

First Sunday of Lent

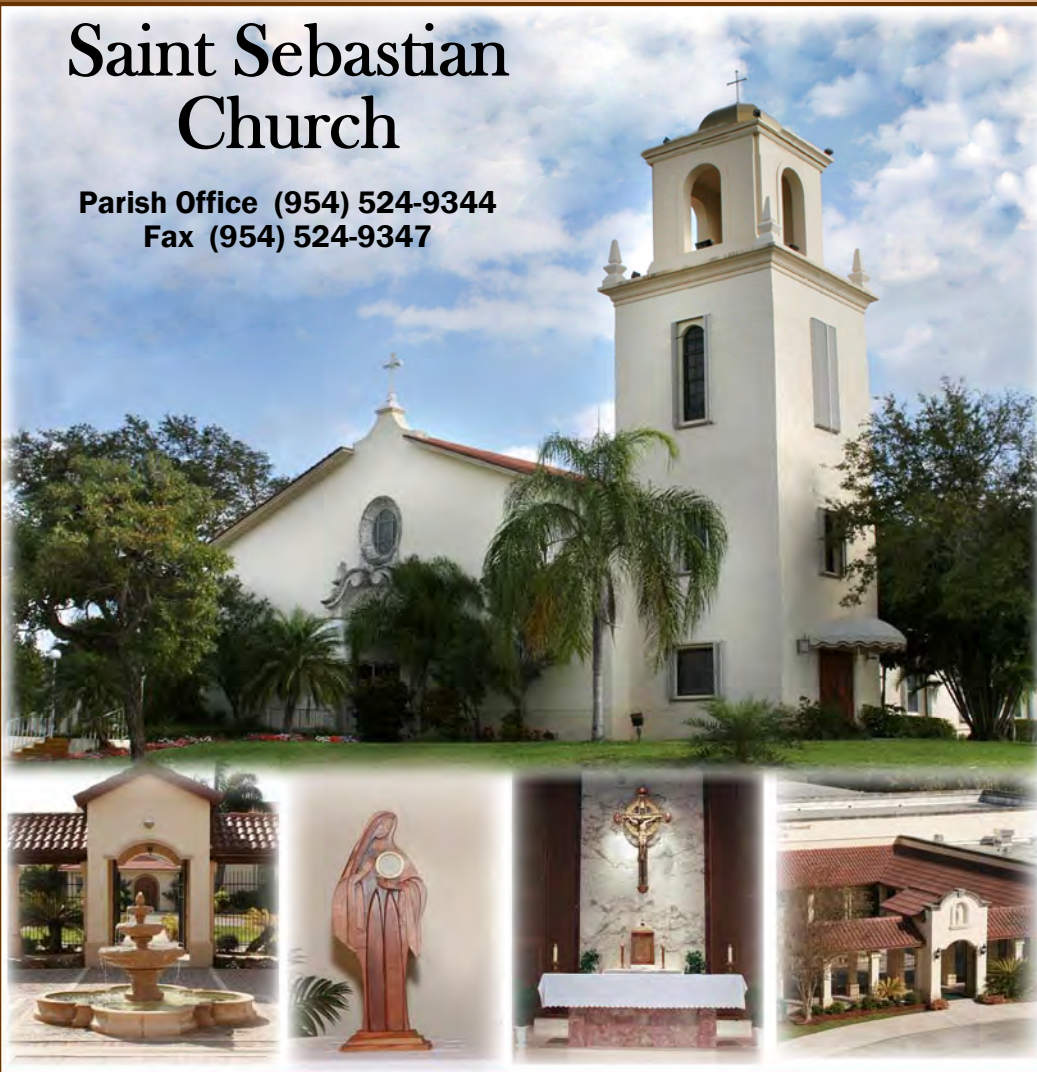
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Saint Sebastian Church

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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)

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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.

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,

Our hearts continue to ache with gnawing feelings of helplessness as we ponder and pray about the crises in Ukraine. We pray that the Lord will bind up and cast out the spirits of evil that chain hearts. We ask in our best sense of Catholic tradition that St. Michael the Archangel defend the good and just. How many pictures of children freezing in shelters will it take?

On this First Sunday of Lent, we bring out our banners with the special letters. **PFA** means we begin a time of **Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving**. These are the special challenges we accept as we journey through Lent.

I call them challenges, because even though we know the words from the past, the real challenge is asking ourselves, what is new about this year? What new things are on our plates as we prepare for the feast of Easter? The Ukraine crisis gives us a special focus to which we can dedicate these Lenten challenges.

In my own mind and heart, the pain of war in Europe looms greater in each moment. As usual, I am writing this *Twitch* a few days before you read it. I keep hoping that some good happens in the next flash of time.

I heard one commentator offer a piece of advice I think I'll take. He said that with everything being instantaneous in terms of reporting and news flashes and the like, that we should pause and wait and give the news flashes, etc., time to be verified. It makes you think about just how much has changed in the way we receive and process news. I fear we are more easily misled when we don't take the time to evaluate what we hear.

It reminds me about the way we hear Scripture. We hear a word flashing by. I keep begging our readers, slow down. Please! Thank God we have screens in the Church that let us read along.

