

Church of St. Sebastian

July 4, 2010—Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scheduled Masses For This Week

Saturday, July 3, Vigil: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
5 pm Mass

Sunday, July 4, Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9 am Mass
11 am Mass

Monday, July 5, Weekday

Independence Day Observed—Holiday Schedule

9 am Mass

Tuesday, July 6, Weekday

7 am Wendell MacKintosh

Wednesday, July 7, Weekday

7 am Mass

Thursday, July 8, Weekday

7 am Mass

Friday, July 9, Weekday

7 am Mass

Next Weekend Masses

Saturday, July 10, Vigil: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
5 pm Mass

Sunday, July 11, Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9 am Mass
11 am Mass

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.

WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

6/27/2010

# of Budgets Used	57
Checks and Budget Envelopes	\$3,051
Loose	\$337
Total Offertory	\$3,388

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.

THE PASTOR'S CORNER

“And so it begins....” On this Independence Day weekend, I come among you as the tenth pastor of this wonderful parish on the East Side. My prior experiences of St. Sebastian's were the parish celebrations of Confirmation with Bishop Mulvee. How well I remember commenting to him about the dignity of the celebration, the hospitality of the parishioners, and the beautiful Church grounds that were in full bloom. God evidently was listening, and now, here I am.

In the weeks and months ahead, I intend to use this column as one means of communicating with parishioners and friends. My sincere hope is that the best means of communicating with you, however, will be by example. St. Francis of Assisi told his first friars, “Preach the Gospel, and use words if you have to!” Needless to say, I will need to speak, but as importantly, I need to be of service to God's people.... *I will learn from you how best to serve you as a pastor.*

One of my responsibilities as the Priest Personnel Director included providing Bishop Tobin with recommendations for pastoral assignments for our priests. He recently assigned Father Gregory Stowe as the Diocesan Vocation Recruiter and Chaplain to St. Raphael Academy. I offered our parish as a residence for a number of reasons: his enthusiasm in ministry especially to students and young people, his zeal to foster vocations to the priesthood in the Diocese, and to share the rectory with a brother priest. Although not assigned to the parish, he will be with us and celebrating Mass according to his high school and preaching schedules. I welcome him among us in a personal and fraternal way.

Finally, I look forward to meeting you in the weeks and months ahead. Your dedication to St. Sebastian Parish and its outreach ministries is a visible sign of our parish commitment to evangelization. Thank you for your welcome and service. I am blessed to be among you. Enjoy the holiday!

~Msgr. Darcy

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WE'RE ON THE WEB!! stsebastianri.org

The next time you surf the web, check out our newly launched parish web site! Now, parishioners, friends, and visitors can keep informed of the latest news and activities at the parish.

My sincere thanks to Michael Guilfoyle, Director of Communications for the Diocese of Providence, who created and launched the site. Great job, Mike!

Parish news, religious education registration (and re-registrations) and schedule for classes, a parish and diocesan calendar of events, links to the diocese, the United States Catholic Conference, and the Vatican web site will be available there.

As the activities resume in the Fall, you'll have the latest parish news at stsebastianri.org

SAVE THE DATE: AUGUST 1ST AT 11 AM

Bishop Tobin will celebrate Mass and install Msgr. Darcy as the tenth pastor of St. Sebastian's on August 1 at the 11 AM Mass. Please plan to join us for this important event in our parish history. A reception will follow in the Church hall.



MONTHLY MAINTENANCE COLLECTION

The Monthly Maintenance Collection helps defray the cost of maintaining our beautiful church, rectory and parish grounds. The parish is very fortunate to have staff members who take great pride in keeping our facilities in magnificent shape; however, we need extra money to supplement our current budget income to pay for this continued maintenance. Our annual monthly maintenance costs which include our staff, lawn care, pest control, fire alarm service contract, and general supplies for cleaning and repairs exceed \$35,000. A monthly collection of \$3,000 would pay for this ongoing and necessary maintenance. So, please be generous to this important collection so we can keep our church, rectory and parish grounds looking as good as they look now!

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER HAYMAN

I have found these past ten years that I have served as pastor of St. Sebastian's to have been years wherein I have known God's blessing through the people of this parish. I thank you all for the witness of your faith and for the sincerity of your good wishes. I hope to have the opportunity to return to on occasion to say Mass when Msgr. Darcy is away and look forward to doing so.

God bless each of you.

Fr. Robert Hayman



A MESSAGE FROM FATHER STOKES

I want to thank Gail Fogarty, Martha Rogers, Amy Mastalerz and Joan Tracey for the splendid reception last Saturday. It was an incredible expression of the community which is St. Sebastian's. And their labor was indeed a labor of love.

I also want to thank each of you for the last eight years: for your support — spiritual as well as financial, for your attentive presence at Mass, and for the sheer pleasure of your company. You have ministered to me much more than I have or ever could minister to you.

I want to thank Fr. Hayman for taking me on board and giving me a place in the diocese for these eight years. His quiet generosity has been nothing but grace.

I will be saying the daily Masses, Monday and Wednesday mornings throughout July. And Gail and I will be remaining on Elton for the foreseeable future. So, to paraphrase C.S. Lewis yet again, I will not say goodbye but simply,

God bless each one of you,

David Lewis Stokes