

ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH

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JUNE 12, 2011
PENTECOST



MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening 5 PM
Sundays 7AM, 9AM, & 11AM
Monday - Saturday . 7AM & 9AM

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays..... 3:30 - 4:30 PM

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR JUNE 13—18

Mon	7AM	Joe Alioto
	9AM	Nate Calvano, <i>living</i>
Tue	7AM	All Souls Who Are Suffering
	9AM	Mother Arrianda
Wed	7AM	Chas, Charmaine, & Mary Derham
	9AM	Annette & Lou Batmale
Thu	7AM	Ted Taheny
	9AM	Mary King
Fri	7AM	Sherrie & Bill, <i>living</i>
	9AM	Allison Lang, <i>living</i>
Sat	7AM	Anita Guasch
	9AM	Vera Gaudiani, <i>living</i>

THANK YOU FOR KEEPING THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Albert, Angela, Bertha, Coner, Doug, Elizabeth, Kristen, Michael, Patrick, Tony, Stephanie, Tim, Carol Abraham, Lorenzo Acciai, Ken Anderson, Sally Arango, Ivy Batmale, Evette Bellan, Madison Bostow, Edwin Calleja, Marilyn Charbonneau, Lori Cohen, Yondellan Coleman, Elizabeth Cook, Elizabeth Crowley, Nancy Culhane, Doris Doty, Nanette Duffy, Luke Duval, Tom & Eileen Harriman, Taro Hart, James Harvey, Rosemarie Hayes, Dr. Chas Hoffman, Chiara Iulucci, John Kelley, Germaine Khohayting, Jeanne Killian, Joe Lazor, Manda Masse, Gino Mazzenatto, William McNamara, Richard Mogas, Monte Maroevich, Valerie Milroy, Gary Parlapiano, Mark Piatti, Bertha Ponce de Leon, Kylie Richardson, Peggy Roth, Alex Salit, Steve Schlesselmann, Mary Lou Smith, Rose Tannlund, Ralph Treleven, Elizabeth Ward, Sibeal Whitty, & Camilla Wolfe.

STEWARDSHIP BY THE BOOK

In the second reading today, St. Paul reminds the Corinthians that “There are different gifts, but the same Spirit; there are different ministries, but the same Lord.”

How am I using my gifts for the common good?

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Last Weekend	\$ 4,675.
Weekly goal	\$ 5,200.
Weekly average	\$ 4,608.

TODAY IS “COFFEE SUNDAY”

Be sure to come to the Parish Hall after the 9am or 11am Mass and visit with fellow parishioners.



**“Coffee Sunday” is the
second Sunday of every month.**

If you would like to assist in serving coffee and pastries on Coffee Sundays, please call our co-ordinator, Pat Lindstadt at 272-3508. We’d love to have you! Hosts usually set things up ahead of time, and put things away after Mass.

WORD OF LIFE

As Pope Benedict has said, no one of us is “some casual, meaningless product of evolution ... each of us is the result of a thought of God... each of us is willed, each of us is loved, each of us is necessary” (Benedict XVI, Inaugural Homily).

This is the message of hope that we humbly offer to women considering an abortion, to those in need of healing in the aftermath of an abortion. And to those who find themselves deeply unhappy, because they have been deceived by a culture that relentlessly tells us that we are happy only when we live for ourselves and not for others, that we are free only when our autonomy is absolute. God made us, you and me, in His image and likeness. This mean we are made to be with others and for others.

—*Most Rev. William Lori, Bishop of Bridgeport, Homily, Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Jan. 24, 2011*

THANK YOU, “YOUNG AT HEART”

Our thanks to the “Young at Heart” Group for presenting a gift to the parish for \$500 at last Tuesday’s Luncheon at Jason’s Restaurant after the Installation of New Officers during a special Mass at church.

We are grateful to all the “Young at Heart” members for their financial support and also for helping build up the parish community all during the year.

Everyone is always welcome to join them in their lunches, day trips, and other events! May we always remain “Young at Heart”.

PENTECOST AND THE HOLY SPIRIT

We were born too late to see Jesus as the Apostles saw him, and they were born too early to have read and heard all that we have come to know about Our Lord. But we have all received the same Holy Spirit, so we're all in touch with eternity, with heaven, with God. The Spirit is what gives us life! We were born, therefore, at the *perfect* time—at the time when God wanted us to live.

