

# ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH

373 Bon Air Road  
Greenbrae, CA 94904

Parish Office Hours:  
MWF 9AM-2PM  
415-461-0704



**FEBRUARY 12, 2017 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

### MASS SCHEDULE

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

### CONFESSIONS

Saturdays ..... 3:30 - 4:30PM  
or by appointment

### AN OINTING of the SICK

Call a Priest at the Parish Office

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

*Parish School of Religion / Confirmation:*  
Gretchen Harris: StSebPSR@gmail.com  
R.C.I.A. DcnDave@outlook.com

## **Parish Ministries & Groups**

### Adult Faith Formation / R.C.I.A.

Deacon Dave Previtali  
DcnDave@outlook.com (email)  
www.dcnave.blogspot.com (homilies)

### Altar Society

Anne Marie Schlesselmann  
Gretchen Harris

### Bible Study - 10AM Sundays

Deacon Bill Turrentine

### Children's Choir

Celeste Chapman celeste360@aol.com  
Gretchen Harris StSebPSR@gmail.com

### Adult Choir

Eric Maddox

### CYO

Robert McCullough

### Garden Club

Barbara Cancilla bacancilla@sbcglobal.net

### Eucharistic Ministers to the Sick

Homebound / Hospital / Rehab Centers  
Fr. Paul Perry

### Greeters at Mass

Marian Previtali

### Hospitality Ministers

Coffee Sundays (2nd Sunday each Month)  
Jerry & Fran Doherty

### Life in Christ Marian Cenacle

Elizabeth Tremel (415) 331-7861

### Liturgical Lay Ministries

Lectors / EMHCs / Altar Servers  
Deacon Dave Previtali

### Men's Club

Deacon Dave Previtali, coordinator  
DcnDave@outlook.com

### Natural Family Planning

www.ccli.org, www.live-the-love.org

### Parish Council

Marian Previtali dm121281@yahoo.com

### Parish School of Religion (PSR)

Grade K-6; Confirmation: Grade 7-8  
Mrs. Gretchen Harris

### St. Martha Women's Club

Parish Social & Service  
Marian Previtali dm121281@yahoo.com

### St. Vincent de Paul Conference

Works of Mercy for Needy / Poor  
Meets 4th Sat. of each Month at 10am  
Phil Fant, President pfant@fantlaw.com

### Young Vincentians Group

High School / College Youth  
in Service to the Needy / Poor  
Mrs. Gretchen Harris, Adult Moderator

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY 13 - 18

Mon 7AM Souls in Purgatory  
9AM Tommy Feeney

Tue 7AM Souls in Purgatory  
9AM Teresa Nguyen Pham

Wed 7AM Annetta & Tom Lazio  
9AM Souls in Purgatory

Thu 7AM Souls in Purgatory  
9AM Robert Johnson, *living*

Fri 7AM Souls in Purgatory  
9AM Mary Burns

Sat 7AM Fallen away Catholics  
9AM Souls in Purgatory

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

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

### THANK YOU TO MEN'S CLUB

On Saturday, February 4, some members of the Parish Men's Club carried out two projects on behalf of our parish improvement program. To help with the hall renovation, they removed the huge built-in bookcase (transforming it into 3 smaller bookcases for parish use) and then muscled their way into transforming the rectory former guest room into a nice additional meeting space for various parish groups & ministries. So a big thanks to:

<i>Jerry Doherty</i>	<i>P.J. O'Connell</i>
<i>Paul McConville</i>	<i>Tom Harris</i>
<i>Tom Cavanaugh</i>	<i>Wes Andruess</i>
<i>Nathan Andruess</i>	<i>Deacon Dave</i>

### 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!*



## Ministry of the Month



**St. Sebastian Men's Club** meets to discuss faith and fellowship with one another on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month. Members put their talents together to carry out various types of service projects for the parish. They provide muscle and know-how for our parish grounds improvement projects, carry out various handyman needs, grill for the annual parish BBQ and host an annual Pancake Breakfast.

**St. Martha Women's Club** gathers the women of the parish together for works of service throughout the year. They set up and see to the various needs of receptions and social gatherings for the parish and oversee the Lenten Wednesday Evening Soup Suppers.

**If you are interested in either of these groups contact the person listed on the front cover of the Sunday Bulletin.**

### ST. SEBASTIAN'S LENTEN PILGRIMAGE 2017 TO SAN FRANCISCO HOLY SITES ON MARCH 11

Join us Saturday, March 11 on a guided pilgrimage to a variety of historic holy sites in San Francisco. Our bus leaves St. Sebastian at 8AM and returns at 5PM. We will celebrate Mass during one of the visits. The cost is \$35 per person.

Availability is limited so please call the Parish Office (415) 461-0704 to reserve your space on the bus. More information coming soon!

### CHOIR

In the words of St Augustine, "He who sings prays twice." The St Sebastian Choir is always welcoming new members. If you love to sing, please join us! Choir practice is held following the 11 o'clock Mass on Sundays. For more information our choir director, Eric Maddox, is available right after Mass on Sundays. No prior singing experience is needed.

