

Church of Saint Sebastian
July 28, 2019 - 17th 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?

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| SUNDAY | 7/28 | ADORATION - FOLLOWING 9:00 AM MASS TO 10:55 AM | 9:00 AM | CHURCH |
| TUESDAY | 7/30 | NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP | 7:20 AM | CHURCH |
| FIRST FRIDAY | 8/2 | EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT | 4:30 PM | CHURCH |
| | | CONFESSIONS | 5:00 PM | CHURCH |
| | | FIRST FRIDAY MASS | 5:30 PM | CHURCH |
| SUNDAY | 8/4 | COMMUNITY OUTREACH COMMITTEE MEETING | 10:00 AM | CHURCH HALL |

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From Father Jordan

My Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

May the Grace of Our Lord remain always with us!

Vacation Bible School

Last week's Vacation Bible School was a great success! The children had a great deal of fun; learned a great deal; and made some new friends. Look on our website for pictures chronicling the week and all its activities. Ms. Kristen and Mr. Bob were their consistent-100%-fantastic-homerun catechists! Looking forward to next year.

Religious Education Survey

All parents of currently registered Religious Education students as well as newly registered students, should have received a SurveyMonkey email from Mr. Bob about best times for Religious Education. If you have not received this survey/email, please contact Mr. Bob at ssricgs@gmail.com in order that one may be sent to you. If you have received the survey, but haven't yet replied, please do so in order that we know what is best for your family.

Financial Aid to Catholic School Students

In today's bulletin you will find information about Elementary School Tuition Assistance. Please use the FACTS Application at your earliest convenience in order that monies can be awarded as soon as possible.

First Friday this Friday

It is difficult to believe; Thursday of this week will mark the beginning of August. Friday is the First Friday of the month, with our usual set of devotions:

4:30: Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament;

5:00: Confessions;

5:30: Mass

I hope your schedules are more relaxed that you might be able to take advantage of this "mini-retreat day": the holy silence of Adoration, Confession, and the Sacrifice of the

Mass: a great 90 minutes of grace.

Why First Friday? Our Lord says it best in His apparition to Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque:

- I will give them all the graces necessary for their state of life.
- I will establish peace in their families.
- I will console them in all their troubles.
- They shall find in My Heart an assured refuge during life and especially at the hour of their death.
- I will pour abundant blessings on all their undertakings.
- Sinners shall find in My Heart the source of an infinite ocean of mercy.
- Lukewarm souls shall become fervent.
- Fervent souls shall speedily rise to great perfection.
- I will bless the homes where an image of My Heart shall be exposed and honored.
- I will give to devotees of My Heart the power of touching the most hardened hearts.
- Those who propagate this devotion shall have their names written in My Heart, never to be effaced.
- The all-powerful love of My Heart will grant to all those who shall receive Communion on the First Friday of nine consecutive months the grace of final repentance; they shall not die under my displeasure, nor without receiving their Sacraments; *My Heart shall be their assured refuge at that last hour.*

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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25TH, 40TH, 50TH AND OVER - WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Office of Marriage Preparation and Enrichment of the Diocese of Providence is sponsoring the Annual Wedding Anniversary Celebration honoring couples of the Diocese of Providence who will be observing their 25th, 40th, 50th and Over wedding anniversaries in 2017.

The celebration will be held on **Sunday, SEPTEMBER 15, 2019 at 1:00 pm, at the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul, Providence.** The Celebration will include Mass, renewal of wedding vows, a personalized certificate and a reception for you and your guests. Bishop Thomas Tobin will be the main celebrant and homilist.

Couples who would like to attend this event must contact the Parish Office for the registration form which must be completed and returned to **the Parish Office before Friday, AUGUST 16TH.**

In the Sight of the Angels, may Angie sing your praises, O Lord!

The Parish Community of Saint Sebastian extends our deepest and heartfelt sympathy, prayers and support to Tony Margiotta upon the death of his beloved wife, Angie. Angie died last Sunday, July 21 at Roger Williams Hospital. Angie's wake and funeral were held at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs in Forest Hills, NY. Our Lady Queen of Martyrs is well known for its excellent choir, which Angie sang in for many years. May she now join the choirs before the Face of God!

Letter to A Suffering Church

Bishop Robert Barron has written an extended essay on the clergy sexual abuse crisis entitled, ***Letter to a Suffering Church.*** The parish has 100 copies of this essay (and we can get more). With the assistance of at least one parishioner, we would like to offer a "Parish Study Group" to discuss Bishop Barron's writing on this crucial topic. Please contact Fr. Jordan or Pat Recupero (precupero@carene.org) for more information.

If you purchase space in the new mausoleum and mention this advertisement, St. Sebastian's will receive \$250 per space.



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Cemeteries**



Diocese of Providence

Pre-need arrangements ensure your wishes are met. Call now for information on our new mausoleum.

**Main Office: St. Ann's Office
(401) 944-8383 (401) 942-3625**

ricatholiccemeteries.org

Salesian Volunteers

Have you ever thought about giving a year of service? Perhaps Salesian Volunteers may help you.

About Salesian Volunteers

The Salesian Volunteer Program is an organization that belongs to the Western Province of the Salesians of Don Bosco of United States. The Salesians of Don Bosco worldwide are working in 128 different nations.

Our Mission

We are young Christians, called together by God to seek and share Don Bosco's vision and to collaborate as Volunteers within the SUO Province in its mission for young people especially the poor and those at risk.

We work with young adults who will volunteer their time in service. We collaborate with the Salesian Lay Missioners Office and the Domestic Volunteer Program from the Eastern Province, so we can find the best opportunities for our young adults to experience God.

Contact www.sdb.org for more information.

