

# ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH

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Jesus said to his disciples,  
“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself,  
take up his cross, and follow me.” —Matthew 16:24

22<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 31, 2014

## MASS SCHEDULE

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

## CONFESSIONS

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

## EXPOSITION & ADORATION

Mon-Fri 7:30-8:55am, 9:30-10:30, 3-4pm

Pastor ..... Rev. Mark Taheny  
Parochial Vicar .... Rev. Paul Perry  
Deacon ..... Rev. Mr. Bill Turrentine  
Deacon ..... Rev. Mr. David Previtali  
Secretary..... Nancy Lampe

## *Parish School of Religion:*

Renée O'Neill: ReneeGOneill@gmail.com

## *Confirmation Youth Group:*

Deacon Dave: StSebCYG@outlook.com

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 1 - 6**

Mon	<b>Labor Day Holiday</b>
9AM	Dolly MacDonald
Tue	7AM Unbelievers
9AM	J. Kenneth Lynch
Wed	7AM Ann O'Neill
9AM	Betty Trumbley
Thu	7AM Chuck Bellia
9AM	José Guasch, <i>living</i>
Fri	7AM Fallen-Away Catholics
9AM	Felicia & Hayden Moore
Sat	7AM Souls in Purgatory
9AM	Gregorio Guasch

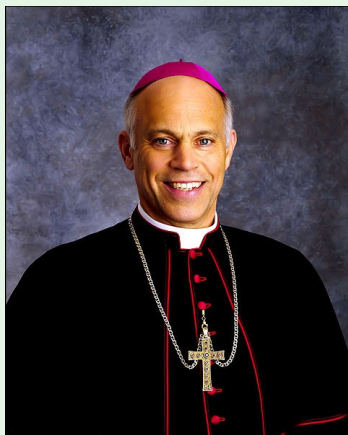
**PLEASE INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING  
PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

Angela, Bertha, Jenny, Joe, John, Kristen, Mary, Monica, Patrick, Sandra L., Sandy, Sherie, Stephanie, Theresa, Tim, Vivien, Ann Boeri, Ed Buel, Cathy Connor, Elizabeth Cook, Tony Gallagher, Monte Maroevich, Chris Matthew, Mark Piatti, Steve Schlesselmann, Mary Lou Smith, Maryann Sullivan, Rose Tannlund, and Sherry Willis.

**ARCHBISHOP'S VISIT & PARISH BARBECUE**

On Sunday, **October 12**, Archbishop Cordileone will be here for a Pastoral Visit, and we will have a **Parish Picnic** after the 11:00 a.m. Mass.

The Archbishop will celebrate the 11a.m. Mass and looks forward to meeting with our parishioners, so be sure to put the date on your calendar!



**EWTN Global Catholic Network**  
**Eternal Word Television Network**  
**Channel 229 on Comcast**

**LABOR DAY HOLIDAY**

**The Parish Office will be closed on Labor Day, and we will have only one Mass—at 9:00AM.**

**“PENNIES FROM HEAVEN” RAFFLE TICKETS**

Members of our St. Vincent de Paul Conference are now selling raffle tickets for the SVdP Society of Marin annual fundraiser: “Pennies from Heaven”.

The drawing will be held Sept. 13 at the Annual Dinner event to be held at St. Hilary’s, and winner need not be present to win. The prize is an iPad2 with WiFi + 3G, or a cash prize of \$1000. Raffle tickets are \$20 each, so it is a “win-win” situation: You have a chance to win the raffle prize and you will have helped our own SVdP Conference at the same time!

Proceeds from the Raffle will stay here within the Saint Sebastian’s SVdP Conference.

**PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION CLASSES**

**Our P.S.R. (Parish School of Religion)  
Classes will resume next month, Sept. 17.**

Classes are on Wednesday afternoons at 3:30pm. Parents of Children in Grades 1 thru 6 may obtain information and register by calling the Parish Office at 461-0704, or by contacting our Director of Religious Education, Renée O’Neill, at [reneegoneill@gmail.com](mailto:reneegoneill@gmail.com)

**Register your children early!** We cannot plan the classes until we know how many students will be enrolled and how many teachers are needed.

**RCIA BEGINS SOON!**

The “Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults” (RCIA) will begin meeting on Sunday, Sept. 28, 10-11AM in the Parish Hall. RCIA is for a variety of persons: non-Christians interested in embracing Christianity; non-Catholic Christians interested in joining the Catholic Church; non-Catholic spouses and/or family members of Catholics who wish to learn about the Faith; and also for Catholics who wish to refresh their understanding of the Faith in a small group setting. RCIA classes will be taught by Deacon David Previtali.



### CONFIRMATION YOUTH GROUP (CYG) NEWS

Our parish CYG resumes in September. Youths in grade 7 and older may register for the 2-year preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

**Parent Night** is Monday, Sept 8, 7PM. A parent must attend to register and obtain information for the year. Youth need not attend. There are significant changes in CYG this year so be sure to come.

