

Church of Saint Sebastian

January 27, 2019 - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

From Father Jordan, O.P.

My Dear Ones,

May the grace of Our Lord remain always with us!

Thank you for the responses I have received about my preaching last weekend, as well as some “tweaks” about the Music at Mass. I am most grateful! As we celebrate our Patronal Feast this weekend, please do not think I have gone back on my word to you: today is a Solemnity and the importance of this celebration ushers forth a more developed level of celebration.

In last week’s bulletin, I mentioned to you that Kristen Gold will be handling the administrative matters for the elementary level of our Religious Education Program. At the time the bulletin went to press last weekend, I was not able to share with you who would be responsible for the middle school administration. Today, I am more than happy to share with you that Bob Short will be Kristen’s counterpart for the middle school level of our Religious Education Program. Bob is no stranger to Saint Sebastian. Bob began attending daily Mass about 2 years ago and quickly became involved with the Spiritual Life Committee. Bob is a certified catechist for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) and teaches CGS for our 3 – 6 -year-old program. He also serves as the CGS Catechist at Saint Pius. For his day job, Bob is the very popular Middle School Teacher at Ocean State Montessori School. We are in good hands with both Kristen and Bob.

Speaking of Religious Education - - - there are several “save the dates” in the bulletin today for families who have children either making First Holy Communion or being Confirmed. To reinforce the reminders listed elsewhere in the bulletin:

Saturday, March 30: Family Retreat for those receiving the Sacraments of First Penance, First Communion, and Confirmation.

Monday, April 8: First Confession for those students and families preparing for First Holy Communion.

Sunday, April 28: Bishop Evans will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation at the 11am Mass;

Sunday, May 12: First Holy Communion at the 9am Mass.

Please put these dates in your calendar; more information will be forthcoming as the dates draw near.

At the Town Hall Meeting, several people expressed the desire for a Parish Choir to be reestablished: nothing would delight me more! However, to have a Parish Choir, parishioners have to be willing to make the

sacrifice and commitment to rehearsals and regular attendance at “choir Masses”. At the Parish Ministry fair, only two parishioners expressed a willingness to be part of the Choir. At Christmastime, we were able to find some friends from far and wide who helped us to form the “Saint Sebastian Chorale”, and I was delighted that one of our parishioners joined to sing at the 9pm Mass.

As we head towards Lent and Easter, Stephen Higgins and I are once again inviting parishioners to form a choir for our great high holy days. If you would be interested in singing with the choir, or need more information, please contact Stephen Higgins at: stephen.higgins@me.com.

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

**“SUNDAY IS THE GOLDEN CLASP THAT BINDS
TOGETHER THE VOLUME OF THE WEEK.”
- H.W. LONGFELLOW**



Our **MONTHLY MAINTENANCE COLLECTION TAKES PLACE NEXT WEEKEND.** This collection helps defray the cost of maintaining our beautiful church, rectory and parish grounds. Your ongoing generosity is appreciated greatly and needed deeply.

The Church of Saint Sebastian
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Pray the Rosary: Join parishioners as we gather to [pray the Rosary](#) at 8:00 pm on Wednesday, January 30th here in Church

Tax letters will be mailed by January 31, 2019 to registered parishioners who donated \$500 or more in 2018. If you are a registered parishioner and donated less than this amount but would like a letter for tax purposes please contact the rectory at stsebastian@cox.net or 751-0196. Thank you.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Prayers are asked for our friends, family, fellow parishioners, and especially for **Frank Dumont, and Elie Saroufim**. If you would like someone included in the Prayers for the Sick, please call the Church Rectory.

Today's **beautiful altar flowers** are given in memory of Joseph & Dorothy Kennedy on the occasion of the 56th wedding anniversary of their daughter and son-in-law Anne & Joseph Ilacqua.

Liturgy Tool Box

As I mentioned last week, I am beginning a new section in the bulletin to help us develop a common language and understanding about the liturgy. Where do we begin?

How do we know what to do at Mass?

The Roman Missal, the large red book that sits on the altar and from which the priest prays, has an introduction entitled The General Instruction on the Roman Missal (GIRM), which outlines the Mass, and describes in detail what and how the Mass is to be celebrated.

How are decisions made about what is to be sung?

Throughout the GIRM, there is ample direction about music and what is to be sung. The foundation of a Theology of Liturgical Music rests upon the principle “that we sing the Mass, we do not sing AT (emphasis added) the Mass.” We read: “Singing is the sign of the heart’s joy... Great importance should be attached to the use of singing in the celebration of the Mass...every care is to be taken that the singing of the priest and the people are not absent in celebrations that occur on Sundays and on Holy Days of Obligation...In choosing what is to be sung, preference is to be given to the Gloria, the response to the reading, the Alleluia, and the chants within the Eucharistic Prayers” (GIRM, #39).

Why don't all priests and all parishes celebrate Mass in the same way?

This question, my dear friends, is a great question and one which causes considerable angst for many, but especially for someone like myself. I was taught that the Church gives us what and how we are to pray: choosing things that are contrary or in direct disobedience to the Church, makes the celebration of the Eucharist all about Father X and not about God. Similarly, if entire parishes choose not to follow the Missal, for however noble the reason, in a place where the Church does not allow or encourage adaptation, the Mass loses its Christocentric focus.

