

Seventh 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 8:30 am

(Mon. through Fri.)

Holy Days

(Schedule varies)

PARISH STAFF

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stsebastianfl.org

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.



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.

Dear Family,

We are growing closer to our **ABCD** goal. As of my writing, we have heard from 86 households and have a pledge of \$71, 556.78. That's 60% of the goal. We are getting there. PUUULLLEEESE, if you haven't filled out a pledge yet, your aging pastor would be very relieved if you did so.

Speaking of aging – or NOT aging as the case may be, one highlight of my past week was renewing the wedding vows of **Bill and Joan Fuccillo** who celebrated their **69th wedding anniversary**. I checked to see if there is a special name for the 69th. That has to wait until next year when Bill and Joan will celebrate 70 years of marriage. I fully expect they will. Then they shall officially be PLATINUM!

We made a special insert page this week to bring you **the results** of the parish **Synod Workshop** that we had last November. Some weeks ago, I sent the Archdiocese the report you are seeing this week. Actually, yours looks a little better than the one I sent. Annie tweaked the typos. I tried to increase the size of the type and still keep it on one two-sided page. I hope from time to time you look at it. Apropos of one of the suggestions, as soon as we can gather without going nuts over COVID and spacing guidelines, we can have a town hall meeting.

As I was summarizing all the input from the tables, I was very happy about the results. As I think I mentioned before, at first, I was a little jarred because some of the reactions just didn't seem to reflect life at St. Sebastian. Then someone tactfully reminded me that St. Sebastian was not the only parish that people were reacting to.

The reason why we will continue to jointly pray the Synod prayer each weekend is that the process

its way to the Bishops Conference and ultimately to the Holy Father.

On Thursday we celebrated the Mass of Christian Burial for **Charlotte Newbury**. Charlotte was responsible for all the drapes you've seen hanging next to the Cross for the last number of years. She's also the lady who shortened my albs as I shrank. NO one in my recent memory so identified with the Cross of Christ as Charlotte did in the progression of the cancer she endured. Her faith was translucent and I think it touched everyone who met her in the last months. Thanks to Scott and Sue M. for being her faithful communion "bringers" and to Annie for her Communion visits with Honey from whom Charlotte loved to get a cuddle. That was one of Charlotte's last smiles. To Sally, Charlotte's daughter, our heartfelt empathy. As much as I appreciated not tripping over my alb, I'll miss even more a generous smile.

I'd like to make what my seem as an unusual request, at least in a *Twitch*. I would like you to pray especially hard for **Archbishop Wenski**, and by extension our whole Archdiocese. I know we do it every time we celebrate Mass. A couple of things came up on my viewscreen recently that has me thinking of him. You know I taught him briefly in the seminary a thousand years ago. We have an ongoing discussion as to just how much I may – or may not - have taught him.

Nevertheless, as you may have seen in the current *Florida Catholic*, the Archbishop with other community leaders is currently fighting the battle on behalf of immigrant children. For all the years of my priestly ministry, children, e.g. the famous *Pedro Pan* event that brought Cuban children to Miami, set the tone for the Church's attitude which our Archbishop continues. Tom has been part of this since day one going back to seminary days as a student. God bless him and strengthen his ministry.

In Jesus,



Mass Intentions

Saturday 5:00 pm	February 19 † Ellie Loughran, req. by Joan & Bill Fuccillo † Marie & Alfred Caron, req. by Don Bourke † Dolores Fink, req. by Sandy Polselli
Sunday 8:30 am 11:00 am	February 20 Living & Deceased of our Parish † Grace & Murray Toomey, req. by M.L. and Helen Toomey
Monday 8:30 am	February 21 † Souls in Purgatory, req. by Richard Schmelz Family
Tuesday 8:30 am	February 22 † Charlotte Newbury
Wednesday 8:30 am	February 23 † Lorraine DeLavore, req. by Grace Middlemiss
Thursday 8:30 am	February 24 † John Hunter, req. by Jack Morrison
Friday 8:30 am	February 25 † Kathleen Tierney, req. by Frank Maguire
Saturday 5:00 pm	February 26 † Ellie Loughran, req. by Joan & Bill Fuccillo † Sister & Doctor Helen Burke, req. by Don Bourke
Sunday 8:30 am 11:00 am	February 27 † Dolores Hesse Fink, req. by Fink Family † Thomas Dunne, req. by Susie O'Leary † Charlotte Newbury, req. by Sandy & Matt Keysers Living & Deceased of our Parish

