

**Church of Saint Sebastian**  
**August 4, 2019 - 18th 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

**PARISH ADMINISTRATION & STAFF**

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Cantor

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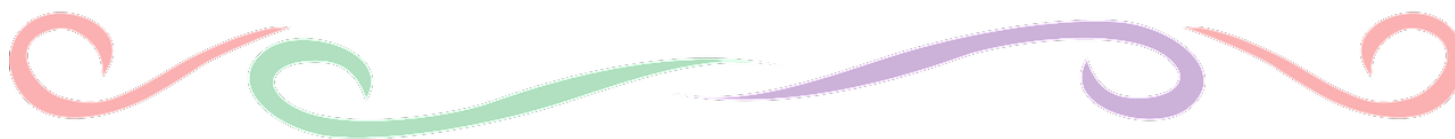
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THIS WEEK AT ST. SEBASTIAN'S  
 WON'T YOU JOIN US?

SUNDAY	8/4	COMMUNITY OUTREACH COMMITTEE MEETING	10:00 AM	CHURCH HALL
TUESDAY	8/6	NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP	7:20 AM	CHURCH
		PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY	7:00 PM	FR. RANDALL ROOM
THURSDAY	8/8	MEN'S OPUS DEI	6:30 PM	CHURCH

## Church of Saint Sebastian Founded October 15, 1915

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

My Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,  
May the Grace of Our Lord remain always with us!

#### **Days of Joy and a Weekend of Grace**

In last week's *From Father Jordan* I complimented Mr. Bob and Miss Kristen for their great work with Vacation Bible School. Of course, I wrote those words while Vacation Bible School was still in session. I want to share more of what I witnessed, and the gifts and graces our children were given:

- The students who attended Vacation Bible School were given some of the most creative and faithful catechesis I have seen in the last ten years. Mr. Bob and Miss Kristen were able to teach our children about 5 wonderful Saints, as well as Bible Studies from both the Old and New Testaments.
- The children really “got” what they were being taught. Saint Juan Diego is known for his tilma on which Our Lady imprinted her image. Mr. Bob and Miss Kristen presented that lesson in a very creative way: first, tilma is like an apron by which something is carried, or in the case of Saint Juan Diego, an apron that bears a particular image or message. Each of the students made their own tilma to wear, but they also saw a tilma being used to carry water balloons. Later in the week, Miss Kristen gathered her shirt in front of her to carry supplies for the students. One boy remarked, “Look, Miss Kristen is wearing a tilma!” From the mouths of babes... there are more stories like this one that can be told.
- One parent told me that when she was getting her children ready for Vacation Bible School the next day, her 4-year-old corrected her and said, “Mom, it’s just vacation....” Another parent told me that her child cried when she was told her family had no way to get her to Vacation Bible School the next day.... Thank God for Nana to the rescue!
- Families were given the opportunity to know one another better, or to meet each other for the first time; and, we attracted people from outside of the

Parish. This newly knit community is so strong that several of the families came to Andrew Hill’s baptism at the 11:00 am Mass last Sunday: what an untold blessing.

Vacation Bible School was something we never did before; something that stretched us; something many thought would never work. By God’s grace and Our Lady’s intercession, Vacation Bible School did more than work – it flourished! Mr. Bob and Miss Kristen are already planning for “VBS 2020”!

Last weekend our Parish was blessed to have three baptisms. We have had 32 new families join the Parish since January and many have young children. Each baptism was perfect: beautiful babies’ loving and grateful families; a sense of JOY that no one could take from us. This past week and weekend have been the happiest of my 13 months as your Pastor.

#### **Joy**

Communities that are joyful grow – it is that simple. This can be seen in school communities; religious orders old and new; parishes that spring up in the most unexpected places, and parishes that come back from the brink of ceasing to exist. Joy attracts more than money; works; or personalities: joy is the infallible sign of the presence of God! As I often told you, joy is not a slap on the back and being “hail fellow well met”; joy is laughing and crying together; joy is agreeing and disagreeing with one another; joy is teasing one another about our peccadillos; joy is the presence of the Holy Spirit that proclaims over and over again that sin, death, hell and sorrow do not have the final word – only God and His Triumphant Love have the final word! May Saint Sebastian’s ever be and become even more a community of Joy, a temple of Praise, a home where there is always a four – year – old’s “just vacation”!

