

ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH

373 Bon Air Road
Greenbrae, CA 94904

Parish Office Hours:
MWF 9am-2pm
415-461-0704

JUNE 25, 2017 12TH 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

ANOINTING 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
Email: DcnDave@Outlook.com
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Secretary Agata Konopka

Parish School of Religion / Confirmation:
Gretchen Harris: StSebPSR@gmail.com

Parish Ministries & Groups

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

Deacon Dave Previtali

Altar Society

Anne Marie Schlesselmann
Gretchen Harris

Bible Study - 10AM Sundays

Deacon Bill Turrentine

CYO

Robert McCullough
StSebastianCYO@gmail.com

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

Faith Formation, Food & Fellowship
Meets last Tues. of the Month 7-8:30PM
Deacon Dave Previtali, coordinator

Music Ministries

Eric Maddox
Celeste Chapman celeste360@aol.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 JUNE 26 - JULY 1

Mon	7AM	Fr. Paul Perry, <i>living</i>
	9AM	Paul Brown, <i>living</i>
Tue	7AM	Tom Cincotta, <i>Anniversary</i>
	9AM	Joel Sallon
Wed	7AM	Victims of Terrorism in London
	9AM	Janina Rusiecka
Thu	7AM	Janina Rusiecka
	9AM	Victims of Terrorism in London
Fri	7AM	Victims of Terrorism
	9AM	Fr. Paul Perry, <i>living</i>
Sat	7AM	Tom & Annetta Lazio
	9AM	Fr. Tyler Mattson, <i>living</i>

PLEASE INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

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



IN MEMORIAM We pray for the faithful departed

Edith Walsh

**May she rest in the peace
of the Risen Lord.**

**The funeral will be at 11:00 am
on Monday, June 26, 2017.**

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!



CARMELITE MONASTERY NOVENA IN HONOR OF

**OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL
July 8—16**

Rev. Charles Nawodylo, OCD
Celebrant & Homilist

Mass: 7:30pm each evening
in the Monastery Chapel
530 Blackstone Dr., San Rafael
(cross street: Las Gallinas Ave.,
in Marinwood)



TODAY'S 2ND COLLECTION: PETER'S PENCE

The Peter's Pence Collection has ancient Christian roots, linking back to the New Testament times when people would provide material support to those preaching the Gospel to distribute to those in need (see Acts 4:34-35, 11:29). Today the collection is the way we as members of the Catholic Church unite ourselves to the concerns of the Holy Father. Donations to this collection support the charitable works of Pope Francis for the assistance of those most in need.

In his 2016 Urbi et Orbi address, Pope Francis reminds us, "The Lord . . . enables us to see with his eyes of love and compassion those who hunger and thirst, strangers and prisoners, the marginalized and the outcast, the victims of oppression and violence." By opening our eyes to the suffering and injustice in the world, we can open our hearts to the call of Pope Francis that "efforts be made everywhere to promote the culture of encounter, justice and reciprocal respect, which alone can guarantee the spiritual and material welfare of all people."

By supporting this collection, you support the charitable works of Pope Francis. Your donations are a witness of charity and help the Holy See reach out compassionately to those who are marginalized. Contributions to this collection provide assistance to victims of natural disaster, war, oppression, and disease.

"A little mercy makes the world less cold and more just."

—Pope Francis, *Angelus*, March 17, 2013

DISCERNMENT DAYS

Praising unceasingly. Blessing by intercession. Preaching through a life of contemplation. Single, Catholic women between the ages of 18 and 38 are invited to experience a taste of the life of a cloistered Dominican nun. Contact Sister Joseph Marie, O.P., vocation directress, at vocations@nunsmenlo.org, or visit our website at <http://nunsmenlo.org/discernment-days/> to learn more and to register for one of our upcoming Come and See Days: Saturday July 15, 2017; Saturday, October 21, 2017; and Saturday January 13, 2018. The event is free and all meals will be provided. Space is limited and fills fast!

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Weekly Goal	\$ 4,200.
Last Weekend	\$ 4,016.

“FEAR NO ONE”

Everyone desires to embrace the good and fly from what is evil. When we experience an evil, we become sad and desire to free ourselves of this sadness. We are right to seek a means to get rid of this sadness. Fear and anxiety can come from an inordinate desire to be freed from a present difficulty or to realize a hoped for goal.

Whenever you urgently hope to realize a certain good or to escape from a certain uneasiness, you must be especially careful to put your mind at rest and be at peace. When you see that you are becoming anxious, place yourself in God’s presence. Resolve to do nothing that your desire insists on until your mind has regained peace. Be careful to make calm judgments based on the authentic values found in Jesus’ teachings. Then try, without hurry, trouble, or anxiety, to accomplish your desire. Perform the action, not according to your desire, but reason.

