

Church of St. Sebastian
August 1, 2010—Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scheduled Masses For This Week

Saturday, July 31, Vigil: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5 pm Ray Testa, 19th anniversary
-requested by his family

Sunday, August 1, 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9 am Mass
11 am For the People

Monday, August 2, Weekday

7 am Mass

Tuesday, August 3, Weekday

7 am Mass

Wednesday, August 4, Satin John Mary Vianney

7 am Mass

Thursday, August 5, Weekday

7 am Mass

Friday, August 6, The Transfiguration of the Lord

7 am Mass

Next Weekend Masses

Saturday, August 7, Vigil: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5 pm For the People

Sunday, August 8, 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9 am Robert B. Hume, anniversary
-requested by a friend
11 am Stanley Kabala, Sr.
-requested by James Kabala



Please keep our fellow parishioners and friends in your thoughts and prayers:

June Cunningham, Willy, Hugh Taylor, Jackie, Maureen Baker, Rose Conboy, Jeff Cavanaugh, Steve, and Connie.

THE PASTOR'S CORNER

Pope Benedict XVI encouraged the faithful to be close to their priests, remembering that God chooses to sanctify the world through them. "It is Christ himself who makes us saints, namely, who attracts us to the sphere of God," the Pope said at a general audience. "But as an act of his infinite mercy he calls some to 'be' with him and to be converted, through the sacrament of holy orders, despite human poverty, into participants in his own priesthood, ministers of this sanctification, dispensers of his mysteries, 'bridges' of the encounter with him."

Celebrating the installation of a new pastor provides an opportunity for both priest and parishioner to appreciate the gifts of the Spirit given to the entire People of God. Today's Gospel helps us to focus on the treasures we have received as individuals and as a parish. The ultimate treasure for a Christian is not in *things*, no matter how exquisite, rare, or collectible. Pope Benedict comments that our lasting treasure is contained within the holy; that is, those actions and persons that provide a glimpse into Divine Mystery.

The Old Testament today presents another perspective on this reality. "Vanity of vanities...all is vanity" is a poor translation of the original text. The Sacred Writer wrote, "Wind of winds".....that in the face of eternity, the things of the world are as a short puff of air. All Christians are to live in the world, but be absorbed by the world. As your newly installed pastor, my privilege and responsibility is to point and lead the way to the holy. Pray for me as I celebrate the Sacraments, visit and comfort the sick and the dying, educate the young and not so young, and especially to be a priest/servant to all of you, the faithful of St. Sebastian Parish.

Have a blessed week.
Msgr. Darcy

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25th, 40th, 50th and Over
Wedding Anniversary Celebration

The Office of Marriage Preparation and Enrichment of the Diocese of Providence is sponsoring the Fourth Annual Wedding Anniversary Celebration on **Sunday, October 3, 2010, 1:00 pm, at the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul, Providence.** Married couples who are celebrating their 25th, 40th, 50th and Over wedding anniversaries in 2010 will be honored at this celebration. Couples who would like to attend can register for this event through their Parish Office before SEPTEMBER, 3RD.

The Wedding Anniversary Celebration will include Mass, renewal of marriage vows and a personalized certificate for each couple. Following the Mass, the Office of Marriage Preparation and Enrichment will host a reception for the couples and their families. Bishop Thomas J. Tobin will be the main celebrant and homilist.



WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT
07/25/2010

# of Budgets Used	48
Checks and Budget Envelopes	\$2,224
Loose	\$301
Total Offertory	\$2,525

Away for the Summer?

Please remember to forward your weekly financial support for St. Sebastian Church and parish ministries. Our parish expenses extend for all 52 weeks per year and their timely payment depends upon our parishioners' continued commitment to be sacrificial givers.

This Weekend's Second Collection

Today we support the Holy Father in his charitable works. The Peter's Pence Collection is taken up worldwide in an effort of solidarity to support the most disadvantaged: victims of war, oppression, and natural disaster and others in need of emergency assistance. Pope Benedict XVI has said, "God's love...gives us the courage to continue seeking and working for the benefit of all." (*Caritas in Veritate*, no. 78) Cast the love of Christ upon the world—please be generous in today's Collection.

The Gabriel Project

The next Gabriel Project workshop will be held on Saturday, August 21st at Project Hope, 474 Broadway, Pawtucket. The program agenda will include: Call to Prayer...Our Cup of Life, An Overview of Gabriel, and Boundaries: The Need, How to Communicate, How to be Consistent. The Program will be presented by Carol Owens, Coordinator and Peter Magnotta, L.S.W. from the Life and Family Office of the Diocese of Providence. The Gabriel Project is an outreach program for women in a crisis and unplanned pregnancy. For more information, to register, and for directions: call Carol at 421-7833 x118.



Seek the things
that are above.
Col 3:1

VOCATION VIEWS WITH FATHER STOWE

Spend your life growing rich in the sight of God. That's what counts. How will you do this? (Luke 12:13-21). If you think God is calling you to be a priest, visit our website at www.catholicpriest.com or call Fr. Gregory Stowe at 331-1316.