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

In the Lord,

***Fr. Jordan, O.P.***

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**25<sup>TH</sup>, 40<sup>TH</sup>, 50<sup>TH</sup> 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.**

**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.factsmgt.com](http://www.online.factsmgt.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.

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



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**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. **Our next meetings are Tuesday August 6th and Tuesday August 20th.** Meetings will continue through the summer, perhaps outside! on the first and third Tuesdays at 7 pm in the Fr. Randall Room. Everyone is invited to join; Knitting needles, crochet hooks, and yarn are supplied!

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## Calling all First Graders!

Is your son or daughter beginning First Grade this school year? If you have answered “yes” to this question, please contact Kristen Gold to enroll your child in Religious Education. Kristen can be reached at: 401-272-6062, or: [ssriprimaryre@gmail.com](mailto:ssriprimaryre@gmail.com).

## Students for First Holy Communion

Is your child in second grade? Do you want him/her to make First Holy Communion in May?? Call Kristen Gold *yesterday* at: 401-272-6062, or: [ssriprimaryre@gmail.com](mailto:ssriprimaryre@gmail.com).

## Confirmation Class Begins

Led by Mr. Bob Short and Dr. Michael Bonitati, the new “cohort” for Confirmation 2021 will begin this September. Please contact Mr. Bob at 401-272-6062, or: [ssricgs@gmail.com](mailto:ssricgs@gmail.com).

## Catechesis of the Good Shepherd – Level 1

Montessori based Religious Education, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Level 1 is for all children ages 3 – 6. Please contact Mr. Bob at 401 – 272 – 6062, or: [ssricgs@gmail.com](mailto:ssricgs@gmail.com). to register your child or for more information.

## Are You Sitting on the Fence?

Are you a life long Catholic but have questions about our Catholic Faith? Have you thought about becoming Catholic but questioned about when/how/ or even why you should answer these questions? Join our RCIA/Inquiry Group to find some answers, meet fellow pilgrims with questions, and see where God might be leading. Please contact Bob Short at 401 – 272 – 6062, or: [ssricgs@gmail.com](mailto:ssricgs@gmail.com). for more information and to find out when the group will be meeting.

## Monthly Maintenance Collection Today

This monthly collection helps to defray a portion of the cost for continued maintenance and much needed repairs to our parish buildings and facilities. As we are all aware, the aging of our physical plant brings about much needed upkeep in order that we may be just and true stewards of the beauty that has been given us at St. Sebastian. There is a great deal of deferred maintenance in our buildings that needs to be addressed. Please consider increasing your usual gift to the important collection. Thank you for helping Saint Sebastian to be a true “Stewardship Parish”.

## Searching for a Director of Music and Organist, and Music at Mass this Summer

The search for a Director of Music and Organist to succeed Stephen Higgins continues. As I have written to you before, this has been and continues to a grueling and frustrating process. A lack of qualified applicants; budgetary constraints; and other issues prolong the search. I have contacted surrounding colleges, the American Guild of Organists, and the School of Music at the Rhode Island Symphony, and have little or no response. I was to sign a letter of agreement with an excellent candidate this past Monday. Sadly, he contacted me on Sunday evening to tell me that he has had a change of heart, and will not be taking the position. Everything happens for a reason, right?

Throughout this process with all the variables created by a prolonged absence of a Music Director, our cantor, Megan Morrow, has been an invaluable rock of hope and a steadying rudder to a ship that needs steering! I am most thankful for Megan’s constancy, professionalism, and tremendous flexibility.

We cannot afford many more substitute organist weekends: Megan’s salary is in the budget. Substitute organists are an extraordinary budgetary expense. An organist at 3 Masses costs \$525.00 per weekend. *Throughout the summer my family and I have paid for our substitute musicians:* I cannot allow this to continue. Although I love playing the organ, I have played and will play as many Masses as I am able, but I am not here to be the organist: I have come here to be your Pastor. Please join me in prayer that God would send us the organist/Music Director He knows we need, and the musician who needs Saint Sebastian.

