

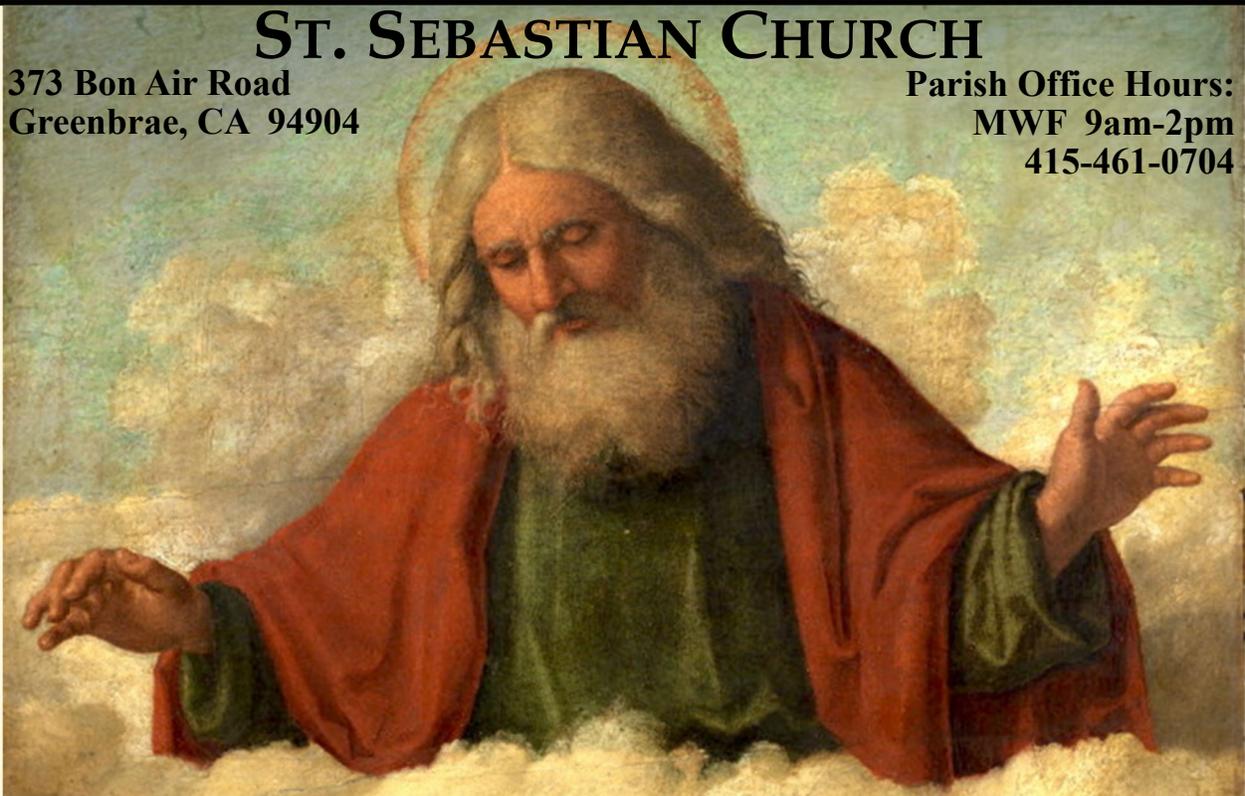
ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH

373 Bon Air Road
Greenbrae, CA 94904

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

JULY 30, 2017

17TH 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. Bill Thornton
Parochial Vicar Rev. Paul Perry
Deacon Rev. Mr. Bill Turrentine
Deacon Rev. Mr. David Previtali
Email: DcnDave@Outlook.com
Blog (Homilies): www.DcnDave.Blogspot.com
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 31 - AUG. 5

Mon 7AM Mary King
9AM Fr. Paul Perry, *living*

Tue 7AM Cena Bessolo, *healing*
9AM Wayne & Terry Batmale, *living*

Wed 7AM Unbelievers
9AM Paul D. Baker

Thu 7AM Stan Lawrence
9AM Paul D. Baker

Fri 7AM Souls in Purgatory
9AM Richard Sweeny

Sat 7AM Richard Browne
9AM Paul D. Baker

PLEASE INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Angela, Anna Alessandria, Terry Batmale, 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.

NEW PRIEST IN PARISH

Next week, we will be welcoming Fr. Jerome Murphy, who will be in residence in our parish. Fr. Murphy will be in a convalescent status, although he will be celebrating Masses and helping out in other ways as his healing continues. Fr. Murphy was ordained in 2012 and is a "late vocation" rather like our new pastor. When you see him, please go up and introduce yourselves to Fr. Murphy.

HEAD USHER NEEDED

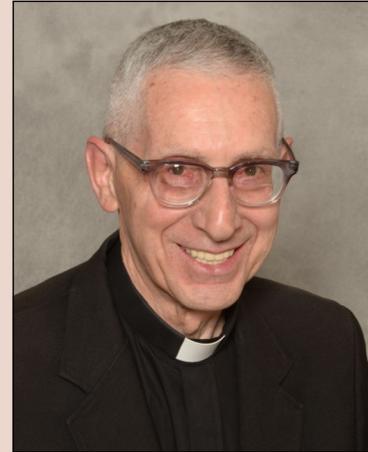
Long time head-usher for the 9AM Mass, Arn Piatti, would like to find an usher that would take over the responsibilities of head usher for that Mass. If you're interested please talk to Arn for details or contact parish office. Thanks!

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Weekly Goal \$ 4,200.
Last Weekend \$ 3,336.
Basilica of the National Shrine \$ 725.