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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:
- New altar cloths for the Altar of Sacrifice, the Blessed Mother's Altar, and the daily Mass Chapel.
- Volunteer to bring up the gifts at Mass on any given weekend; *(Just talk with Father Jordan before Mass)*
- Donate 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. *(Call the Rectory and talk with Mary Brennan)*
- Volunteer as a sacristan, lector, greeter or Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion; *(Please see Father Jordan or Ms. Marie.)*
- Invite a friend to Church Sunday: **each one; reach one!**
- 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;
- Volunteer to be a substitute catechist for Religious Education (CCD) Classes *(Talk with Mr. Bob or Ms. Kristen)*
- Become an altar server;
- For young people to consider a vocation to the priesthood or religious life;
- **Help Father Jordan prepare couples for marriage**
- Donate dishes, pots and pans for the catering kitchen.
- Volunteer to help plan and execute the Founders' Day Mass and Dinner on October 19 *(See Father Jordan or Karin Schrott for more information)*

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

New Cell Phone Number for Father Jordan and for Sacramental Emergencies

If you need to call Father Jordan for any reason, and especially in the case of a Sacramental Emergency, please call Father's new cell phone number: **(401) 500 – 2462.**

Learning More About Immigration

This week, I wrote to Sister Barbara Kane, O.P. to try to understand more about helping the state of those being held in the camps at the border.

Sister replies:

*I talked to the people at Annunciation House (AH) where we're working. Because of a current policy called migrant protection protocol or return to Mexico, there are very few people getting through the border. So, AH doesn't need any care packages at this time. What annunciation house needs is money to keep going, to pay the rent on the buildings that they use to for hospitality when somebody gets through. So many people are volunteers, but the buildings need money to run. It's incredibly hard to be down here when you know people are struggling. If I get any more information I will let you know. **But please ask your parishioners to pray for a more humane approach to immigration.***

Take care. Sr. Barb

To learn more about Annunciation House, please go to: www.annunciationhouse.org.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Prayers are asked for our friends, family, fellow parishioners, and especially for **Archbishop Joseph Kurtz, Bishop Bertrand Boland, O.P., Patricia Maciel, Timothy Hangsterfer, and Robert Davis.** If you would like someone included in the Prayers for the Sick, please call the Church Rectory.

Next week, we will take up the **Peter's Pence Collection**, which provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous. For more information, visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence.

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PARISH FINANCES: 7/21/2019

WEEKLY GIFTS

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| Mass Contributions | \$3,133.00 |
| Online Giving | \$ <u>735.00</u> |
| <u>TOTAL WEEKLY OFFERING</u> | <u>\$ 3,868.00</u> |

TOTAL REGISTERED FAMILIES 325

TOTAL NUMBER OF GIFTS RECEIVED 71
 (21% OF REGISTERED FAMILIES)

MEDIAN OFFERING \$ 25.00

PARISH EXPENSES

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| Wages and Benefits | \$ 3,265.00 |
| Utilities | \$ 287.00 |
| Lawn and Shrub Care | \$ 112.00 |
| Advertising | \$ 340.00 |
| Household Expense | \$ 265.00 |
| Office Expenses | \$ 294.00 |
| Rectory Painting | \$ 807.00 |
| (Gift of Dominican Friars) | (\$ 260.00) |
| Repairs and Maintenance | \$ 22.00 |
| Miscellaneous Expenses | \$ 233.00 |
| <u>TOTAL EXPENSES</u> | <u>\$ 5,365.00</u> |

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| <u>NET INCOME (EXPENSE)</u> | <u>\$ 1,497.00</u> |
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Summer Financial Support

As you travel, your continued support of our Parish is deeply needed and appreciated. 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.

Elementary School Tuition Assistance

Saint Sebastian offers tuition assistance for those parents who have children attending Catholic Elementary 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.

The Diocese of Providence states:

All tuition assistance is to be based on demonstrated economic need objectively assessed and awarded in a graduated manner according to that need. The FACTS Grant & Aid program is to be used for this purpose. Applications are available online at www.online.factsmtg.com. Students must be registered at one of our Catholic Schools to apply for aid. Those applying for assistance are to pay the application fee.

Any individual applying for tuition assistance using the FACTS Grant & Aid program will be considered for financial aid from his/her parish, and all Diocesan tuition assistance fund accounts, including Frances Warde, Anchor of Hope, FACE of RI tax credit, and all others.



Reminder: During the summer the Parish Office closes at 1:00 pm on Friday afternoons. Office hours for Monday through Thursday remain 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Happy Summer!

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MASS Intentions

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| Saturday | July 27 | 5:00 pm | Vigil: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Pro Populo |
| Sunday | July 28 | 9:00 am 11:00 am | 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time ✠ Roth Family ✠ Anthony Cappelli |
| Monday | July 29 | 7:00 am | Saint Martha ✠ Sr. Mary Martha, O.P. |
| Tuesday | July 30 | 7:00 am | Weekday ✠ Deceased Members of the Wenner, Miller, & Bartholomew Families |
| Wednesday | July 31 | 7:00 am | St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest ✠ Stella Barranger |
| Thursday | Aug. 1 | 7:00 am | St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church For the safety and purity of all children |
| Friday | Aug. 2 | 7:00 am 4:30 pm 5:00 pm 5:30 pm | First Friday ✠ John A. O'Neill Adoration Confession First Friday Mass |
| Saturday | Aug. 3 | 9:00 am | Weekday For the Healing of Victims of Clergy Sexual Abuse |
| Saturday | Aug. 3 | 5:00 pm | Vigil: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Pro Populo |
| Sunday | Aug. 4 | 9:00 am 11:00 am | 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time ✠ Mildred Mooreland ✠ Patricia Wilson, 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 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.