We read that the Holy Spirit, the breath of God, came at Pentecost like a strong driving wind, and appeared as tongues of flame—tongues which enabled the apostles to speak so that *everyone* could understand about the marvels of God.

The same thing happens today. We probably think that it only happened on that one occasion long ago, but no! The Spirit still blows where God wills even today. Because we are surrounded by the work of the Spirit, we may not realize that it is God's presence, powerfully working even within *us*.

At Easter, in many parishes all over the globe, there were adults who were moved to commit their lives to Jesus Christ and enter into communion with the Church He founded. What would move them to do this? Why would they come, week after week, to meet, learn about the Faith, and prepare for the Easter sacraments? Nobody forced them. It was the Holy Spirit! The Holy Spirit—even today—blows through people's lives and moves them to respond to whatever God may be calling them to do, or to go wherever He would like them to go. And in the Sacrament of Penance, the words of absolution say that "God sent the Holy Spirit among us for the forgiveness of sins." The Holy Spirit reminds us of all that Jesus taught us. When we read God's inspired word in Sacred Scripture—the Bible—the Spirit helps us *understand* what it is that God wants to tell us.

The only problem is that we may allow ourselves to become *obstacles* to the Spirit through a mis-use of the freedom God gave us. For instance, at every Mass, we hear the Word of the Lord proclaimed by a lector. But our open-ness to God will certainly be diminished if we allow our minds to be filled with distractions or if we allow ourselves to become angry over something and we're sitting in the pew, stewing over whatever it was. We will probably not really *hear* God speaking to us. However, there are times when perhaps we've had the experience of feeling very distracted at Mass, but then the readings or the words of the priest in his homily seemed to have been directed toward us, written with our present situation in mind. *That's* the Spirit!

Saint Paul wrote: "Do not extinguish the Spirit!"

The Spirit led Jesus out into the desert immediately after his baptism in the Jordan River by John the Baptist, and He was tempted. Jesus won the spiritual battle. He never sinned. He is the light of the world. And he told *us*: "*You* are the light of the world." And we *are*—as long as we do not extinguish the Spirit!

Today we have our own spiritual battles. We are tempted. Sometimes we sin. But God sent the Holy Spirit among us for the forgiveness of sins." Our greatest happiness—in this life and in the next—will be to have always responded to the movements of the Holy Spirit in our life as faithfully as we can. And our temptations will always be to try to be *free* of whatever it is that God wants of us. But that's not freedom—that's the *slavery* of sin.

Look at Our Lady: She is the *spouse* of the Holy Spirit. If she had not said "Yes" to God and accepted his desire that she should be the mother of Jesus, the Savior of the world, would we have any chance of life in heaven?

Today, here in St. Sebastian's Church, God is aware of each one of us. He knows our distractions. He knows our worries. He knows our family problems, our illnesses, our habits, our fears, and our sins. And still, he has *chosen* us to go out and bear fruit that will last in eternal life—in heaven. He loves us even though we may not be all that lovable. And God will breathe his Spirit into us anyway and use each of us to do marvelous things for the kingdom of Heaven.

We were not born too late. We were born at just the right time in God's plan. We have a date in Heaven, too. It all starts right here and right now. St. Paul wrote: "To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit." Do not extinguish the Spirit!



PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

I am going to reveal to you the secret of sanctity and happiness. Every day for five minutes control your imagination and close your eyes to the things of sense and your ears to all the noises of the world, in order to enter into yourself. Then in the sanctity of your baptized soul, (which is the Temple of the Holy Spirit) speak to that Divine Spirit, saying to Him:

**O Holy Spirit,
Beloved of my soul,
Enlighten me, Guide me,
Strengthen me, Console me.
Tell me what I should do.
Give me Your orders.
I promise to submit myself
to all that You desire of me
and to accept
all that You permit to happen to me.
Let me only know Your will.
Amen.**

If you do this, your life will flow along happily, serenely and full of consolation, even in the midst of trials. Grace will be proportioned to the trial, giving you the strength to carry it and you will arrive at the gates of Paradise, laden with merit. This submission to the Holy Spirit is the secret of sanctity.

—*Cardinal Mercier (1851-1926)*



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