When we seek to escape from our troubles, we must do so patiently, gently, and calmly. We must look to God for help rather than our own efforts. If we look to ourselves only, we will wear ourselves out. Walk simply in the way our Lord shows you and don’t worry. Sing songs of praise and thanksgiving. Involve yourself in a variety of healthful activities. Also, revealing the cause of your anxiety to your confessor or a reliable person empowers you to find relief. If we always tend toward God’s love, neither tribulation nor fear of future troubles will separate us from this love. Our love is founded on Jesus Christ, who cares for us and never betrays us. Great indeed is the confidence our Savior wants us to have in His care. All who trust in this confidence reap great fruit.

— *Adapted from the writings of St. Francis de Sales, especially Introduction to the Devout Life*

THE TWO POLES OF DISCERNMENT

How does God call us to the right path? Usually this awareness comes through a process of discerning both the interior and the worldly poles of vocation. God’s Spirit works in the depths of our humanity to help us become aware of our gifts and aspirations, and the same Spirit works through our experience to point out what the world needs from us. Often the Spirit helps us notice those problems that our talents are uniquely suited to address. Grace connects these two poles like a spark that arcs between them.

— *William Spohn SJ, "The Chosen Path," America*

“FOLLOW ME”

Peter experienced how God’s fidelity is always greater than our acts of infidelity, stronger than our denials. He realizes that the God’s fidelity dispels our fears and exceeds every human reckoning. Today Jesus also asks us: “Do you love me?”. He does so because he knows our fears and our struggles. Peter shows us the way: we need to trust in the Lord, who “knows everything” that is in us, not counting on our capacity to be faithful, but on his unshakable fidelity. Jesus never abandons us, for he cannot deny himself (cf. 2 Tim 2:13). He is faithful. (...)

The love of Jesus must suffice for Peter. He must no longer yield to the temptation to curiosity, jealousy, as when, seeing John nearby, he asks Jesus: “Lord, what about this man?” (Jn 21:21). But Jesus, in the face of these temptations, says to him in reply: “What is it to you? Follow me” (Jn 21:22). This experience of Peter is a message for us too (...). Waste no time in questioning or in useless chattering; do not dwell on secondary things, but look to what is essential and follow me. Follow me without regard for the difficulties. Follow me in preaching the Gospel. Follow me by the witness of a life shaped by the grace you received in baptism.

— *Pope Francis, Homily for the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, June 29, 2014*

“CHRIST WAS CALLING ME TO SERVE HIM AS A PRIEST”

— *Pope John Paul II, Los Angeles, Sept. 15, 1987*

I am often asked, especially by young people, why I became a priest. May be some of you would like to ask the same question. Let me try briefly to reply.

I must begin by saying that it is impossible to explain entirely, for it remains a mystery, even to myself. How does one explain the ways of God? Yet, I know that at a certain point in my life, I became convinced that Christ was saying to me what he had said to thousands before me: “Come, follow me!” There was a clear sense that what I heard in my heart was no human voice, nor was it just an idea of my own. Christ was calling me to serve him as a priest.

And you can probably tell, I am deeply grateful to God for my vocation to the priesthood. Nothing means more to me or gives me greater joy than to celebrate Mass each day and to serve God’s people in the Church. That has been true ever since the day of my ordination as a priest. Nothing has ever changed it, not even becoming pope.



Ministries

MINISTRY MEANS YOU....
AND THERE'S A PLACE FOR EVERYONE!

A parish is only as successful in being a vibrant, welcoming Christian Community as are the clergy and parishioners who form it. And ministries, that is, ways of putting our gifts in service to Christ and one another, are the soul of any Christian community.

It is a firm teaching of the Scripture that every single baptized person receives from the Holy Spirit a "charism" (gift or talent) that is meant for the service of the Christian Community. There are no exceptions. If you are baptized, YOU have one of these gifts or talents. And they have been given to you so that YOU can do your part in promoting and supporting a relationship with Jesus among others and among us in our parish.

Usually a person can identify their gift from the Spirit by the attraction they have for a particular work or group. It can also be identified by others who tell you that you have a "knack" for this-or-that activity. I have heard people comment on what our parish needs, but so few who actually step up to the plate to help make this happen...how about YOU? Will you say "Yes!" to the Spirit's gift and put it into service for the community? We especially need....

- Choir members, cantors and musicians to help lift our hearts to God in the Liturgy.
- Greeters for before Mass to hand out worship aids and give a friendly welcome.
- Hospitality ministers after Mass so that we can expand our fellowship on Sundays.
- Eucharistic Home Visitors to adopt one homebound parishioner and bring him/her weekly Holy Communion. You can arrange the day and time to suit your schedules.
- Additional members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society to provide food and assistance to the rapidly growing number of poor within our parish boundaries. They meet monthly and take turns serving the needy in pairs weekly.
- Catechists and increased enrollment on our Parish School of Religion. Do you feel an attraction to introducing children to Christ and accompanying them in this journey? Can you reach out to Catholic families you know who do not have their kids enrolled in religious instruction?

Check out the front of the bulletin for various groups and opportunities of service. Reach out to the contact names or call the parish office for more information.