REMEMBER THE SICK

Nanchine McManus,
Mary Lou Mann, Suzanne Plum, Don

Loughran, Jr., Jim Cowgill, Jr., Peter Hanna, Sandy Rodrigues, Lee Rodriguez, John Masna, Margaret Reitz, John Harris, Stephen Black, Jo Neumann, John E. Hurley, Jonathan Hughes, Kathleen Gerium, Mary Alice Zittle, Michael Cavallaro, David Calhoun, Alvaro Arevalo, Michelle Toulouse, Dr. Laura Evatt, Kari Albertson, Diane & Alexander Garville, Paul Ristow

DIAL-IN FOR BIBLE SHARING

Participate in our teleconferencing Scripture sharing: Call in starts at 9:05 and sharing begins at 9:15 each Thursday morning. Dial 848-777-1212. When prompted, put in 1431434 #. We will be sharing from the Letter to the Romans. Call Mary at 954.290.1194 or Carole at 954.529.6547 for info. Please join us!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL TRUCK

The St. Vincent de Paul truck is scheduled to be in our parking lot on February 26-27, for your donations of gently used clothing and household items. The truck is open for one half hour before and after each Mass, and all items should be clean and in usable condition.

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, February 26 - SSCCW Carnival Luncheon & Comedy Bingo at Coral Ridge Yacht Club. For info and reservations call or text Kaye @617 312 2935.

Weekend of February 26-27 - St. Vincent de Paul truck scheduled to be in our parking lot.



How about those New Year's resolutions to contribute non-perishable food and hygiene items weekly to the St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank? Let's fill our church shopping carts weekly with needed items to show our love and concern for the needy in our community. To care is to share.

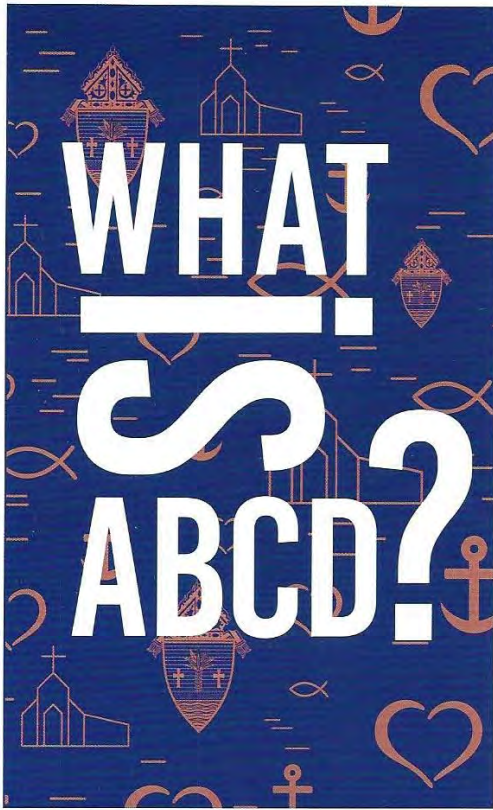
CHARITY IS THE POWER OF ONE ... BUT THE STRENGTH OF MANY!

As of today, 81 people have responded to the call for help. Thanks to the generosity of many, the ABCD can bring hope by serving others in their time of need. Together, we are One in Faith, One in Hope and One in Charity. If you have yet to make a gift to the ABCD, we need your help to reach our parish goal of \$119,234.63. Please make your pledge and return it to the church office or in the collection basket. We are confident that, with God's help and yours, we will unite as a Catholic community to spread the love of Christ beyond our parish doors.



ST. SEBASTIAN PARISH CRUISE

November 5, 2022, 14 Night Spanish Farewell on the Oosterdam sailing from Barcelona, Spain to Ft. Lauderdale. Ports of Call: Murcia (Cartagena) Spain, Malaga, Seville (Cadiz) Spain, Lisbon, Portugal, Funchal (Madeira) Portugal. Oosterdam, a Vista-class ship, recently emerged from dry dock with exciting updates - including completely refreshed suites and new lounge, dining and entertainment venues. Package includes shipboard accommodations, ocean transportation, entertainment and daily activities, on-board meals, and some beverages. Shore excursions, personal expenses, gratuities, insurance, alcoholic beverages are not included. Limited Ocean View Balcony cabins available starting at \$1854. per person, based on Double occupancy, which includes all taxes and fees, but no insurance and no air transportation to Barcelona. Contact Lou Abitabulo, Independent Vacation Specialist, Dream Vacations at labitabulo@dreamvacations.com or 570-955-0470 or 570-237-5128.



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