

## 21<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

August 23, 2009

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Mon	7AM	Bud, Emma, Alice, & Lorri
	9AM	Navarro Family, <i>living</i>
Tue	7AM	Haddad Family, <i>living</i>
	9AM	Russian Sisters, <i>living</i>
Wed	7AM	Emma & Bud Bradley
	9AM	Diane & Jim Lang, <i>living</i>
Thu	7AM	Col. Henry J. Donnelly, M.D.
	9AM	Frank Bonavia
Fri	7AM	Special Intention
	9AM	Marilyn Charbonneau, <i>living</i>
Sat	7AM	Duane Snider
	9AM	Kevin Hutchinson

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Lorenzo Acciai, Ken Anderson, Sally Arango, Marco Balistreri, MaryAnn Bellia, Bertha, Joseph Calleja, Patricia Cane, Charles, Yondellan Coleman, Elizabeth Crowley, Bill & Vladia Cutler, Dick Degan, Doris Doty, Doug, Nanette Duffy, Ed, Luke Duval, Faith Gillis, Philip Hansen, Eileen Harriman, Taro Hart, Rosemarie Hayes, Joseph, Germaine Khohayting, Jeanne Killian, Karla Kincade, Jan Lamphere, Manda Masse, Warren McGuire, Richard Mogas, Monte Maroevich, Tony, Valerie Milroy, Marie Palleschi, Mark Piatti, Joe Popovich, Stephanie, Steve Schlesselmann, Paul Smith, Rose Tannlund, Tim, Elizabeth Ward, William Wharton, Sibeal Whitty, & Camilla Wolfe.

### STEWARDSHIP – A WAY OF LIFE

Last weekend's collection	\$ 3,518.
Weekly goal	\$ 5,200.
Weekly average	\$ 4,143.

### ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE

Assessed Goal:	\$65,200.
Received:	\$56,806.

One Anonymous Donor gave this week:

**141 Families have given, out of 501 registered.**  
**We are counting on you** to do your fair share  
for our parish and the archdiocese  
**by responding to this annual appeal.**

### PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

Our **Parish School of Religion** (PSR) will begin its new school year in September. Please call our Parish Office at 461-0704 if you would like to enroll your children so that they may grow in the knowledge of our faith.

Any adults who would like to share their faith by teaching in our PSR would certainly be appreciated! You would be blessed as much as would the children. Call the Parish Office at 461-0704.

### CONFIRMATION YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Our parish Confirmation Youth Group (CYG) will resume for the 2009-2010 year with the annual Parent/Pastor Night on Mon., Sept. 21 at 7:30pm.

Weekly CYG meetings begin on Mon. Oct. 5. CYG is open to any young person in Grade 7 thru High School who desires the Sacrament of Confirmation to complete initiation into the Catholic Church. We also welcome youths who seek Baptism, First Communion and/or First Confession, or Profession of Faith as Catholics.

CYG meetings are held on Mondays from 7:00-8:30pm in the Parish Hall, and are directed by Confirmation Coordinator David Previtali.

For registration forms and other information email Dave at [stsebcyg@aol.com](mailto:stsebcyg@aol.com), or call him at 479-5316, or leave a message for him at the rectory.

Spread the word among your family and friends who have middle school and older children in need of Catholic faith formation.

### ORGAN CONCERT BY FR. PAUL PERRY NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 12:30PM

Fr. Paul will play music of Bach, Aylward, Purvis, Rheinberger, Messiaen, Rachmaninoff, & others.  
All are welcome. No admission charge.

The program, with commentary,  
will last about one hour.



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**A RETREAT FOR FAMILY AND FRIENDS  
OF ALCOHOLICS**

August 28-30, 2009  
Vallombrosa Center in Menlo Park

Alcoholism is a family disease, and those who deal with a loved one who is an alcoholic need support and refreshment and recovery. This weekend retreat, directed by Fr. Tom Weston, S.J., will look at the tools and treasures of Al-Anon. Time will be spent in conversation, prayer, quiet, and rest.

Information: Vallombrosa Center (650) 325-5614.

