

# Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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,

It must be the heat. My slate is blank, or almost... Maybe this is a moment to talk a bit about something that has been at the back of my "heat-oppressed mind." (That's a line from Shakespeare's *Macbeth*. Unfortunately, what is in *Macbeth*'s vision is a dagger which he can't touch but only see. It's pretty black as visions go, but you'll have to read the play. What I want to talk about isn't that bleak, much less black.) It's about weddings.

The folk who I would like to read this are not likely to see it, but maybe if their parents or grandparents do, it might get through. Not necessarily in order of importance, I'll call these ponderings...

### Wedding Wisdoms and Whimsies

I Don't put a deposit down on a place for a wedding reception until you are sure your church is available. Common sense, no? Alas, sometimes common sense seems to be in short supply when wedding bells fill the air. (It also makes me concerned about what couples think is more important, the ceremony or the reception.)

II A question we get is, "How much does it cost to be married in your Church?" That drives me nuts, but I understand it. Some of the wedding charges for churches are pretty amazing. Being ordained 50+ years and being 77 makes me feel I can get away with saying, "Sacraments don't cost money and should not cost money." On the other hand, I can understand sometimes how pastors see the kind of money that is spent on weddings and then don't get a donation sufficient to cover the cost of the A.C. during the rehearsal or the ceremony.

III Your wedding is your wedding. Forget every other wedding you were ever at. Copying stuff just costs you money you don't need to spend.

IV ***One of the most powerful things you can do is to take time to choose your scriptures and prayers for your celebration. TOGETHER!*** We always give the couple a book to help them make those choices. It brings a wonderful spiritual element to your preparation.

I could go on a lot longer. Many years ago, my niece Kim and her now-husband Rene prepared their wedding. They completed all the course work and all their papers were done. They had a pretty big reception planned when Rene got a great job offer. The only problem was that when it came through, he had to be there in two weeks. They didn't know when that would happen, and it threw the wedding plans into the air. I suggested that maybe we could just gather the immediate family members and have a small celebration and then in a year when they were settled, they could come home for a first anniversary party.

Kim was not so sure, but two days later she called and asked, "Uncle Jim, what are you doing on Saturday evening?" Believe me, if I had been going to see the Pope I would have postponed it, and I said, "Why nothing I couldn't change. Why do you ask?" as if I didn't know.

In five days, the parents flew in, the siblings assembled, and I got a wonderful lady to fix a dinner for 30. (Thank God she remembered a wedding cake. Rectory wedding receptions are rare.)

One of the very happiest memories I have, is that Rene and Kim were the last to leave the rectory that night, and on their way out, Kim said, "Uncle Jim, we're not coming back in a year. *Nothing* could possibly be better than this night."

Perhaps that memory underlies what might seem to be my "thing" about weddings. I know they can be done well and don't need to be circuses. Stay out of the heat! In Jesus,



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## Mass Intentions

**Saturday July 28**  
 5:00 pm † David Horney, req. by Donald Bourke  
 † Rev. Father Leon Bourke,  
 req. by Donald Bourke  
 † Rev. Father Paul Bourke  
 req. by Donald Bourke

**Sunday July 29**  
 8:30 am Living & Deceased of our Parish  
 11:00 am † Fred M. Fetscher  
 † Jay Mann, req. by Mann Family  
 † Chuck Connors,  
 req. by Gloriann Lombardo

**Monday July 30**  
 8:00 am † Tim Hmielewski,  
 req. by Claire Ryder

**Tuesday July 31**  
 8:00 am † Tim Hmielewski,  
 req. by Frances Salerno

**Wednesday August 1**  
 8:00 am † Ethel Santoro,  
 req. by Anthony's Runway 84

**Thursday August 2**  
 8:00 am † Tim Hmielewski,  
 req. by Mona Hamawy

**Friday August 3**  
 8:00 am † Sallie Wilson,  
 req. by Cameron McFarland

**Saturday August 4**  
 5:00 pm † Sister Helen Burke, M.D.,  
 req. by Donald Bourke  
 † Tim Hmielewski,  
 req. by Ron & Jane Fasone  
 Intention of Steve Weber,  
 req. by Bill & Joan Fuccillo

**Sunday August 5**  
 8:30 am † Pat Connell,  
 req. by Holshouser Family  
 11:00 am Living and Deceased of our Parish

## REMEMBER THE SICK

Donn Taylor, Colt Becker,  
 Antonis Constantis,  
 Diana Borg, Nanchine

McManus, Henriette Kerba, Robert Real, Mary Lou Mann,  
 Sister Mary Jareth, Gerard Turcotte, Cay Argiro, Peggy  
 Lynch, Denise Bergeron, Jason Switek, Eula Manfield, Brit-  
 tany Fender, John Orozco, Suzanne Plum, Don Loughran,  
 Jr., Joel Rivera, Patricia Townsend, Hayden O'Connor,  
 Frances Salerno, Mary McCoy, Jim Cowgill, Jr., Bill Turn-  
 bull, Tiffany Malin, Stephen McGarry, John Graff, Elizabeth  
 Shotmeyer, Donna DeFazio, Dawn Frasier, Virginia & Peter  
 Hanna, Sandy Rodriguez, Reid Crosby, Nilsa Pagan, Jan  
 Gray, Grayson Jack, Diane Simmons, Keith Fisher

## JUST A THOUGHT...

"We must regain the conviction that we need one an-  
 other, that we have a shared responsibility for others  
 and the world, and that being good and decent are  
 worth it."  
 -Pope Francis

## SAVE THE DATE ...

**August 15** - Feast of the Assumption,  
 Holy Day of Obligation; Mass at  
 6:00 pm followed by a "Special  
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**September 22-23** - St. Vincent de Paul  
 truck will be in our parking lot.

**October 14** - Pancake Breakfast

**October 26** - Oktoberfest Family Fun  
**January 25, 2019** - Men's Club annual  
 Spaghetti Dinner

**March 29, 2019** - Fish Fry/ Auction



Looking at my abundantly  
 filled shopping cart in the  
 grocery store, I feel a pang  
 of guilt. Could I have  
 brought more food items for  
 the hungry in our communi-  
 ty and less for me? Love is  
 the Christian motivator for  
 supplying food and hygiene items to the  
 less fortunate. However, guild can give us  
 a small nudge as well. The shopping  
 carts at the church doors are begging to  
 be filled. To care it to share!

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 to the Archdiocese. We really  
 appreciate your help!

## YOU ARE INVITED...

On Thursdays after Mass we meet to-  
 gether over coffee, sharing God's word,  
 our love of Jesus, and our love for each  
 other. Please join us for this informal  
 hour. We are now in the Letter to the He-  
 brews.

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**HOW CAN WE BE GOOD TO OTHERS  
 AND TO THE EARTH THIS WEEK?**

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 Chapel.**

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