

**Church of St. Sebastian**  
**September 30, 2018 - 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*From Father Jordan*

My Dear Ones,

May the Grace of our Lord remain always with us!

As we continue to delve into the Liturgy, I'd like to share with you some of the highlights of the questions that I have posed to you.

***Are we grasping the sacred by crossing ourselves, kneeling, bowing, genuflecting with purpose and love?***

At first glance this may seem like an odd question, but it is one laden with meaning and the possibility of transformation. Considering the sign of the cross, no more solemn and meaningful beginning and gesture cannot be imagined. In this sign we mark ourselves with the names of the Trinity – the communion of love that gives us life. In the sign of the cross we trace upon ourselves the event that will make its power, force, and healing felt in our bodies and in our lives. This sign is simultaneously creedal and exorcistic: the power of Christ Crucified and Risen is the foundation of our faith, and protects us from the pursuit of the evil one. Every other gesture {kneeling, bowing, genuflecting, the Communion Procession} reflects our disposition that flows from calling upon the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit in whom we live and move and have our being, the One who calls us by name and claims us as His own.

***Do we receive Holy Communion with reverence and devotion?***

The Eucharist is the central and defining principle of our Catholic Faith: *the Bread of Angels is given to man to eat!* What a wondrous gift is given to us! Do we realize that as we come forward to eat this bread and drink this cup that we are receiving the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of our Savior Jesus Christ? Do we **clearly** respond AMEN to the great question The Body/Blood of Christ? I am unsure if the changes made in the Reception of the Eucharist (standing, reception in the hand or on the tongue) have helped or hindered our devotion. May we truly reverence the great Gift we are given!

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

In the Lord,  
*Fr. Jordan, OP*

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SAT. SEPT. 29, Vigil: 26<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORD. TIME**

5:00 pm PRO POPULO

**SUNDAY, SEPT. 30, 26<sup>h</sup> SUNDAY IN ORD. TIME**

9:00 am MICHAEL J BONITATI, JR. birthday remembrance

11:00 am GAIL CAROLAN NORRIS and STEPHEN M NORRIS, req by Carolan Norris

**Monday, OCTOBER 1, Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church**

7:00 am SR. MARIE THERESE, OP, requested by Fr, Jordan

**Tuesday, OCTOBER 2, The Holy Guardian Angels**

7:00 am MASS

7.25 am Novena Prayers - Our Lady of Perpetual Help

**Wednesday, OCTOBER 3**

7:00 am MASS

**Thursday, OCTOBER 4, Saint Francis of Assisi**

7:00 am MSGR. CARLO F. MONTECALVO, 45th anniversary of Ordination

**First Friday, OCTOBER 5**

7:00 am MASS

4:30 pm EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6**

9:00 am FOR THE HEALING OF THE VICTIMS OF CLERGY SEXUAL ABUSE

**SAT. OCT. 6, Vigil: 27<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORD. TIME**

5:00 pm PRO POPULO

**SUNDAY, OCT. 7, 27<sup>h</sup> SUNDAY IN ORD. TIME**

9:00 am ROSARY SUNDAY—AMELIA McANDREW, 1st anniversary, requested by son Thomas

11:00 am MARY HEY, requested by Susan Walker

**SAINT PIUS V YOUNG ADULTS**

St. Pius V Young adults is a Catholic young adult group actively living out the Faith through prayers, speakers, discussions, and social events. Young adults in their 20s and 30s are invited to join for weekly meetings on Thursdays at St. Pius V Church in Providence. Adoration and Confession (7:00 pm) ; Speaker or Discussion (8:00 pm); Fellowship (9:00 pm). mail [info@spvya.com](mailto:info@spvya.com) with any questions for find them on facebook.

**Church of St. Sebastian**  
**Founded October 15, 1915**

**CHRISTMAS BAZAAR DONATIONS NEEDED**  
**TO FILL GIFT BASKETS**

Please help us fill our themed Gift Baskets for the Raffles at our Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, December 1st. Proceeds benefit the "Keep the Heat On" Heating Assistance Program. Sign-up Sheets are located in the Church Vestibule. Please sign up and drop off items in the Collection Box in the vestibule before October 15. Any questions please contact Karin Schrott at 401-465-7444 or email: [karinschrott@gmail.com](mailto:karinschrott@gmail.com). Thank you for your support.

**BISHOP HENDRICKEN OPEN HOUSE**

Bishop Hendricken High School will hold an Open House on Sunday, October 14th from noon to 3 :00 pm. Information on admissions and financial aid as well as academics, college placement, athletic and extracurricular activities will be available. The entrance exam for prospective 8th, 9th, or 10th grade students will be held on Saturday, December 1, 2018 at 8:30 am. For more information please call the Admissions Office at 739-3450 extension 162.

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

**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 volunteers of the PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY of our Parish. Blessed Prayer Shawls are available. A shawl and prayers offer special comfort to the sick Everyone is invited to attend the next meeting of the **PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY Tuesday October 2nd** (and on the first and third Tuesday of each month) at 7:00 pm in the Father Randall Room.

**CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR PRISON INMATES**

If you have unused Christmas cards or blank cards you no longer need, please bring them to the collection box in the church vestibule within the next two weeks. Cards dropped off after September will be stored for delivery in 2019. Chaplain Martha Paone is very grateful to have these cards to distribute to inmates to send to friends and loved ones.

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

This weekend's Altar Flowers today are given in memory of Michael J. Bonitati, Jr. on the occasion of his birthday.

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

Prayers are asked for our friends, family, and fellow parishioners, ***especially Adolf Schrott and Angela Margiotta***. If you would like someone included in the Prayers for the Sick, please call the rectory.

**Ministry Fair**

"Harvesting the gifts of time, talent, and treasure for the work of God's Kingdom in the community" The parish will hold a Ministry Fair after each Mass during the weekend of October 13-14. The Ministry Fair will provide parishioners an opportunity to experience the depth of Christian ministry in our parish. Any questions, please contact Karin Schrott 401-465-7444 or [karinschrott@gmail.com](mailto:karinschrott@gmail.com).

**SECOND COLLECTION—OCTOBER 6TH AND 7TH**

Next week's second collection is for the Seminarian Education Fund. We thank you for your continued generosity.

**Parish Meetings and Activities**

9/30	Rel. Ed. Grades 6-9	10 am	Classrooms
10/1	Rel. Ed. Grades 1-5	4 pm	Classrooms
10/2	Christmas Bazaar Mtg	6 pm	Church Hall
10/2	Prayer Shawl Ministry	7 pm	Fr. Randall Rm
10/5	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament	4:30 pm	Church
10/5	First Friday Mass	5:30 pm	Church
10/6	Mass for the Healing of Victims of Clergy Sexual Abuse	9 am	Church

**PARISH FINANCES: SEPTEMBER 23, 2018**

Mass Contributions	\$ 5,783.00
Online Parish Giving	\$ 615.00
Second Collection	<u>\$ 1,109.00</u>
<b><u>TOTAL PARISHIONER DONATIONS</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 7,507.00</u></b>
<b><u>TOTAL PARISH EXPENSES</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 9,186.00</u></b>

***A sincere thank you for your continued support!***

Please consider enrolling in Parish Giving, our online stewardship program for parish contributions. You can register online at [www.Parishgiving.org](http://www.Parishgiving.org) or on our parish website at [www.stsebastianri.org](http://www.stsebastianri.org).