**MARIN CATHOLIC BREAKFAST CLUB**

Friday, September 4, 7:30am  
Speaker: Fr. Joseph Previtali, recently ordained for the Archdiocese of San Francisco.  
Reservations: 461-0704, 8a.m. - 2:30p.m.,  
or contact Sugaremy@aol.com

**YOUNG AT HEART**  
**2009 Opening Luncheon Meeting**  
**Tuesday, Sept. 1, in the Parish Hall**

Lunch will be catered & served by Deer Park Villa, starting at 11:45am.

Menu: Spinach Salad, Tortellini with meat sauce, French Bread, Coffee or Tea, & Spumoni Ice Cream, bottles of Red Wine & White Wine on each table, and...Musical Entertainment.

Members: \$25. Guests: \$27.50  
(Members are those who have paid 2009-2010 dues.)

Last day for sign up or refund is August 28.  
Call Denise Carrade 461-0689  
Barbara Wakida 461-2735

**FLU SHOTS COMING IN OCTOBER**

Once again, here in our Parish Hall, flu shots will be available for anyone aged 4 years and up.

**Saturday, October 10, & Sunday, October 11**

Please sign-up by calling the Parish Office at 461-0704 so that technicians will know how much flu vaccine to provide.

**CATHOLIC ADULT SINGLES OF MARIN**

*We are Catholics, single or single again, who are interested in making new friends, taking part in social activities, sharing opportunities for spiritual growth and becoming involved in volunteer projects that will benefit our parishes, our community, and one another. We welcome those who would share in this with us.*

Tuesday, Sept. 1, 6:30pm Planning Meeting at McInnis Park Center Dining Room, 350 Smith Ranch Road, San Rafael.

Saturday, Sept. 5, 5:45pm Annual "Sunset Cruise" leaves Tiburon at 6pm. Bring hearty hors d'oeuvres to share, and your own beverage.

Sunday, Sept. 20, 10:30am Monthly Mass at St. Raphael's, followed by brunch at a nearby restaurant.

Annual dues: \$20 (or \$15 with email newsletter).

Membership & Event Info:  
Bob McLaughlin 897-0639.

**MASS & HEALING LITURGY  
IN MEMORY OF OUR LITTLE ONES  
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 AT 11:00AM**

*Mourning our babies who died  
before, at, or soon after birth.*

*We hold these, our children, gently in our hearts,  
and pray for all who mourn them.*

"For I will turn their mourning into joy."—Jeremiah 31:13

at the Shrine of Rachel Mourning  
Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery  
1500 Mission Road, Colma  
(enter the main gate, and follow the signs)

The Mass will be followed by a gathering and light luncheon sponsored by the Archdiocesan Project Rachel Ministry and Holy Cross Cemetery.

For further information:  
Project Rachel Ministry... 717-6428  
Respect Life Program..... 614-5572

## **YOUR HELP IS NEEDED !**

Dear Parishioners,

Our church is receiving a new roof and paint, and we will soon get new carpeting. You will notice that a number of needs are being met, and I want to thank everyone for contributing to the “Parish Improvement Fund” which enables us to take care of our parish.

As your pastor, one of my duties is to bring to your attention our financial situation and to ask for your help. We have saved enough money for us to comfortably make these parish improvements, but our regular Sunday collections are where we are in serious need of your help.

In last year’s parish budget, approximately \$45,000 was supposed to have come from a “fund raiser” which was never held. Our situation is now worse, and we are experiencing a shortfall of about \$62,000 though we have cut many unnecessary expenses. If you look at the weekly bulletin, you’ll see that \$5200 per week is needed to balance the budget, but on Sundays, parishioners have consistently been giving far less, eg, this week only \$3500 was given! St. Sebastian Parish cannot survive unless people make a more sacrificial offering on Sundays.

We know that everyone is affected by the economic times, but we do have a duty to rise to the occasion, so I am asking all our parishioners—myself included—to be more generous in giving on Sundays. As one person put it, “Ask people to give in double digits!”

There’s a joke about a \$20 bill, a \$10 bill, and a \$1 bill that are talking about the places they’ve been. The twenty and the ten have been having lots of fun, going to games, shows, casinos, etc. They ask the \$1 bill where he’s been, and he replies, “Oh, the same old thing: church, church, church.”

The joke is funny because it’s sadly too true! Please be as generous as you can be because your help is truly needed. We cannot keep St. Sebastian’s open for God’s work if we cannot pay for electricity, gas, water, and the daily expenses of a relatively small parish. Please help! I thank you for your consideration.

—*Fr. Mark Taheny*