MEET YOUR PARISH CLERGY:

Fr. Paul Perry



Fr. Paul was born in San Francisco in St. Paul's Parish in the Mission district. He attended St. Paul's Grammar School and then high school at St. Joseph's Minor Seminary which used to be in Mountain View. He then studied at St. Patrick's Seminary in Menlo Park, CA and was ordained a priest of the Archdiocese of San Francisco on June 3, 1967 and has been at our parish for nearly 18 years. His primary assignment is chaplain to Marin General Hospital where he has been on call day and night to provide spiritual support and sacramental ministries to both patients and staff. In addition to serving the hospital and our parish, he has also ministered at various local residential facilities as well as a monthly Mass at San Quentin State Prison. Fr. Paul has been an organist 66 years, and plays early in the morning on our fine church organ. To our delight, he tries to offer several concerts each year.

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!



WORD OF LIFE

"An unexpected pregnancy can bring joy, excitement, awe, gratitude, and deeper love than I knew possible!"

— USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, *Respect Life Program*

THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

All we have to do is nothing more than what we are doing: adore the lovable providence of God, and throw ourselves into God's arms and keeping. Oh, how blessed are they who choose to place themselves in God's hands! To renew and conform ourselves to this choice, we merely need to say that we love only God and love all else for the love of God. This continual aspiration is very helpful in applying all our works to love; it is especially useful for our ordinary little actions in everyday tasks. The tasks required for each person's calling increase divine love, and gild a work of holiness.

Let us be like the valiant woman of the Old Testament. "She puts her hand to strong, generous, and exalted things and yet does not disdain to spin and turn the spindle." Put your hands to strong things, by training yourself in prayer and meditation, receiving the sacraments, bringing souls to love God and infusing good inspirations into their hearts. Perform important works according to your vocation. But never forget your spinning and spindle. That is, practice those little virtues of simplicity, patience, humility and gentleness that grow like flowers when we do little deeds with great love.

The nightingale has no less love for its song when it pauses than when it sings. Similarly, the devout heart has no less love when it turns to external duties than when it prays. In such hearts their silence and their speech, their work and their rest equally sing with joy-filled love. Their daily prayer life overflows into their daily actions. They seek the Kingdom of God at all cost and it is revealed to them.

(Adapted from the writings of St. Francis de Sales especially his *Treatise on the Love of God*).
— oblates.org

JULY 31 — ST IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA

"Do what you can calmly and gently. Do not be disturbed about the rest, but leave to God's providence what you cannot manage yourself. God is well pleased with the earnestness and moderate anxiety with which we attend to our obligations, but He is not pleased with that anxiety which afflicts the soul, because He wishes our limitations and weakness to seek the support of His strength and omnipotence, with the trust that in His goodness He will supply what is lacking to our weakness and shortcomings."



"God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him" (1 Jn 4:16).

These words from the First Letter of John express with remarkable clarity the heart of the Christian faith: the Christian image of God and the resulting image of humankind and its destiny. In the same verse, Saint John also offers a kind of summary of the Christian life: "We have come to know and to believe in the love God has for us."

We have come to believe in God's love: in these words the Christian can express the fundamental decision of his life. Being Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction....

Since God has first loved us (cf. 1 Jn 4:10), love is now no longer a mere "command"; it is the response to the gift of love with which God draws near to us.

— Pope Benedict XVI, *Deus Caritas Est*, 1.

AUGUST 4 — ST. JOHN VIANNEY

"I have always had enough to go on with. I have observed that those who have an income are always complaining, there is always something that they lack. But those who have nothing, have nothing even to lack ... It is trust that God wants more than anything. When He alone is charged with all our concerns, it touches His justice and His goodness to aid us."

"The cross is a ladder to heaven. He who does not love the cross, may possibly be saved, but with great difficulty; he will be but a small star in the firmament. He who has suffered and fought for God will shine like a sun in beauty. Let us love the cross. It is God's gift to his friends."

"We are in this world only as in a warehouse, for a brief space."

"When you go to confession, you must understand what you are about to do; you are about to *un-nail* Our Lord."

"We should make the sign of the cross with great reverence. We begin with the head—that is the chief, the creation, the Father; then the heart, love, life, redemption, the Son; then the shoulders, strength, the Holy Ghost."

SAINT RAPHAEL PRESCHOOL

Are you in search of a quality preschool for your 3 or 4 year old?

Have you considered Saint Raphael Preschool—the only Catholic preschool in Marin?

Our “Angels” class focuses on the transition to a group experience for our 3-year old children with special attention to their social/emotional development and adjustment. We offer the children a variety of experiences in art, media, play, dramatic play, movement, stories, large/small motor development and interaction with adults and their peers.

Our “Saints” (Pre-Kindergarten) class continues what has begun in our Angels class and focuses on offering our 4-year old children opportunities to develop their readiness for Kindergarten. We sing, play, draw, and explore letter sounds and various themes throughout our years as the children grow in many skills that will support their success in Kindergarten!

Our staff are fully qualified professional teachers with experience in Early Childhood Education and we are licensed by the State of California (#213005559).

To learn more, visit www.saintrphael.com or call Edith Yates at (415)456-1702 or yates@straphaelschool.com.

Knowing Mary and Fatima - Online Resources

Would you like to watch the video of Pope Francis’s pilgrimage to Fatima? Hear Mozart’s setting of the Litany of the Blessed Virgin? Select from more than a hundred prayers to Mary? Learn how, and why, to pray the Rosary? Read the amazing story of the Fatima apparitions? Engage in monthly Marian meditations? The “Consecration of the Archdiocese” webpages are full of information, news, and activities, to help adults and students alike to prepare for the Consecration of our archdiocese to Mary’s Immaculate Heart at the October Rosary Rally.

[Explore our Marian resources at sfarch.org/IHM.](http://sfarch.org/IHM)