

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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,

One hundred years ago today, World War I ended with the Armistice (literally, "stopping arms.") In 1938 it became a formal holiday and in 1954 President Eisenhower signed the bill to make it Veterans Day, a day to honor all who have served in the military. (Memorial Day honors those who died, and Armed Forces Day in May honors those *currently* serving.)

I spent (probably too much) time reading the history of not only the day but of the personalities and the accounts of so many of the battles and wars since 1918. Many of us have lived through so much of it all. I was born four months before Pearl Harbor and as I've told you before, one of my early memories is the uproar of Bayonne refinery sirens from New Jersey and boat horns from the Kill Van Kull and cars and trains rolling past me as I stood on my grandmother's front lawn watching it all. It was V-J day.

As I grew up, over the decades I slowly have come to realize how important it is to note the nobility in the lives of the many who served, particularly because so many experienced the horrors of war to defend what they thought was important.

I think about the values we say we always associated with their service. I grieve when I think about the possibility the struggles in today's discourse, or the lack thereof, will soil the fabric of the heritage of service given by those we remember today. Shall we still treasure those values and teach those who come after us to value them as well?

Every time I baptize a child I say to the parents, the godparents and the family who came to celebrate, that they are the environment of faith for their child. The only thing their child will know

about God's love for them is seeing that love reflected in the lives of the people who surround them.

What shall our children learn from our society today? Will we teach them to love well or lie well? Will they love others because they have been loved well or will they simply master the art of grabbing whatever they can for themselves, because that's what they see?

No, our Veterans deserve a much better treatment at our hands and the hands of those who claim the mantle of leadership. Is that leadership one of loving service? Then our kids are blessed. If the leadership is self-serving, then the values which our armed forces defended are dishonored along with the memories of those servicepersons.

On this Veterans Day, we not only give thanks for those who served, but we commit ourselves to making sure that each of us strives to match their generosity by the way we live each day. You heard the stories of two remarkable women in today's scripture readings. They gave the very best from what seemed to be small and called generosity out of those they touched. We honor Veterans by treasuring the values for which we asked them to fight. May we never dishonor them by demeaning their service.

In Jesus,



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Mass Intentions

Saturday 5:00 pm	November 10 † All Souls' Novena
Sunday 8:30 am	November 11 † Edna Salg, req. by loving Daughter In Thanksgiving, req. by Maher Family Intention of Marcia Hogan, req. by Barry
11:00 am	Living and Deceased of our Parish
Monday 8:00 am	November 12 † Ed O'Gorman, req. by Family Intention of Mike Nappo, req. by Mary Kennedy
Tuesday 8:00 am	November 13 † Kevin Geraghty, req. by Family
Wednesday 8:00 am	November 14 Intention of Archbishop Keleher, req. by friends at Atlantic Towers
Thursday 8:00 am	November 15 Special Intention, req. by Joe & Patti
Friday 8:00 am	November 16 † Corinne Duxbury simpson, req. by Ruth & Lisa
Saturday 5:00 pm	November 17 † Stephen Murphy, req. by Margaret & Joe Farragher † David Horney, req. by Donald Bourke Intention of Barry Hogan, req. by Marcia
Sunday 8:30 am 11:00 am	November 18 Living and Deceased of our Parish † Arthur Hughes, req. by wife, Helena † Jay Mann, req. by Mann Family † Marilyn Romano, req. by Romano 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, John Graff, Elizabeth Shotmeyer, Donna DeFazio, Virginia & Peter Hanna, Sandy Rodriguez, Reid Crosby, Nilsa Pagan, Jan Gray, Grayson Jack, Keith Fisher, Carolyn Kastelic, Lee Rodriguez, Noah Austin

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 now sharing from Luke & Acts of the Apostles.

DYNAMIC CATHOLIC EVENT

On Friday, November 16th, from 6:30-10:30 pm, Dominick Albano of Dynamic Catholic, will speak at Little Flower Catholic Church in Hollywood. Discover possibilities for your life! Tickets: \$25 at Little Flower, or by calling 1.859.980.7900.

SAVE THE DATE ...

November 11 - Pancake Breakfast
November 15 - Men's Club Meeting
November 17 - Sandwich Ministry
November 17 - Ceili Club
November 17-18 - St. Vincent de Paul truck in our parking lot
December 2 - Religious Education Families' Gathering
December 7 - Council-Catholic Women Meeting
January 25, 2019 - Men's Club annual Spaghetti Dinner
March 22, 2019 - Fish Fry/ Auction



God loves a cheerful giver! How pleased He must be when He sees our shopping carts filled with non-perishable food and hygiene items for our local food bank. How good it is to please God when He is so generous to us! It's our way of saying thanks for giving us the opportunity to connect with our needy brothers and sisters. To care is to share.

MEN'S CLUB MEETING-NOV 15

The Men's Club will hold its monthly business meeting Thursday Nov. 15, 2018 at 9 am in the Parish Hall. Future activities, funding and Mission Statement will be discussed. "Coffee and" will be provided.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Next week, there will be a special collection for the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development**. Over 43 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs to empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face as they work to bring permanent and positive change to their communities. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at www.usccb.org/cchd/collection. Plan to use the specially designated envelopes in your boxed set or in the pews for your gift.

WE'RE NOT THERE YET

As of the last update from the ABCD, on October 23rd, we are still \$6,321. short of our goal. We have had several previous donors pass away who were very generous. Can you help to "fill the gap"? Remember that the shortfall has to be taken out of our Parish operating funds next year, so your help is very important. Thank you.



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.

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