Twenty-ninth 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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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.

PARISHREGISTRATION 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.

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.

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Dear Family,

Every time I hear the word “Tradition,” I think of Zero Mostel singing the song of the same name from “Fiddler on the Roof.” No one danced Tevye better than he did. Who better than Zero could help us remember one of our best traditions in the parish, Oktoberfest.

This Friday we gather once again to celebrate! Celebrate whatever you like. Fall colors! (In Florida we watch the palm trees turn to a lighter green from the dark greens of summer.) Tapping beer kegs which amazingly appear on time under the careful guidance of our time-tested Brewmeister, Fred Schmid. Grilled sausages of varying types from Grillmeister, Brian McMahon. My personal favorite, a good sauerkraut.

All evolve under the watchful eye of Elli Hurst who manages to gift us with generous occasions for coming together. …And that’s between her world-wide business sojourns; a true Gesellschaftmeisterin. (I think that’s German for hostess with the mostest. I hope so.)

Sometimes people get tired of doing the same thing, or eating the same thing, or maybe even being the same thing. I’ve heard that now and then.

Just what it is that keeps things from getting old or boring? At the risk of stating the obvious, I think it’s about how much attention we pay to things. If something – or someone - is ‘boring,’ you might ask yourself, when was the last time you really looked at it ...or them.

At this point in my Twitching, I leaned back and stopped and thought about different things I haven’t really looked at, things I take for granted. I’m saying “things”, but I think it’s more honest to say, “people”. The results aren’t great.

Boring might not be the problem either, so much as self-preoccupation. If I’m thinking about me, I’m not paying attention to you.

Either way, whether I let my lack of attention to people and things render me ‘bored’, or I let myself get into a ‘spate of self’, either way, how sad.

Today’s parable about the judge who “neither feared God nor respected any human being” finds he must pay attention to a widow who is going to drive him nuts until she gets a judgement from him. The story speaks to us of the necessity of persistence in prayer.

For me, the parable also says that active attention on the part of both the judge and the widow will sure keep the case out of the realm of boring. It’s the question of attention.

So, I hope I’ll see you on Friday. I don’t think you’ll be bored. You should be able to get tickets at the door, although you could have gotten them cheaper if you had bought them ahead of time, plus making sure you had a place at the table. Wondering about a seat will keep you from being bored, anyway.

Willkommen!

In Jesus,

Twilight Twitches

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Mass Intentions

Saturday  
5:00 pm  October 19  
† Don Quinn, req. by wife, Frances  
† Carlos Jaime McFarlane,  
  req. by Sandra Martinez

Sunday  
8:30 am  October 20  
† Charles & Marie Maher, req. by Family  
† John Barricelli,  
  req. by Sue & Scott Martinez  
† Victoria Martinez,  
  req. by Sue & Scott Martinez

11:00 am  Living and Deceased of our Parish

Monday  
8:00 am  October 21  
Intention of Estelle Fabian,  
  req. by Judy Fisher

Tuesday  
8:00 am  October 22  
Intention of Susan Albertson

Wednesday  
8:00 am  October 23  
Intention of Sister Marguerite McGilly

Thursday  
8:00 am  October 24  
† Susan Dunn, req. by Nancy Walsh

Friday  
8:00 am  October 25  
Special Intention

Saturday  
5:00 pm  October 26  
† Ralph Lane McGrath, Sr.,  
  req. by Dolores & Jack Fink

Sunday  
8:30 am  October 27  
† James Krznan,  
  req. by Paul & Linda DeBold

11:00 am  Living & Deceased of our Parish

REMEMBER THE SICK  Donn Taylor, Colt Becker, Nanchine McManus, Robert Re-  

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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.

CARDINAL GIBBONS OPEN HOUSE  Cardinal Gibbons High School Open House is this Sunday, October 20th from 1:30-4:00. Presentations begin promptly at 2:00 pm in the gym. The school is located at 2900 NE 47 Street, Ft. Lauderdale. Website: www.cghsfl.org

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.

TODAY IS  WORLD MISSION SUNDAY  We celebrate this day by remembering our baptismal call—to bring the Gospel to all! The special collection today for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith ensures the work and service of the Mission Church, as it supports priests, religious and lay leaders who offer the Lord’s mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope’s missions. Thank you for your generosity.

COUNCIL CATHOLIC WOMEN  St. Sebastian Council of Catholic Women meets Friday, November 1 after 8am Mass for brunch and general meeting. We celebrate our 60th anniversary this year with special activities. This month please bring new white cotton socks for the homeless. All ladies of the parish are invited to join us.

OKTOBERFEST  IS THIS FRIDAY!  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 and $20. for adults/ $12. children at the door. 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 today and in the office during the week.

WE NEED YOUR HELP...  to decorate, set-up, prep food, bartend, serve and/ or clean up. Please call the office to volunteer.

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK!

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