**First CYG Meeting** with youth is Monday, Sept. 15, 7-8PM. Please note the new time.

Join other mothers from St Sebastian's to discuss Faith and Family and share ideas for bringing more faith, hope, and love into our Catholic homes.

**When:** First Wednesdays of the month, 3:30-5PM  
(Oct. 1, Nov. 5, Dec. 3, and etc.)

**Where:** Marin Catholic High School - Room 304 and join PSR at 4:45 for prayer in the chapel.

We'll explore such topics as: the Liturgical seasons of the year (Advent, Lent), Mary, ideas for spiritual growth and the sacraments, habits that help grow the virtues of a Christian life and more! Your ideas are welcome. (A yearlong commitment not necessary.) If enough demand, we will work out child care.

Contact Pat Turrentine at [pat@t-tine.com](mailto:pat@t-tine.com)

### STEWARDSHIP BY THE BOOK

In today's second reading, Saint Paul exhorts the Romans to *total* stewardship. Brothers and sisters, he urges, "...offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God."

—see Romans 12:1

### ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL 2014

Our Assessed Goal is \$60,600, and we have so far realized \$56,270 from 110 of our families.

We still need \$4,330 to pay our assessment, and any amounts over that we be returned to our parish!

Please respond to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal.

### CATHOLIC MARIN BREAKFAST CLUB

#### **September Meeting This Friday, Sept. 5**

Following the 7am Mass

Breakfast: \$8/members; \$10/visitors

Contact: [Sugaremy@aol.com](mailto:Sugaremy@aol.com) or 461-0704

**Speaker: Peter Lee**

**Topic: *Homelessness in Marin County: the Facts, Challenges and One Potential Solution***

Peter Lee has over 25 years of experience in the nonprofit arena and has served as an Interim Executive Director and Leadership Transition Consultant for community-based organizations in the Bay Area for the past seven years. His assignments have included Ritter Center, First 5 San Mateo County, the San Mateo County Health Foundation, the Marin Food Bank and Zen Hospice Project. He has also served as President & CEO for Goodwill Industries of the Redwood Empire in Sonoma County.

As an accomplished Chief Executive Officer, Peter has extensive experience with leadership transitions, strategic planning and implementation, mergers and alliances, organizational assessments, executive coaching and Board governance and has provided consulting services in each of these practice areas.

Peter's expertise also includes social enterprise initiatives, philanthropic development, educational administration, marketing and public relations. He has engineered numerous institutional partnerships and has also participated in the negotiations for two organizational mergers for nonprofits in the Bay Area.

Peter and his wife live in Corte Madera are long-time residents of Marin County.

### CENACLE OF PRAYER

**NEXT SUNDAY**

3 to 4pm

Exposition

of the Blessed Sacrament,  
Rosary, Meditation, & Benediction

Spend an hour here with Our Lord.

Jesus is always present in the tabernacle,  
waiting to hear what's on your mind.

Your prayers are powerful!



### ABOUT TODAY'S BULLETIN COVER:

Photo of the "Hill of Crosses" in Lithuania  
*Info from [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hill\\_of\\_Crosses](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hill_of_Crosses)*

The **Hill of Crosses** is a site of pilgrimage about 12 km north of the city of Šiauliai, in northern Lithuania. Over the centuries, not only crosses, but giant crucifixes, carvings of Lithuanian patriots, statues of the Virgin Mary and thousands of tiny effigies and rosaries have been brought here by Catholic pilgrims.

Over the centuries, the place has come to signify the peaceful endurance of Lithuanian Catholicism despite the threats it faced throughout history. After the 3rd partition of the Polish–Lithuanian Commonwealth in 1795, Lithuania became part of the Russian Empire. Poles and Lithuanians unsuccessfully rebelled against Russian authorities in 1831 and 1863. These two uprisings are connected with the beginnings of the hill: as families could not locate bodies of perished rebels, they started putting up symbolic crosses in place of a former hill fort.

When the old political structure of Eastern Europe fell apart in 1918, Lithuania once again declared its independence. Throughout this time, the Hill of Crosses was used as a place for Lithuanians to pray for peace, for their country, and for the loved ones they had lost during the Wars of Independence.

Most recently, the site took on a special significance during the years 1944–1990, when Lithuania was occupied by the Soviet Union. Continuing to travel to the Hill and leave their tributes, Lithuanians used it to demonstrate their allegiance to their original identity, religion and heritage. It was a venue of peaceful resistance, although the Soviets worked hard to remove new crosses, and bulldozed the site at least three times (including attempts in 1963 and 1973). There were even rumors that the authorities planned to build a dam on the nearby Kulvė River, a tributary to Mūša, so that the hill would end up under water.

On September 7, 1993, Pope John Paul II visited the Hill of Crosses, declaring it a place for hope, peace, love and sacrifice. In 2000 a Franciscan hermitage was opened nearby. The interior decoration draws links with La Verna, the mountain where St. Francis received his stigmata. The hill remains under nobody's jurisdiction; therefore people are free to build crosses as they see fit.

