

Sixth Sunday of Easter

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Saint Sebastian Church

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MASSES

Saturday 5 pm
(Sunday Vigil)

Sunday 8:30 & 11 am

Weekdays 8:00 am
(Mon. through Fri.)

Holy Days
(Schedule varies)

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Mission Statement

We, the family of St. Sebastian Parish, are a stewardship parish, sharing God's Gifts. We are the hands and feet of Christ on Earth. In union with the Universal Roman Catholic Church, we endeavor to become a prayerful and unified community deeply committed to Jesus Christ, and loving service in His name. We hope to be a welcoming, caring and friendly Parish Family, wherein the gifts and talents of all - young and old - are recognized, nurtured and used to build the Kingdom of God in the world.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

is arranged by appointment. Please call the office.

THE SACRAMENT OF

RECONCILIATION (Confession) 4:00-4:45 pm on Saturday, or by appointment.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK Please call the office as soon as anyone is seriously ill.

THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Please call the office at least six months in advance of the proposed wedding date.

PARISH REGISTRATION We invite anyone wishing to register in our Parish to visit or call the Parish Office, or stop by the Welcome table when you come for Sunday Mass to complete a census card and learn more about our Parish Family.



Dear Family,

What a word: *Remain!* Jesus tell his disciples to remain. The dictionary says, "to remain means to stay behind; be left behind; endure, abide, last"

Fr. Donagh O'Shea OP, remarked, "A favorite word in John's gospel and letters is 'abide' (or the rather colorless translation 'remain'): abiding in God, abiding in Christ, abiding in his word.... I counted thirty-seven. To abide is not to be a visitor, it is even more than being a friend, it is to be at home."

In other words, Jesus told his disciples, 'be at home in me. Be so comfortable with the idea of me being around that I become a part of the very air you breathe.'

I guess sometimes there is a fine line between having someone so close that it motivates everything you do, and maybe also running the risk of familiarity; taking someone for granted. I think I want to take that risk.

This kind of remaining or abiding doesn't mean you're a leftover. Quite the contrary. It means they (the disciples) and we have been put in place for the very specific purpose of being Jesus for all we meet.

Last Sunday, when we gathered to bless our new shrine in honor of Our Lady, Star of the Sea, I was so happy that many people who normally go to Mass Saturday evening or at 8:30 Sunday morning came to the Mass at 11:00.

We had the great pleasure of Archbishop Keleher confirming three of our young women, Yanelis Gacita, Eavan Murphy and Ariana Guerin. They are pictured here with the Archbishop and their sponsors.

We all processed (more or less) out to the shrine after Mass and the young women became the hospitality corps as they passed out the little programs

we prepared to honor Pat and Nelly O'Connor in the shrine provided by their son, Chris O'Connor.



Nothing like putting the newly empowered members to work in a noble cause.

Charlie Patel, our landscape man for the shrine, came early Sunday morning to replace some of the flowers that had been eaten by the iguana(s). What a guy. (Our next job will be to find the offending interloper(s) and arrange for safe passage to iguana heaven.)

Our great contractor, Alex Rodriguez – CRR General Contractors, joined us with his wife Liz, as did Rob McIntyre of RAM design who drew up the plans for the area. Paul Pickel and Lyn Durham who created the mosaic of Our Lady itself, were there in spirit.

With all the elements coming together so well somehow the word "remain" took on a lot more meaning. I hope in the years to come, the place will always have a special blessing for those who sail through Port Everglades, and those who visit our parish.

May we all be constantly abiding in the Lord, moved by his Spirit to not simply remain, but

remain in His Love,

In Him,

Fr. Jim

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Mass Intentions

Saturday 5:00 pm	May 5 Living & Deceased of our Parish
Sunday 8:30 am	May 6 † Charles & Marie Maher, req. by Family † Grace & Murray Toomey, req. by M.L. Toomey
11:00 am	† Dr. Farid Nasser, req. by Mona Hamawy & Family † Richard Schneider, req. by Wini & Joe Amaturro † Evelyn Jarchow, req. by Family
Monday 8:00 am	May 7 † Mary Jane DiPesa, req. by M.L. & Helen Toomey † Alexander R. Cordy, req. by Family † Ed O’Gorman, req. by O’Gorman Family
Tuesday 8:00 am	May 8 † Marilyn Romano, req. by Ellie & Bill Loughran
Wednesday 8:00 am	May 9 In Thanksgiving, req. by Ellie Loughran
Thursday 8:00 am	May 10 † Dorothy Diamond, req. by Mann Family Intention of Marcia Hogan, req. by Barry
Friday 8:00 am	May 11 † Marilyn Romano, req. by Sharon Wieronski Special Intention, req. by Joe & Patti
Saturday 5:00 pm	May 12 † John H. Rau, req. by Ralph & Di † Bill & Rosemary Schneider, req. by Cheri † Marian Stanley, req. by Maria
Sunday 8:30 am	May 13 Mother’s Day Novena
11:00 am	Living & Deceased of our Parish

REMEMBER THE SICK

Donn Taylor, Mildred Marques, Connor & Adam McMahon, Colt Becker, Antonis Constantis, Diana Borg, Nanchine McManus, Henriette Kerba, Robert Real, Mary Lou Mann, Sister Mary Jareth, Gerard Turcotte, Tim Hmielewski, Cay Argiro, Chuck Connors, Peggy Lynch, Denise Bergeron, Jason Switek, Eula Manfield, Brittany Fender, John Orozco, Suzanne Plum, Don Loughran, Jr., Joel Rivera, Patricia Townsend, Hayden O’Connor, Frances Salerno, Mary McCoy, Jim Cowgill, Jr., Bill Turnbull, Tiffany Malin, Stephen McGarry, Lily Grace Murphy, John Graff, Eleanor O’Brien, Elizabeth Shotmeyer, Donna DeFazio, Dawn Frasier, Virginia & Peter Hanna,

SAVE THE DATE ...

May 19 - St. Vincent de Paul truck in our parking lot.
May 25 - 5:00 pm - Mass in celebration of Msgr. Jim’s 50th Anniversary of Ordination
May 31 - Men’s Club JetBlue Drawing.



Let’s deem next weekend “Tin Can Weekend!” If each of us brings just one can of non-perishable food or one hygiene item for the needy families in Broward County, we would have enough items to make a huge difference to those who depend on our generosity. Please fill our shopping carts with these items to continue God’s concern for his hungry and needy. To share is to care.

JETBLUE RAFFLE



Don’t forget your tickets. Again this year, the St. Sebastian Men’s Club is holding a Raffle with two JetBlue tickets as the Grand Prize. Suggested minimum donation is \$25.00. Tickets are available in the Parish Office and the drawing will be held on May 31, 2018.

MOTHER’S DAY NOVENA

Our Mother’s Day Novena begins next Sunday, Mother’s Day, and continues through Tuesday, May 22. If you would like to include your mother, living or deceased, in this Novena of Masses, please complete one of the cards in the pews, and give it to an usher, or bring it to the office. The cards will be placed on the altar during the Novena.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MAY CROWNING

Next Sunday, May 13th, at the 11:00 Mass, four of our Religious Education Students will receive Holy Communion for the first time. Please pray that they and their families will always remain close to the Lord and His Church. During the Mass, we will also have our May crowning, showing the importance of Mary in the life of the Church, and as a model of humility and service. We hope you will join us.

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Eucharistic Adoration is held on Friday from 8:30 - 5:00 in our Chapel.

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