

ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH

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JANUARY 17, 2016

2ND SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY
TIME

*January 20
is the Feast
of St. Sebastian*

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening.....5 PM
Sundays7AM, 9AM, & 11AM
Monday - Saturday ..7AM & 9AM

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays3:30 - 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 Bill Turrentine

Deacon David Previtali

Secretary..... Agata Konopka

Parish School of Religion:

Gretchen Harris: StSebPSR@gmail.com

Confirmation Youth Group:

Deacon Dave: StSebCYG@outlook.com

MASS INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY 18 - 23

Mon 7AM Bill Parker
 9AM David Johnson

Tue 7AM Rob Roy de Rutte, *living*
 9AM Bill Parker

Wed 7AM Bill Parker
 9AM Jim McLoughlin

Thu 7AM Devin Tanner, *living*
 9AM Elizabeth Tremel, *Sp. Intention*

Fri 7AM Fr. Frank Filice
 9AM Jim McLoughlin

Sat 7AM Lydia Taheny
 9AM Ken Johnson

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

Angela, Bertha, Kristen, Mary, Monica, Patrick, Sandra L., Stephanie, Tim, Ann Boeri, Cathy Connor, Elizabeth Cook, Tony Gallagher, Nancy Lampe, Monte Maroevich, Chris Matthew, Mark Piatti, Rose Tannlund, and Sherry Willis.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPE USERS

Envelopes may be picked up from the table in the vestibule. End-of-Year Letters, for income tax purposes, will be sent out this month to those who contributed \$250 or more during 2015. Using the envelopes enables us to acknowledge your contributions. If you are not an offertory envelope user and would like envelopes, please call the office at 461-0704. Thank you for your support!

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

January 18-25, 2016

The theme of this year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is "Called to Proclaim the Mighty Acts of the Lord." The relationship between baptism and proclamation, and the calling shared by all the baptized to proclaim the mighty acts of the Lord was inspired by two verses from the First Letter of St Peter."

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity has a history of over 100 years, in which Christians around the world have taken part in an octave of prayer for visible Christian unity. By annually observing the WPCU, Christians move toward the fulfillment of Jesus' prayer at the Last Supper "that they all may be one."

St. Sebastian Parish

PARISH PASTA DINNER

Saturday, February 6, 2016, 6pm
in our Parish Hall
following the 5pm Mass

Pasta, Salad, Garlic Bread
Wine, Dessert
Fun Trivia Prizes



BIBLE STUDY

The Bible Study led by Deacon Bill Turrentine meets on Sundays after the 9am Mass, down in the Parish Hall.

Drop in and take part!



Missing Prayer Book

A prayer book titled "Scriptural Rosary" with many prayer cards inserted in the book was accidentally left in the 4th front pew on the west side of the Church after the 7:00 am Mass on Saturday, January 2, 2016. Please return to Fr. Paul or Fr. Mark or call Bob at 415 847 5501 if you happen to have the book and its contents.

Your response would be greatly appreciated.
Thank you.

SUNDAY COLLECTION

<i>Weekly Goal</i>	\$ 4,200.
Last Weekend	\$ 4,360.



JANUARY 20
FEAST OF
SAINT SEBASTIAN

St. Sebastian was born in southern France and he was educated in Milan. He joined the Roman Army in 283 AD, ostensibly to be of service to other Christians who were being persecuted by the Romans. St. Sebastian distinguished himself and for his excellent service, he was promoted to serve in the Praetorian Guard to protect Emperor Diocletian.

While serving as a Praetorian Guard, Marcus and Marcellian, twin brothers, were imprisoned for refusing to make public sacrifices to the Roman gods. The brothers were deacons of the Christian Church. During their imprisonment, their parents visited them to implore them to renounce Christianity. However, St. Sebastian convinced both parents to convert to Christianity. St. Sebastian also converted several other prominent individuals, including the local prefect.

This led to his discovery and he was reported as a Christian to Emperor Diocletian in 286. The Emperor, who was already infamous for ordering the deaths of hundreds of Christians, scolded Sebastian and ordered him to be killed by having him tied to a stake on a training field and used as target practice.

Archers riddled his body with arrows, his body was described as, "full of arrows as an urchin." Believed to be dead, the archers left his body for retrieval and burial. He was recovered by Irene of Rome, whose Christian husband was a servant to Diocletian and also martyred. Irene discovered that Sebastian was still living and she hid him and nursed him back to health.

When Diocletian discovered that Sebastian was still alive, he ordered his former guard to be beaten to death with clubs.