Won't You Join Us?

Sunday	1/27	Community Outreach Meeting	10:00 am	Church Hall Kitchen
		Religious Education	10:00 am	Classrooms
		Coffee Time for parents of RE students	10:00 am	Church Hall
Monday	1/28	Religious Education	4:00 pm	Classrooms
		Coffee Time for parents of RE students	4:00 pm	Church Hall
		CGS	4:15 pm	Atrium
First Friday	2/1	Adoration	4:00 pm	Church
		Confession	5:00 pm	Church
		First Friday Mass	5:30 pm	Church

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IMPORTANT DATES FOR FAMILIES WHO ARE RECEIVING THE SACRAMENTS

Save the date: March 30, 2019 : Sacramental Family Retreat

We are very fortunate to have Sister Mary Johanna, OP coming to lead the Family Retreat for our families who have children preparing to receive the Sacraments of Penance, Eucharist and Confirmation. Sister has a great deal of experience in leading this kind of retreat. The day promises to be one that is grace filled; lots of learning, and fun! The day begins at 9:30 and includes lunch, groups for Moms and Dads, working together as a family – and time to let the kids run around outside and let off some energy. The day will conclude between 4:00 and 4:30.

Save the date: April 28, 2019: Sacrament of Confirmation

Bishop Robert Evans will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on 14 of our Parishioners on *Sunday, April 28 at the 11:00 am Mass*. A reception will follow in the Parish Hall.

Save the date: May 12, 2019: First Holy Communion

Twenty-one of our parishioners will receive their First Holy Communion on *Mothers' Day – Sunday, May 12 at the 9:00 am Mass*. A reception will follow in the Parish Hall.

PARISH FINANCES: 1/20/2019

Mass Contributions	\$ 3,853.00
Online Parish Giving	\$ 760.00
Total Weekly Donations	<u>\$ 4,613.00</u>
Diocesan Collection	\$ 561.00
Total Parish Expenses	\$ 16,298.00
Shortfall of Funds	\$ 11,685.00

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Save the date: March 9 & 10, 2019: Parish Lenten Mission and Pasta with the Padres

Join us March 9th and 10th for a weekend of reflection, led by Fr. Matthew Dougherty, O.Praem. At this beginning of Lent we will pause and reflect how Lent 2019 can be the best Lent ever!

When: Attend any of the weekend Masses as Father Matthew unveils the plan for the Best Lent Ever!

Sunday: Following Sunday's 11:00 am Mass there will be Eucharistic Adoration; plan to spend some time with the Blessed Sacrament in quiet adoration.

At 3:00 pm there will be a special session for children, while Father Matthew addresses adults.

At 4:00 pm: Closing Vespers and Benediction with preaching that ties the day together.

At 5:00 pm: *Pasta with Padres* – enjoy a homemade spaghetti dinner **prepared and served by the Padres!** \$5 per person; \$10 per family.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 26, Vigil: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm DONALD ROHR, BEQUEST

Sunday, January 27, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am VINCENT & JEAN MAGUIRE

11:00 am ARTHUR CICCONE, requested by sister Marilyn Ardente

Monday, January 28, Saint Thomas Aquinas, OP., Priest & Doctor of the Church

7:00 am Mass

Tuesday, January 29

7:00 am ROBERT POSS, month's mind, requested by Arlene Corrigan

7:30 am Novena Prayers - Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Wednesday, January 30

7:00 am Mass

Thursday, January 31, Saint John Bosco, Priest

7:00 am Mass

First Friday, February 1

7:00 am Mass

5:30 pm Mass

Saturday, February 2, The Presentation of the Lord

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

Saturday, February 2, Vigil: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm Pro Populo

Sunday, February 3, Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am INTENTIONS OF ADOLF SCHROTT, on the occasion of his 94th birthday, requested by his family

11:00 am ARTHUR ANGELO D'AGOSTINO, SJMD, birthday remembrance, req. by Belle Calenda

*Let us pray for the repose of the soul of
Dr. Donald Rohr
whose love for our parish was shown in a
bequest to St. Sebastian Church.
We remember him in gratitude and offer
Saturday's 5:00 pm Mass for him this week..
May he rest in the peace of the Lord.*

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.

**FAITH FORMATION WHILE YOU STAY
AT HOME!**

A number of parishioners would like to take part in different Faith Formation events offered at the Parish, but because of family and work obligations are unable, or find it too difficult, to get to the programs offered at Saint Sebastian.

Now you can "join" with your fellow parishioners from the comfort of your own home. Follow CREDO by following these easy steps:

1. Go to: saintbenedictpress.com/register
2. Create profile
3. Go to the far right hand corner and click on streaming; there will be a drop down bar, choose "Credo".
4. Enter Code: CR00101

MAKE SURE YOU GET THE DATE YOU WANT

Frequently parishioners call and want to have Mass said for a deceased love one or as a gift. WONDERFUL! There is no better gift than the Mass. However, many times they call a few weeks or a few days before they date they would like and another Mass is already scheduled. We do all we can to accommodate every request.

I urge you to call the Rectory with your list of Masses for the year. We all know the dates that are milestones in our lives as they repeat each year. Call now and secure the dates you want well in advance!