maximilian rest in the arms of God!

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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; Marin de Porres; Nicholas of Myrna; and Kateri Tekawitha on an adventure and discover the virtues of Faith, Hope, and Love in every place you land!

"Growing with the Saints" July 22 through 26, 9:30 am to 12:00 pm. Crafts, snacks, games, and more for children aged 3 to 12. Contact Mr. Bob at [ssricgs@gmail.com](mailto:ssricgs@gmail.com) for more information.

### Meet the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist

In 1999, compelled by the message of the New Evangelization, four Dominican Sisters of Saint Cecilia set out on a bold new mission: to fill the country with center of women religious. Today the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist number over 150 Sisters. The median age of the Community is 29. Mother Assumpta Long, O.P., Prioress General and one of the Four Foundresses writes:

"In the providential time of grace following the Second Vatican Council and leading up to the new Millennium, God called our community into being under the Pontificate of Pope St. John Paul the Great. Deeply attuned to the needs of the Church today, our community is familiar with many rooftops from which to proclaim the Gospel. It is only through our strong contemplative life that we have the strength to go out to all the world, quite literally, well aware of the admonition of Saint Dominic that grain is meant to be scattered.

While we continue the great Dominican tradition of teaching in schools around the country, we are also to be found proclaiming Christ in sundry ways all over the country: the Sisters offer vocations talks to school children, visit college campuses, host discernment retreats, and send Sisters out every summer to parishes for catechesis camps.

In addition to all of this, our community remains open to following the call to evangelize wherever it may lead us. It is an exciting time to be in the Church, for, as Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI said in an address to catechists, "New evangelization means ... to dare, once again and with the humility of the small grain, to leave up to God the when and how it will grow."

### July: The Month of the Precious Blood of Jesus

As I wrote to you at the beginning of June, in our Catholic Faith, each month of the year has a particular devotion. July is dedicated to devotion to the Precious Blood of Jesus.

The month of July is dedicated to the Precious Blood. The feast of the Precious Blood of our Lord was instituted in 1849 by Pius IX, but the devotion is as old as Christianity. The early Fathers say that the Church was born from the pierced side of Christ, and that the sacraments were brought forth through His Blood.

"The Precious Blood which we worship is the Blood which the Savior shed for us on Calvary and reassumed at His glorious Resurrection; it is the Blood which courses through the veins of His risen, glorified, living body at the right hand of God the Father in heaven; it is the Blood made present on our altars by the words of Consecration; it is the Blood which merited sanctifying grace for us and through it washes and beautifies our soul and inaugurates the beginning of eternal life in it."

Here is a Prayer to the Precious Blood by Saint Catherine of Siena:

*Precious Blood,  
Ocean of Divine Mercy:  
Flow upon us.*

*Precious Blood,  
Most pure Offering:  
Procure us every Grace!*

*Precious Blood,  
Hope and Refuge of sinners:  
Atone for us!*

*Precious Blood,  
Delight of holy souls:  
Draw us! Amen.*

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

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## PARISH FINANCES: 6/30/2019 & 7/7/2019

	<u>6/30/2019</u>	<u>7/7/2019</u>
Mass Contributions	\$ 3,769.00	\$ 3,017.00
Online Giving	\$ 780.00	\$ 1,165.00
<b><u>TOTAL WEEKLY OFFERING</u></b>	<b><u>\$4,549.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 4,282.00</u></b>

MONTHLY MAINTENANCE CONTRIBUTIONS \$ 959.00

TOTAL REGISTERED FAMILIES	324	324
TOTAL NUMBER OF GIFTS RECEIVED	90	81
MEDIAN OFFERING	\$25.00	\$25.00

### PARISH EXPENSES

Wages and Benefits	\$ 9,276.00	-
Advertising	\$ 225.00	-
Envelope System	\$ 148.00	-
Floral Arrangements	\$ 200.00	\$ 800.00
Private Donation	(\$ 700.00)	(\$ 800.00)
Alarm System	\$ 201.00	-
Office Expenses	\$ 754.00	\$ 101.00
Misc. Expenses	\$ 1,290.00	\$ 306.00
Private Donation		
Church Lighting	-	\$ 8,532.00
<b><u>TOTAL EXPENSES</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 11,395.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 8,939.00</u></b>

### NET INCOME (EXPENSE)

\$ 6,846.00

\$ 4,657.00

These above Salary and Benefit expenses are fixed and accurately represent Saint Sebastian Parish's Financial Obligations. Last week's collection covered less than half of just our salary and benefits costs. As I have mentioned on countless occasions, this is not about equal gifts, but equal sacrifice. I acknowledge that there are many financial requests and obligations, but I know we can more successfully meet our financial commitments. Please call me with any questions or concerns.

*Fr. Jordan, OP*

### The Search for a Director of Music and Organist

The search for a Director of Music and Organist to succeed Stephen Higgins continues. The process has been grueling and frustrating. First, there are not many capable candidates to be found. Secondly, our salary range is too low: quite simply, a credible candidate expects and deserves more money than we can offer. Despite my musical background, I am not looking for a new J. S. Bach. I am looking for a person who understands Catholic Liturgy and can play with some level of musicality, confidence, and accuracy. Please join me in praying for the right person to come along: someone who will be capable and right for Saint Sebastian; and we right for them.



### CELEBRATING, REMEMBERING, AND EVEN SIMPLY JUST BECAUSE....

I love flowers! Flowers lift my spirit; flowers remind me of dear friends who loved flowers; flowers are one of the easy ways I celebrate whatever or whoever. And, flowers in Church can bring me before God! After all, shouldn't the author of Beauty be surrounded by that what is most Beautiful and worthy of the Mysteries they celebrate?

For a contribution of \$75 or more flowers will be placed either in front of the Main Altar, the Blessed Sacrament, or Our Lady of Perpetual Help. The bulletin will note that the Altar Flowers this week are given in memory of; in celebration of; or just because. Please contact Mary Brennan or Fr. Jordan for more information.

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## MASS Intentions

Saturday	July 13	5:00 pm	<b>Vigil: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> ✠ Deceased Members of the Paesani family
Sunday	July 14	9:00 am 11:00 am	<b>15th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Pro Populo ✠ Mr. & Mrs. Mario Rollo and Mr. & Mrs. James Bianchi
Monday	July 15	7:00 am	<b>Saint Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</b> Mass
Tuesday	July 16	7:00 am	<b>Our Lady of Mount Carmel</b> All Carmelite Friars, Nuns, and Laity
Wednesday	July 17	7:00 am	<b>Blessed Ceslaus of Poland, O.P.</b> The Church
Thursday	July 18	7:00 am	<b>Weekday</b> All Sick and Those Who Care for Them
Friday	July 19	7:00 am	<b>Weekday</b> ✠ John A. O'Neill
Saturday	July 20	9:00 am	<b>Blessed Virgin Mary</b> Elizabeth F. Wardell
Saturday	July 20	5:00 pm	<b>Vigil: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> ✠ Evelyn Mastriano, birthday remembrance
Sunday	July 21	9:00 am 11:00 am	<b>16th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> ✠ Anthony S. Pacheco, birthday remembrance Pro Populo

## 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.