DISASTER RELIEF SPECIAL COLLECTION TODAY

As we in California enjoy moderate weather and welcome rain, many others in the U.S. are facing serious, unprecedented violent storms, tornados and floods, during the coldest season of the year. Everyone in the affected areas is impacted, but none more than the poor who have fewer resources and will have vast unmet needs going forward. Unpredictable weather and natural disasters seem to be increasingly commonplace. The United States Conference of Bishops (USCCB) often requests a special collection for disaster victims, to which parishioners in our Archdiocese are unfailingly generous. This year USCCB President Most Reverend Joseph Kurtz requests a special appeal for the ongoing disasters that began with the December 2015 storms and for those that will surely come in 2016. There is urgency to the need for this assistance.

The funds collected in this one-time special appeal for the 2015-16 storms and other natural disasters will be used to support the efforts of Catholic Charities USA, the official domestic relief agency of the U.S. Catholic Church. More information about their response to short- and long-term emergency needs is available at USCCB.org and CatholicCharities.org.

JANUARY 22 - DAY OF PRAYER FOR
THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN

The over 56 million abortions since the 1973 decisions of Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton reflect with heartbreaking magnitude what Pope Francis means by a "throwaway culture." However, we have great trust in God's providence. We are reminded time and again in Scripture to seek the Lord's help, and as people of faith, we believe that our prayers are heard. In all the Dioceses of the United States of America, January 22 shall be observed as a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion.

"A great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world. Through special initiatives and in daily prayer, may an impassioned plea rise to God, the Creator and lover of life, from every Christian community, from every group and association, from every family and from the heart of every believer."

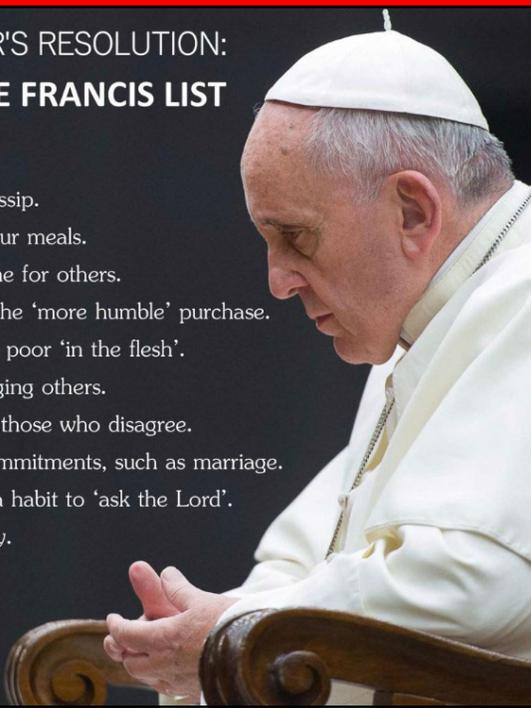
—Pope St. John Paul II, *Evangelium Vitae*, no. 100

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION:
THE POPE FRANCIS LIST

1. Don't gossip.
2. Finish your meals.
3. Make time for others.
4. Choose the 'more humble' purchase.
5. Meet the poor 'in the flesh'.
6. Stop judging others.
7. Befriend those who disagree.
8. Make commitments, such as marriage.
9. Make it a habit to 'ask the Lord'.
10. Be happy.

Paradiso

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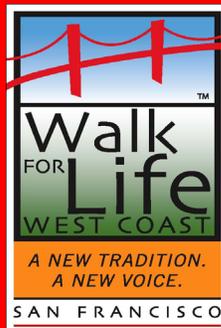


**Next Sunday's 2nd Collection
St. Patrick's Seminary**

For over a century, St Patrick's Seminary and University in Menlo Park, California has been preparing men for the Roman Catholic priesthood. At a time when well-prepared priests are needed more than ever, we are blessed with an encouraging enrollment of men. With great blessings and opportunities, however, come great challenges.

The Seminary needs your support to continue providing outstanding academic programs and nurture the formation of priests for the Church.

Seminary Website: www.stpsu.org



12TH ANNUAL

WALK FOR LIFE—WEST COAST

Saturday, January 23

Rally 12:30-1:30 pm

Walk at 1:30pm

Civic Center Plaza

San Francisco

www.walkforlifewc.com

Looking For an Exceptional Catholic Education?

Join the fun at Saint Hilary School in Tiburon!

Saint Hilary School is a K-8 Catholic school where children receive an exceptional academic and spiritual foundation, allowing them to develop their unique personal and intellectual gifts.

Open house, January 24, 10am-12pm

RSVP to admissions@sainthilaryschool.org
or 415-937-5502