

# Twenty-eighth 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,

Pain. Strange word for a *Twitch* heading.

Ultimately from the Latin *poena*, the word relates to penalty or punishment, especially as it results from crime. Check out the Thesaurus and you'll find a plethora of synonyms, I counted **37!** Imagine, 37 different ways of describing human discomfort/agony. That's some testament to the human experience.

There are all kinds of pain; physical, emotional, psychological, etc. You name it and you can usually find it somewhere.

For me, it seems I have experienced a small bushful in the last couple of weeks.

I did a brilliant maneuver on my little electric chair and managed to back into a hole which flipped me and the chair into a crumpled mess in the back patio. Fortunately, there was no one around to see it. I found myself laying there laughing and thinking to myself, "Help, I've fallen, and I can't get up." It was funny. I banged ribs and scraped arms and bled a little, but ultimately managed to pick myself up.

The scrapes and the ribs came through fine but after three days I found my right hand in the kind of pain I can't ever recall having before. The doctor ultimately described it as traumatized soft tissue. Never heard of that before. I suppose there's something to be said for getting a new malady, although right now I can't think of what I'd like to say about it other than thank God it finally ended.

Then there is the emotional pain. As some of you know Bubba, the superior Boston Terrier, contracted cancer. It all came up sort of quickly and so it was a surprise. Dr Javier Gonzalez monitored it with great insight and advice, and we had to say good-bye to Bubba last Monday. Talk about emotional pain. You may recall I got him by accident eight years ago, and it was one of the

best accidents in my life. As I recall, Dr. Laura Evatt and Liz Calhoun were in on the plot sort of...

The psychological pain is knowing that my family is gathering this weekend for a reunion in North Carolina, and I'm not there.

I'm the oldest of seven. In the past I've joked that my brothers and sisters say that Mom had six more to prove to the world she could do better. In fact, I say, "She Did!" I feel badly about disappointing them, but I've decided that before any of us checks out, the Lord is going to give us another opportunity.

I commented at the one Mass I celebrated last weekend (5:00 p.m. Saturday) that pain is something so unique to each person. One of the small graces that peeked through for me was thinking at various times about people who were experiencing pain much worse than mine.

My pain is not some sort of punishment for my "crimes," but it does flow out of that great original disorientation in the sky called "original sin." We all are subject to the fallout of the original "No" spoken by mankind in the persons of Adam and Eve.

AND... we are all recipients of the gift of the life, passion, death and resurrection of Our Lord Jesus who says by His words and actions that pain is not our destiny. Any kind of pain...

Pain becomes stones on our journeys to heaven, and the Spirit of God is trying to guide us through them. My goal is trying not ever to forget that.

With my prayers that you are blessed with people who walk with you through tough times, as I certainly am, and with the hope that you'll find ways of lessening your pains in the very acts of kindness to other people in their pain, I'm yours

In Jesus,





## Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Times

### Mass Intentions

<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm Fink	<b>October 12</b> † Betty Paumier, req. by Dolores & Jack † Patrick & Nelly O'Connor, req. by Sons & Grandchildren † Francisco R. Martinez, req. by Sandra Martinez
<b>Sunday</b> 8:30 am	<b>October 13</b> † Raymond Louis Caruso, req. by Jack Fink † Ken Johnson, req. by Sue & Scott Martinez Intention of the Cowgill Family, req. by Charlotte Newbury
11:00 am	Living and Deceased of our Parish
<b>Monday</b> 8:00 am	<b>October 14</b> Priests of our Archdiocese
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:00 am	<b>October 15</b> Intention of Sister Marguerite McGilly
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:00 am	<b>October 16</b> † Kevin Geraghty, req. by Geraghty & Garrihy Families
<b>Thursday</b> 8:00 am	<b>October 17</b> Intention of Barry Hogan, req. by Marcia
<b>Friday</b> 8:00 am	<b>October 18</b> Special Intention
<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	<b>October 19</b> † Don Quinn, req. by wife, Frances
<b>Sunday</b> 8:30 am	<b>October 20</b> † Charles & Marie Maher, req. by Family † John Barricelli, req. by Sue & Scott Martinez † Victoria Martinez, req. by Sue & Scott Martinez
11:00 am	Living & Deceased of our Parish

### REMEMBER THE SICK

Donn Taylor, Colt  
Becker, Nanchine  
McManus, Robert Re-

al, Mary Lou Mann, Peggy Lynch, Denise Bergeron, John Orozco, Suzanne Plum, Don Loughran, Jr., Joel Rivera, Hayden O'Connor, Jim Cowgill, Jr., Tiffany Malin, John Graff, Elizabeth Shotmeyer, Peter Hanna, Sandy Rodriguez, Nilsa Pagan, Grayson Jack, Lee Rodriguez, Noah Austin, Tommy Greene, Agatha Taglienti, Regan Gallo, Anthony Lekay, Maureen Kelman, John Masna, Joan Ryan, Bharti Patel, Estelle Fabian, Beverly Bang, Margaret Reitz, Marie Barbagallo, Helena Hughes, Donna Wasowicz, David Hmielewski, Sister Marguerite McGilly

### PROJECT RACHEL MINISTRY

Are you suffering from the pain of abortion? God's greatest gift is to forgive you and show you his mercy. Confidential help is available. Contact Project Rachel Ministries at 1-888-456- HOPE. . Also available is a weekend retreat. Don't wait. Our God is a loving and merciful God.

### YOU ARE INVITED...

On Thursdays after Mass we meet 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 in I & II Thessalonians.

**Have a wonderful week!**

### SAVE THE DATE ...

**October 19** - 7pm Ceili (Irish Dance party)  
**October 25** - Oktoberfest  
**October 27** - Bread For The World Sunday  
**November 15** - Respect Life Luncheon  
**November 30-December 7** - Parish  
Cruise  
**December 10** - Nova Singers  
**January 17, 2020** - Parish 60th Anniversary Dinner  
**March 20-22** - Women's Retreat  
**March 27** - Fish Fry



The St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank at Blessed Sacrament Church has asked for our help in providing Thanksgiving dinner for some of their clients. Please consider **donating turkey gravy, stuffing, cranberry sauce, applesauce and instant mashed potatoes during the next several weeks.** Place the items in the grocery carts at the church doors. How fortunate we are to have the means to lend a hand. To care is to share.

### WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Next weekend we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. Pope Francis invites the entire Church to support mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the world's most vulnerable communities. Please keep the Pope's missions in your prayers and be generous in **next week's special collection for the Society of the Propagation of the Faith.** Plan to use the specially designated envelopes for your gift, which can be found in your boxed set or in the pews, and place it - along with your contribution in support of our parish - in the offertory basket which is passed only once.

## OKTOBERFEST IS COMING!

**Our Annual Oktoberfest will be held on Friday, October 25th. Doors open with a social hour at 5:30 and dinner is served from 6:30 - 8:00 pm. Dinner tickets for adults are \$15 and for children under 12, \$10 in advance. Reserved tables, which include eight adult dinner tickets and 2 bottles of wine are \$225., in advance only. Tickets are available at the church doors and in the office during the week.**

### WE NEED YOUR HELP...

to decorate, set-up, prep food, bartend, serve and/ or clean up. Use the sign up sheets at the church doors, or call the office to volunteer.

**Please consider a sponsorship or an ad in the Program. Forms are available at the church doors, in the office and on our website. With everyone's help, we can look forward to a successful event...**

**THANK YOU!**

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

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**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.**

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