- Fr. Jordan, OP

## 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**.

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** Prayers are asked for our friends, family, fellow parishioners, and especially for *Mabel Nippert, Archbishop Joseph Kurtz, Patricia Maciel, Timothy Hangsterfer, 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: 7/28/2019

#### WEEKLY GIFTS

Mass Contributions	\$3,175.00
Online Giving	<u>\$ 835.00</u>
<b><u>TOTAL WEEKLY OFFERING</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 4,010.00</u></b>

TOTAL REGISTERED FAMILIES 327

TOTAL NUMBER OF GIFTS RECEIVED 93  
(28.4% OF REGISTERED FAMILIES)

MEDIAN OFFERING \$ 25.00

#### PARISH EXPENSES

Wages and Benefits	\$ 3,367.00
Utilities	\$ 1,141.00
Household Expense	\$ 355.00
Office Expenses	\$ 133.00
<b><u>TOTAL EXPENSES</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 4,996.00</u></b>

<b><u>NET INCOME (EXPENSE)</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 986.00</u></b>
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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.

#### 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.

#### Have you Meet Capuchin Youth Volunteers?

Have you considered a year of service? Check out this great opportunity!

Capuchin Youth Friars Volunteers! We engage our volunteers' spiritual lives as foundational support for their ongoing spiritual growth.

CYFM and the Capuchin Franciscan Province of St. Mary are committed to the development of the faith life and ministerial experiences of our Cap Corps Volunteers. We provide meaningful ministry experiences and on-going skill development so that our volunteers can obtain meaningful jobs in the future

#### **FRANCISCAN SPIRITUALITY**

Living a simple life in community. Early in St. Francis' conversion, he heard the Lord speaking to him to "Go, rebuild my Church." At first St. Francis began to rebuild the physical church that was disintegrated. Later, St. Francis realized that God was calling him to rebuild the church spiritually by living out the Gospel. Responding to this call, Francis became popular for his charismatic preaching, love of God in all things, and his simple living. CCVs participate in this tradition today at CYFM in its ministry in the lives of teenagers and families by leading small group discussions and large group presentations, loving those who come through the doors of CYFM. For more information contact: [CYFM@CYFM.org](mailto:CYFM@CYFM.org)

#### Thank you Dr. Peter Pleasants and Irene Ziegler

After a combined 40 years as Parish Auditors (25 for Peter and 15 for Irene) this great dynamic duo has asked to retire as Parish Auditors. Thank you, Peter and Irene for your yeoman service! I am happy to tell you that parishioners Ellen Boyle and Jennifer Anderson-Pizzuti have accepted my invitation to become Parish Auditors and will follow Peter and Irene's great example of service! Welcome, Ellen and Jennifer!!

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## MASS Intentions

Saturday	Aug. 3	5:00 pm	<b>Vigil: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Pro Populo
Sunday	Aug. 4	9:00 am 11:00 am	<b>18th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> ✠ Mildred Moreland ✠ Patricia Wilson, anniversary
Monday	Aug. 5	7:00 am	<b>Weekday</b> A Special Intention
Tuesday	Aug. 6	7:00 am	<b>The Transfiguration of the Lord</b> ✠ Sister Sean William, O. Carm.
Wednesday	Aug. 7	7:00 am	<b>Weekday</b> In thanksgiving for the birth of Andrew W. R. Hill
Thursday	Aug. 8	7:00 am	<b>Saint Dominic, Priest</b> All Dominican Friars, Nuns, Sisters, and Laity
Friday	Aug. 9	7:00 am	<b>Friday</b> ✠ John A. O'Neill
Saturday	Aug. 10	9:00 am	<b>Weekday</b> For the Healing of Victims of Clergy Sexual Abuse
Saturday	Aug. 10	5:00 pm	<b>Vigil: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> ✠ Mary Dyer Bogan, 4th anniversary and BEQUEST
Sunday	Aug. 11	9:00 am 11:00 am	<b>19th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> ✠ Anthony Cappelli, month's mind ✠ Joshua Quinn Weinstein, 3rd anniversary and 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.