

Twenty-Second 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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PARISH WEBSITE:

stsebastianfl.org

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,



We have just celebrated the Liturgy of Christian Burial for Cynthia Alonzi, pictured above with best friend, Diana Borg. Cynthia was the office assistant and between Annie and Cynthia everything moved along. As luck would have it, for the first time since I have been at St. Sebastian, Annie actually took time off for illness with a flu that was a killer. As I said at Cynthia's Mass, this place was scary without them. Cliché or no, you don't appreciate what you have until you don't have it.

Over the years, you get to know people you work with and you share some of the stories, happy and sad, that mark people's lives. We shared our stories. (Relatives don't have to worry. It was all good!)

One element of loss, at least mine, is losing someone who understands the things you say and

do. They don't need explanations. They just know. As I sit here pondering that, my heart goes out to Nate who knows what I'm talking about x 1000. I hope I'm not selfish sounding, just sad.

Remembering Cynthia's 'cackle' helps me break through the sadness and that's what I'll try to do to keep smiling. In my head I know where she is. We all do. Still, it's not easy to get used to the absence of someone who was a pleasant presence. So, as she is discovering the bowling lanes in heaven we will be high-fiving each other with the knowledge she's getting 300 every time. (If God didn't bowl before, I think He might be now. Gram used to tell us it was the angels bowling when we heard thunder. I'm not sure she ever explained lightning.)

Having Cynthia's boys there, Mark and Mike, as well as her daughter-in-law, Donna, was a blessing because we got to put faces on names of kids that made Cynthia proud.

An event like this is a good time to look at how we are tending our friendships. Is there someone we're taking for granted? Checking up on one friendship a day would be pretty good. Maybe we tend to stuff people in certain boxes that don't give them – or us, room to move. I can hear Cynthia saying, "Don't nag." So, I'm done, but I going to make my list of 'Check-ups.' Cynthia can look over my shoulder and help.

With any kind of luck, as you read this I should be somewhere on the "bounding main." At week at sea, presumably avoiding tropical waves. I hope they aren't beating you up at home, either.

Because of all that was going on this week, we were late with bulletin stuff and thus you have this insert into the "generic" bulletin as our suppliers call it. I can't wait to see what generic means. Annie is taking care of the other side of this page as usual, flu and all. Stay in Jesus,

Tr. Jim

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Mass Intentions

- Saturday September 1**
5:00 pm † Millie Guidetti, req. by Family
† Antonella Cordova, req. by Cordova Family
- Sunday September 2**
8:30 am † Grace & Murray Toomey, req. by M.L. Toomey
† Michael Nelson, req. by Family
11:00 am Living & Deceased of our Parish
- Monday September 3**
8:00 am † Charles & Marie Maher, req. by Family
- Tuesday September 4**
8:00 am † James Johnson, req. by Family
Intention of Jan Gray, req. by Judy Fisher
- Wednesday September 5**
8:00 am † Edna Salg, req. by June Cox
- Thursday September 6**
8:00 am † Mel Visculo, req. by The Hatlan's
- Friday September 7**
8:00 am In Thanksgiving, req. by Joe & Patti
- Saturday September 8**
5:00 pm † Sister Mary Jareth, req. by Judy Fisher
- Sunday September 9**
8:30 am Living and Deceased of our Parish
11:00 am † Jay Mann, req. by Family

REMEMBER THE SICK

Donn Taylor, Colt Becker, Antonis Constantis, Diana Borg, Nanchine McManus, Henriette Kerba, Robert Real, Mary Lou Mann, Gerard Turcotte, Cay Argiro, Peggy Lynch, Denise Bergeron, Jason Switek, Eula Manfield, Britany 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, John Graff, Elizabeth Shotmeyer, Donna DeFazio, Dawn Frasier, Virginia & Peter Hanna, Sandy Rodriguez, Reid Crosby, Nilsa Pagan, Jan Gray, Grayson Jack, Keith Fisher, Mario Calderon, Carolyn Kastelic, Cathy Hurst, Lee Rodriguez

IN MEMORIA

MARTIN R. DORING
August 20, 2018

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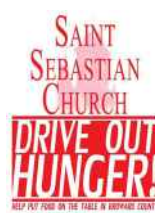
CYNTHIA C. ALONZI
August 25, 2018

Our Beloved Office Assistant

May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, Rest in Peace.

SAVE THE DATE ...

- September 16** - Religious Education Classes begin (grades 1-8)
- September 22-23** - St. Vincent de Paul truck will be in our parking lot.
- October 14** - Pancake Breakfast
- October 26** - Oktoberfest Family Fun
- November 9** - Respect Life Luncheon
- January 25, 2019** - Men's Club annual Spaghetti Dinner
- March 29, 2019** - Fish Fry/ Auction



To those having employment enabling them to provide food and shelter, Labor Day is a holiday to celebrate. For those unable to find work, preventing them from providing adequate food for their families, it is not a day of celebration. Let us help those in this situation by filling the shopping carts at the church doors with non-perishable food. People are depending on us. To care is to share.

RELIGIOUS ED. CLASSES

Religious Education classes for children in grades 1-8 will begin here on Sunday, September 16th, from 9:45-10:45 am in the Parish Hall. **Pre-registration is necessary.** Please call the office at 954-524-9344. **All children** enrolled in non-Catholic schools should be attending these classes regularly.



RESPECT LIFE NEWS

The Central Broward Pregnancy Help Center is looking for an ultrasound technician 18 hours a week. If interested, call the Respect Life Center at 954-565-0229. Also, The Respect Life Center is always accepting baby diapers and clothes (sizes 0-24 months), and baby furnishings. They can be dropped off at the Respect Life Office - 525 NE 13 Street, Ft. Lauderdale. Monday through Friday between 11am-2 pm. For more information, please call Carole Duksta at 954-529-6547. Thank you.

YOU ARE INVITED...

On Thursdays after Mass we meet together 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 1 & 2 Thessalonians.

HAVE A GREAT WEEK!

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

PLEASE Do Not Park in the circle north of the church.

This area is to be left free for drop-off & emergency vehicles only. Parking is available on the South side of the church. Your cooperation is appreciated.

REMEMBER To lock your car and leave valuables out of sight. Incidents have been reported.

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