

# ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH

373 Bon Air Road  
Greenbrae, CA 94904

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



**JULY 2, 2017      13TH 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. William Thornton  
Parochial Vicar ..... Rev. Paul Perry  
Deacon ..... Rev. Mr. Bill Turrentine  
Deacon ..... Rev. Mr. David Previtali  
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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 JULY 3 - 8**

Mon 7AM Unbelievers  
 9AM Joel Sallon

Tue 7AM Bishop Ignatius Wang, *living*  
 9AM Shaina Templeton

Wed 7AM Fr. Mark Taheny, *living*  
 9AM Fr. Paul Perry, *living*

Thu 7AM Mary King  
 9AM Fr. Mark Taheny, *living*

Fri 7AM Souls in Purgatory  
 9AM Fr. Paul Perry, *living*

Sat 7AM Tom & Serge Cincotta  
 9AM Thanksgiving

**WELCOME OUR NEW PASTOR  
FR. BILL THORNTON!**

This is Fr. Bill Thornton's first weekend with us as the new pastor of St. Sebastian's.

Fr. Bill was ordained a priest on June 20, 2009, and has been in ministry at St. Anthony's in Novato, St. Matthias in Redwood City, and most recently as hospital chaplain in the peninsula with residence at St. Gregory's in San Mateo. We want to give him a hearty St. Sebastian's welcome and so there will be a Meet and Greet after all the Masses NEXT WEEKEND, July 8/9 as follows: Wine & Cheese Reception after the 5PM Vigil Mass and Coffee/Treats after the 7, 9 & 11AM Masses on Sunday.

**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.

**CENACLE OF PRAYER  
TODAY**

3 to 4pm  
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, Meditation, & Benediction

**Spend an hour here with  
Our Lord on the first  
Sunday of each month.**



**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!*



**POPE FRANCIS' JULY INTENTION**

*Lapsed Christians.*

That our brothers and sisters who have strayed from the faith, through our prayer and witness to the Gospel, may rediscover the merciful closeness of the Lord and the beauty of the Christian life.



**THANK YOU AND GOOD-BYE FROM FR. MARK**

*My heartfelt thanks to the people of St. Sebastian's for being a blessing to me for the almost nine years that I have been here. I have enjoyed all my days with you, and will take many fond memories with me.*

*Thank you to all who expressed their kind thoughts by attending my "Farewell Mass" last Saturday, by providing an abundance of food for the Potluck celebration afterward, and through your cards, gifts, and notes.*

*Until we meet again, I pray that God will bless you and all your loved ones.*

*Fr. Mark Taheny*

**THANK YOU**

Thank you to the Parish Council, the St. Sebastian Men's Club, St. Martha's Women Club and all who brought the delicious food for the potluck dinner last Saturday. The celebration was truly a sign of what a wonderful parish we have been blessed to be part of. Underlying our thanks to all who collaborated in this event, we thank God—for making it all possible!

**SUNDAY COLLECTION**

<i>Weekly Goal</i>	<b>\$ 4,200.</b>
<i>Last Weekend</i>	<b>\$ 3,374.</b>
<i>Peter's Pence</i>	<b>\$ 1,988.</b>

## JULY 4TH INDEPENDENCE DAY

On Tuesday, the Fourth of July, we will have Masses as usual at both 7AM & 9AM.

On this national holiday, it's a great time to celebrate our *total* dependence upon God, while we thank Him for our country's independence as one nation among all the others on earth.

God, bless America!

## RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

### *What do we mean by religious liberty?*

In Catholic teaching, the Second Vatican Council "declare[d] that the human person has a right to religious freedom. This freedom means that all men are to be immune from coercion on the part of individuals or of social groups and of any human power, in such wise that no one is to be forced to act in a manner contrary to his own beliefs, whether privately or publicly, whether alone or in association with others, within due limits." (Dignitatis Humanae, No. 2.) Religious liberty is protected in the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution and in federal and state laws. Religious liberty includes more than our ability to go to Mass on Sunday or pray the Rosary at home; it also encompasses our ability to contribute freely to the common good of all Americans.

### *What is the First Amendment?*

The First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution states the following: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

### *What does "shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion" mean?*

This phrase, known as the "Establishment Clause," began as a ban on Congress' either establishing a national religion or interfering with the established religions of the states. It has since been interpreted to forbid state establishments of religion, governmental preference (at any level) of one religion over another, and direct government funding of religion.

### *What does "prohibiting the free exercise thereof" mean?*

This phrase, known as the "Free Exercise Clause," generally protects citizens and institutions from government interference with the exercise of their religious beliefs. It sometimes mandates the accommodation of religious practices when such practices conflict with federal, state, or local laws.

## EARLY AMERICAN LEADERS AND RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

**George Washington:** "[T]he conscientious scruples of all men should be treated with great delicacy and tenderness; and it is my wish and desire, that the laws may always be extensively accommodated to them..." (Letter to the Annual Meeting of Quakers, 1789.)

**Thomas Jefferson:** "No provision in our Constitution ought to be dearer to man than that which protects the rights of conscience against the enterprises of the civil authority." (Letter to New London Methodist, 1809.)

**James Madison:** "[W]e hold it for a fundamental and undeniable truth that religion, or the duty which we owe our Creator, and the manner of discharging it, can be directed only by reason and conviction, not by force or violence. The Religion then of every man must be left to the conviction and conscience of every man; and it is the right of every man to exercise it as these may dictate." (Memorial and Remonstrance Against Religious Assessment, 1785.)

## JULY 6: ST. MARIA GORETTI

Virgin martyr and miracle worker in death. She was stabbed to death on July 6 while resisting the advances of the son of her father's business partner. She was 11 years old. Maria was born in Corinaldo, Italy, the daughter of a farmer who moved the family to Ferriere di Conca, near Anzio. There Alexander Serenelli, a youth who lived in the same house, tried to seduce the young Maria. When she refused him, Alexander stabbed her repeatedly. Arrested for the murder, he was imprisoned and experienced a vision of Maria. Her cause was opened because she was credited with some forty miracles after her death. She was canonized by Pope Pius XII in 1950, as a model of purity. Alexander attended her canonization. Maria Goretti is the patron saint of crime victims, teenage girls, modern youth, Children of Mary.



**H**ow many are the moments in which we can be Christ for others! Now is the moment: do not delay. The bridegroom is coming. Trim the wicks of your lamps. Perhaps next to you, perhaps now reading your e-mail, perhaps sleeping next to you, perhaps in the cubicle next to yours, perhaps on the other end of the classroom, perhaps on the playing field, is someone whom Christ must touch right now. And perhaps yours are the only hands, the only voice, the only smile, the only embrace, the only look that he can use to touch his beloved. Be alert! The moment will never come again. Trust yourself to God, and he will act.

— Tim Muldoon, Dot Magis blog

**“He loves, He hopes, He waits. Our Lord prefers to wait Himself for the sinner for years rather than keep us waiting an instant.”**

— *St. Maria Goretti*

**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)



**ARCHBISHOP JOHN R. QUINN DIES AT AGE 88**

Archbishop John R. Quinn, sixth archbishop of San Francisco, passed away in San Francisco on June 22, following a lengthy illness.

A Vigil will be held on Sunday, July 9, at 7:00 pm in St. Mary's Cathedral. The Funeral Mass will take place there on Monday, July 10, at 10:00 am. The Vigil and Funeral Mass will be livestreamed on the archdiocesan website.

**SEEKING A ROOM FOR RENT**

A young Catholic professional woman is seeking a room rental in Marin County near St. Sebastian's, where she attends Mass. Please phone Kirsten Irvin at 707-782-6160.