When I'm at my Irish-guilt best, I envision myself saying to the readers, "There is someone out there in front of you whose eternal salvation depends on the way you proclaim today's Scriptures." Of course, we are presuming that the folk want to hear. It is a two-way street. Nevertheless, from my side of the altar we need to do all we can to be good ministers of Word and Sacrament and Community.

YEA! On a happier note, this morning (Tuesday last) Annie passed on to me the *very* wonderful news from the Archdiocese that in addition to discontinuing all masking, we now can remove our spatial seating signs. There was also a note that we could restore the greeting of peace. Of course, they didn't know about our holy elbow bump/wave procedure. Receiving the Sacred Blood of the Lord will remain on hold for the time being.

I sure hope the changes bring us a little peace. We will never be quite the same. How painful it was to see the various situations that stubbornness and attitudes could bring about.

Still, we had very few minor "moments" here. As I said last week, I'm so grateful for the vast majority of you who did your best to cope. Our ushers excelled at their primary role of being ministers of hospitality and it wasn't always easy.

Because of the new guidelines, or happily less of them, we will resume our Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings at 6:00 p.m. followed by a Simple Supper of soup and bread.

I'm laughing to myself when I think about my big pastoral challenge for the week, finding a good meatless soup recipe. Still, it's only Tuesday, so who knows what might pop up? Hope you like lentils. We move forward with hope and prayer,

In Jesus,

Mass Intentions

Saturday 5:00 pm	March 5 † Raymond Wood, req. by Brett & Mary Wood
Sunday 8:30 am	March 6 † Charles & Marie Maher, req. by Family
11:00 am	Living & Deceased of our Parish
Monday 8:30 am	March 7 For the People of Ukraine
Tuesday 8:30 am	March 8 Wellbeing of Ed Rebholz, req. by Men's Club
Wednesday 8:30 am	March 9 † Ellie Loughran, req. by 8:30 Ushers
Thursday 8:30 am	March 10 † Souls in Purgatory, req. by Richard Schmelz Family Wellbeing of Marcia Hogan, req. by Barry Hogan
Friday 8:30 am	March 11 Wellbeing of the Priests & Religious of our Archdiocese
Saturday 5:00 pm	March 12 † Ellie Loughran, req. by Jim & Rosemary Guerin † Father Paul Bourke, req. by Don Bourke
Sunday 8:30 am	March 13 Intentions of the Cowgill Family
11:00 am	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!

TREASURES AND TRINKETS SALE

St. Sebastian Council of Catholic Women Treasures and Trinkets Sale is Saturday, March 19 from 8 am-3pm and Sunday, March 20 from 8am-1pm in the Parish Hall. Donations of gently used household items, etc. are needed. Deliver items to Parish Hall March 16-18 from 9am-2pm. Please call Mary Ann Smith at 914.447.0084 for more information.

Happy and Holy Lent!

SAVE THE DATE!

March 19-20 Treasures & Trinkets Sale

March 25-27 WOMEN'S RETREAT. *Be Compassionate As Our Heavenly Father is Compassionate.* Limited space; sign up soon. 561-626-1300 or www.ourladyofflorida.org. Carpool from church.



"He will have compassion on the poor and needy and the lives of the needy He will save." (Psalm 72:13) Jesus is depending on us to do just that with our weekly contributions of non-perishable food and hygiene items. When Jesus ascended into Heaven, He left the work He had begun on earth to us, his disciples. Let's fill those church shopping carts! To care is to share.

INCHING CLOSER TO OUR GOAL...

As of today, 96 people have responded to the call for help, and we have reached about 82% of our goal of \$119,234.63. ***If you have yet to make a gift to the ABCD, we need your help to get that last \$21,000!*** Please make your pledge and drop it in the collection basket or in the Parish Office. With God's help and yours, let's get this done!



STATIONS AND SIMPLE SUPPER

Stations of the Cross are held on Fridays during Lent at 6:00 pm in the church, followed by a Simple Supper (soup and bread) in the Parish Hall. All are welcome.

CONGRATULATIONS RAFFLE WINNERS

Congratulations to the winners of the Raffle held by St. Sebastian Council of Catholic Women. Winners are:

- \$500. - Clarisse Conner
- \$300. - Rosemary Guerin
- \$100. - Gene Kelley
- \$100. - Linda Hatlan

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. 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 Abitabilo, Independent Vacation Specialist, Dream Vacations at lou@dreamvacations.com or 570-955-0470 or 570-237-5128.

TRINKETS & TREASURES SALE



Come find treasures and trinkets for a great price! Gently used household items, décor, jewelry, books & much more are waiting for a new home.

Date: Saturday 3/19
Time: 8 am - 3 pm

Date: Sunday 3/20
Time: 8 am - 1 pm

Where:

St. Sebastian Parish Hall
2000 Marietta Dr (SE 25th Av)
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Gently used items needed.

Please deliver your articles to parish hall

Between Wednesday Mar. 16- Friday Mar. 18 9am -2 pm

Questions call Mary Ann Smith (914) 447-0084