

ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH

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11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JUNE 12, 2016



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

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR JUNE 13 - 18

Mon 7AM Souls in Purgatory
9AM Michael Hoang

Tue 7AM Souls in Purgatory
9AM Chas & Nancy Hoffman

Wed 7AM Souls in Purgatory
9AM Louis Batmale

Thu 7AM Souls in Purgatory
9AM Danny Phelps, *living*

Fri 7AM Souls in Purgatory
9AM Doctors & Nurses

Sat 7AM Souls in Purgatory
9AM Anita Guasch

PLEASE INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Angela, Joe, Kristen, Mary, Milton & Ivette, Monica, Patrick, Sandra L., Stephanie, Tim, Ann Boeri, Judy Christadore, Cathy Connor, Elizabeth Cook, Tony Gallagher, Nancy Lampe, Monte Maroevich, Chris Matthew, Mark Piatti, Rose Tannlund, & Sherry Willis.

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!



PARISH CLEAN-UP DAY: SATURDAY, JUNE 18

A group of volunteers will get together on June 18 to help with some gardening around the parish grounds and to remove clutter from the “cave” down in the church basement. We will meet at **9:30am**. We expect it to be a fun working day, and we’ll provide lunch to those who lend a hand. We’d be happy to have you join us!

PARKING LOT STRIPING

We would like to re-stripe our parking spaces and paint fresh numbers where appropriate, and we would like to ask if any of our parishioners have expertise in doing this, otherwise we will contact a professional service.

If you are able to help us, please call the Parish Office at 415-461-0791.

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 the Parish Office. We’d love to have you! Hosts usually set things up ahead of time, visit with parishioners, and put things away after Mass.

WORD OF LIFE

“Clinical labels may describe some aspects of an individual's ‘functioning,’ but they don't tell the whole story. ... It's like looking at a stained-glass window... From the inside...with the sun shining through it, the effect can be brilliant. From inside our family, love illuminates our life with Charlie. What may seem dreary to others, perhaps even unbearable, is actually filled with beauty and color.”

— “*A Perfect Gift*,” 2015-16 Respect Life Program
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

SUNDAY COLLECTION

<i>Weekly Goal</i>	\$ 4,200.
Last Weekend	\$ 5,586.
Parish Improvement	\$ 1,864.

★ JUNE 21 to JULY 4, 2016 ★

FORTNIGHT FOR FREEDOM WITNESSES
TO FREEDOM

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Each year dioceses around the country arrange special events to highlight the importance of defending religious freedom. The Fortnight for Freedom is from June 21—the vigil of the Feasts of St. John Fisher and St. Thomas More—to July 4, Independence Day.

The fundamental right to **freedom of religion** and **freedom of conscience** are the cornerstones of the structure of human rights and the foundation of every truly free society.

POPE JOHN PAUL THE GREAT
ADDRESS TO THE UNITED NATIONS • OCTOBER 5, 1995



POPE FRANCIS TELLS CONGRESS TO ABOLISH THE DEATH PENALTY

In his first ever visit to the U.S. and first speech ever to Congress, Pope Francis called on the nation's hundreds of representatives to make the death penalty a thing of the past.

Every life is sacred, every human person is endowed with an inalienable dignity, and society can only benefit from the rehabilitation of those convicted of crimes.

Recently my brother bishops here in the United States renewed their call for the abolition of the death penalty. Not only do I support them, but I also offer encouragement to all those who are convinced that a just and necessary punishment must never exclude the dimension of hope and the goal of rehabilitation.

If we want security, let us give security; if we want life, let us give life; if we want opportunities, let us provide opportunities. The yardstick we use for others will be the yardstick which time will use for us. The Golden Rule also reminds us of our responsibility to protect and defend human life at every stage of its development.

POPE FRANCIS & RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

*Meeting for Religious Liberty with the Hispanic Community and Other Immigrants
Independence Hall, Philadelphia, Sept. 26, 2015*

“The Declaration of Independence stated that all men and women are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, and that governments exist to protect and defend those rights.”

“When individuals and communities are guaranteed the effective exercise of their rights, they are not only free to realize their potential, they also, through their talents and their hard work, contribute to the welfare and enrichment of society as a whole.”

“In a world where various forms of modern tyranny seek to suppress religious freedom, or [...] try to reduce it to a subculture without right to a voice in the public square, or to use religion as a pretext for hatred and brutality, it is imperative that the followers of the various religious traditions join their voices in calling for peace, tolerance and respect for the dignity and the rights of others.”

You shall love the Lord your God with your whole heart.... Yes, Christ says: with your whole heart. He doesn't say: Leave a corner of your heart for yourself. Christ bought the whole of you by giving his whole self for you.... Do not try to hold back any part of yourself... If you really wish to have the whole, then give it all to him, and he will give you all of himself.

—St. Anthony of Padua

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE - A DAILY PRAYER FOR JUSTICE AND MERCY

Jesus, united with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
give us your compassion for those in prison.
Mend in mercy the broken in mind and memory.
Soften the hard of heart, the captives of anger.
Free the innocent; parole the trustworthy.
Awaken the repentance that restores hope.
May prisoners' families persevere in their love.
Jesus, heal the victims of crime.
They live with the scars.
Lift to eternal peace those who die.
Grant victims' families the forgiveness that heals.
Give wisdom to lawmakers and to those who judge.
Instill prudence and patience in those who guard.
Make those in prison ministry bearers of your light,
for all of us are in need of your mercy!

Amen.

Meditations

by Saint Francis de Sales (1567-1622)

First Meditation: Creation

O my great and good Creator, how much I owe to you. that in your mercy you raised me from nothing to make me what I am. What can I possibly do to bless your name or to thank you enough for your inestimable goodness? Yet, my Creator, instead of uniting myself to you by loving service, my inordinate desires have made me a rebel. I have cut myself off from you by preferring sin, dishonoring you as if you were not my Creator. O my God, with all my heart I offer you myself, as you have made me. I dedicate and consecrate myself to you.

Second Meditation: Sin

What was I thinking about, my God, when not of you? What was I remembering when I was forgetful of you? Where was my heart when not set on you? Truth should have been my food and yet I gorged myself with vanity, a slave to my own desires. My God and my Savior, from now on I will think only of you; no more will I think of things which displease you. My memories will always be of your greatness and of your mercy which you have so tenderly exercised on me. My heart shall find all its joy in you, and you shall be the object of its love. From now on I will detest the vain follies which have occupied my days and all the vain objects of my love. Accept, O God, these desires and aspirations, and give me your blessing, that I may put them into practice through the grace of your Son, who shed His blood for me on the cross.

Third Meditation: Death

One day my soul must depart from his body. When will it be? In winter or summer? In town or country? During the day or night? Suddenly or with warning? Due to illness or an accident? Shall I have a chance to confess my sins? Shall there be a priest to assist me? I know none of these things. One thing only is certain, that I will die, and sooner than I would like. Dear God, take me into your arms on that most important day. May all other days be sad, if only that day may be happy. I tremble with fear at the prospect, yet I know that you, and you alone, can save me. Set my whole heart on your promise of heaven. Guide my feet in your ways, O Lord, that I may walk the straight path towards eternal life. Let me cast off everything that holds me back on my journey here, so that all my strength may be directed towards that goal.