

**Church of St. Sebastian**  
**October 7, 2018 - 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*From Father Jordan*

My Dear Ones,

May the Grace of our Lord remain always with us!

Because today is Rosary Sunday, I want to write to you about the importance of the Rosary in our Catholic Life. We will return to our Liturgy study next week.

Why the Rosary? Why this recitation over and over of the same prayer, the Hail Mary, with the predictable interruption of the Glory Be, Our Father, and Fatima Prayer? The repetition of each of these prayers is to aid us into contemplation. Contemplation is that place of quiet, loving, union with the Trinity, Our Lady, and the Communion of Saints. Contemplation is simply being in the loving presence of Our Lord: no words need be uttered, I listen for Him, and He listens to me.

As we pray the Rosary our contemplation is fixed upon the life (the Joyful and Luminous Mysteries), death (the Sorrowful Mysteries) and resurrection of Christ (the Glorious Mysteries). In our silent meditation upon the life of our Blessed Savior, we learn again and are reminded that it is God alone who changes hearts. "Ask yourself whether this involved any merit, any motivation, any right on your part," asks Saint Augustine, "and see if you find anything but grace?" Our lives are all grace! This is especially true today: we need a radical conversion of hearts! By constantly recalling the grace, power and importance of the Incarnation, Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Christ, we place ourselves with Mary before the One who is pure and faithful love, mercy and Truth, who alone changes hearts and forms us in virtue.

I would think that it is such an awareness that has caused Pope Francis to ask for the daily recitation of the Rosary throughout this Marian Month of October, and also, the recitation of the Prayer of Saint Michael the Archangel at the end of every Mass. By God's Grace and Mercy the Rosary will help to change our hearts, and grant us a new Lepanto in which the victor is not military, but spiritual. May the Prayer to Saint Michael awaken within us an awareness of the reality of evil, protect us from all adversity, and free our world from all that would harm us, without and within.

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

5:00 pm PRO POPULO

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

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

11:00 am JANE HODNETT, req. by Susan Walker

**COLUMBUS DAY, HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE  
Monday, OCTOBER 8**

9:00 am THE BROUDER FAMILY

**Tuesday, OCTOBER 9**

7:00 am STEPHEN REEN

7.25 am Novena Prayers - Our Lady of Perpetual Help

**Wednesday, OCTOBER 10**

7:00 am JOAN MILLER

**Thursday, OCTOBER 11**

7:00 am A SPECIAL INTENTION

**Friday, OCTOBER 12**

7:00 am KATHRYN LOPEZ

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13**

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

**SAT. OCT. 13, Vigil: 28<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORD. TIME**

5:00 pm PAUL SPALITA

**SUNDAY, OCT. 14, 27<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORD. TIME**

9:00 am PRO POPULO

11:00 am ELMHURST ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION ,  
requested by Kathy Sheehan Sullivan

**PARISH FINANCES: SEPTEMBER 30, 2018**

Mass Contributions	\$ 4,300.00
Online Parish Giving	\$ 691.00
<b><u>TOTAL PARISHIONER DONATIONS</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 4,991.00</u></b>

<b><u>TOTAL PARISH EXPENSES</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 12,437.00</u></b>
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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).

# Church of St. Sebastian

Founded October 15, 1915

## Ministry Fair NEXT WEEKEND

"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).

## 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.



## Our MONTHLY MAINTENANCE COLLECTION TAKES PLACE NEXT WEEKEND.

This collection helps defray the cost of maintaining our beautiful church, rectory and parish grounds. The parish is very fortunate to have staff members who take great pride in keeping our facilities in magnificent shape. Please be generous to this important collection to continue necessary upkeep of our parish property.



## THE CHURCH IS OUR HOUSE

Just like in our own homes everyone pitches in to help keep the house in order, the same is true here in Church.

Saint Sebastian's is a cherished and loving home for all of us. Please help us keep the Church in order by taking your bulletin home with you, or returning it to one of the tables in the vestibule. We also ask that you please return the Worship Program to its vestibule table as well.

Thank you for helping to keep "our home" as neat as possible!

## A COMMUNION REMINDER

When coming to Communion please be very mindful of what you are doing and Whom you are receiving. Please indicated clearly if you want to receive a blessing; or communion of the tongue or in your hand. And, please say "Amen" that the priest or Eucharistic Minister can hear you. Your Amen proclaims that you truly believe that the Eucharist is the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity, or our Savior Jesus Christ.

THE PARISH BOOK CLUB will meet Wednesday, October 17th at 7 pm Fr. Randall Room to discuss The Last Hurrah by Edwin O'Connor. All are welcome!

## 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.

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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

## BAYVIEW ACADEMY OPEN HOUSE

St Mary Academy –Bay View, an independent Catholic school for girls ages 3 through grade 12, invites you to Open House for Lower, Middle, and Upper School on Sunday October 14, 2018 at 1 pm. To find out more about our school, or to pre-register for Open House, go to [www.bayviewacademy.org](http://www.bayviewacademy.org)