**NATIONAL MARRIAGE WEEK (FEB. 7-14)**  
**AND WORLD MARRIAGE DAY (SUNDAY, FEB.12)**

Promoting and strengthening marriage remains a pastoral priority of our Conference, as affirmed by the 2017-2020 strategic plan that we approved at our November plenary assembly. Marriage, both as a natural institution and as a Christian sacrament, is an irreplaceable good for society and all people. The Committee on Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth (LMFLY) remains ever grateful for the ongoing efforts in dioceses and parishes to promote, strengthen and defend marriage, and to accompany married couples in their joys and trials.

The year of 2016 brought several wonderful opportunities to reflect more deeply on the gift of marriage and family. First and foremost was the release of our Holy Father's Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation, *Amoris Laetitia* (The Joy of Love), the fruit of a two-year synodal process that engaged the worldwide Church in reflection about the strengths and needs of today's married couples and families. As a conference and in each of our respective dioceses, we have begun the process of receiving wholeheartedly and implementing faithfully Pope Francis' rich insights and guidance. *Amoris Laetitia* will significantly shape our work on behalf of marriages and families in the years to come, especially as the LMFLY Committee coordinates the development of a pastoral plan for marriage and family life ministry and advocacy.

Also in 2016, we in the United States welcomed the revised translation of *The Order of Celebrating Matrimony*. This liturgical text draws our attention again to the beauty of Catholic weddings and encourages us to, as Pope Francis says in *Amoris Laetitia*, help engaged couples "to make the liturgical celebration a profound personal experience and to appreciate the meaning of each of its sign" (no. 213). The *Order* also made more readily available a beautiful blessing of engaged couples and of married couples on their anniversary, both of which can help us remind couples of their foundation in Christ and the Church's personal care for them.

— *Most Reverend Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap.*  
*Archbishop of Philadelphia*  
*Chairman, Committee on Laity, Marriage,*  
*Family Life and Youth*

**TODAY IS "COFFEE SUNDAY"**

Don't "run off", but be sure to come to the Parish Hall after the 9am or 11am Mass and visit with fellow parishioners who look forward to seeing you there!



**"Coffee Sunday" is scheduled for the second Sunday of every month.**

**HOW DO I PRAY?**

Various forms of prayer are presented in the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC 2623-2649). These various forms include prayer of blessing or adoration, prayer of petition, prayer of intercession, prayer of thanksgiving, and prayer of praise.

**HOW DO WE PRAY WITH SACRED SCRIPTURE?**

Spiritual reading of Sacred Scripture, especially the Gospels, is an important form of meditation. This spiritual reading is traditionally called *lectio divina* or divine reading. *Lectio divina* is prayer over the Scriptures.

The first element of this type of prayer is reading (*lectio*): you take a short passage from the Bible, preferably a Gospel passage and read it carefully, perhaps three or more times. Let it really soak-in.

The second element is meditation (*meditatio*). By using your imagination enter into the Biblical scene in order to "see" the setting, the people, and the unfolding action. It is through this meditation that you encounter the text and discover its meaning for your life.

The next element is prayer (*oratio*) or your personal response to the text: asking for graces, offering praise or thanksgiving, seeking healing or forgiveness. In this prayerful engagement with the text, you open yourself up to the possibility of contemplation.

Contemplation (*contemplatio*) is a gaze turned toward Christ and the things of God. By God's action of grace, you may be raised above meditation to a state of seeing or experiencing the text as mystery and reality. In contemplation, you come into an experiential contact with the One behind and beyond the text.

**ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL 2017**

**“LIVING FAITH”**

We are beginning this year’s Annual Appeal, and our goal for this year is \$52,930, which is actually *lower* than last year. Letters were sent to our registered parishioners. Reflecting upon our blessings, we ask your help in the Annual Appeal to support the entire Archdiocese of San Francisco. Thank you for your generosity!

*“Let your light shine before all people... and glorify your Father in heaven.” —Matt 5:16*

**RETROUVAILLE...HOPE FOR THE  
VOCATION OF MARRIAGE**

**Retrouvaille: A Three-Phase Program**

Retrouvaille is a lifeline of hope and healing for struggling marriages. It is a three-phase program that begins with a weekend experience, followed by several post-weekend presentations. Finally, monthly group meetings offer on-going support. Program is offered in communities nationwide.

**A Peer Ministry of Couples Helping Couples**

Presenting couples share the breakdown of their own marriages and the tools they have learned to improve communication and restore intimacy. No couple is ever asked what brought them to the program and couples share in complete privacy.

**Four Couples Wanting to Improve their Marriage**

Christian-based and Catholic in origin, couples of all faiths are encouraged to attend. The primary focus is to help hurting marriages heal.

**For more information:**

**HelpOurMarriage.com, phone: 800-470-2230**

**San Francisco Retrouvaille Weekend Experience:**

**April 29-30 & November 3-5, 2017**

**SF@RetroCA.com, phone: 415-893-1005**

**SUNDAY COLLECTION**

<i>Weekly Goal</i>	<b>\$ 4,200.</b>
<b>Last Weekend</b>	<b>\$ 7,221.</b>
<b>Parish Improvement</b>	<b>\$ 1,454.</b>