

Church of St. Sebastian
February 13, 2011—Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scheduled Masses For This Week

Saturday, February 12, Vigil: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 5:00 pm For the People

Sunday, February 13, Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 9:00 am Mass

11:00 am Rev. Donat Barrette, 4th anniversary

Monday, February 14, Saint Cyril, monk
 7:00 am Mass

Tuesday, February 15, Weekday
 7:00 am Mass

Wednesday, February 16, Weekday
 7:00 am A Special Intention

Thursday, February 17, Weekday
 7:00 am Mass

Friday, February 18, Weekday
 7:00 am Mass

Next Weekend Masses

Saturday, February 19, Vigil: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
 5:00 pm Mass

Sunday, February 20, Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
 9:00 am For the People

11:00 am Teresa Evangelista, 2nd anniversary
 -requested by her family

THIS WEEK AT ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH

Sun.	2/13	Coffee Hour	10:00 am
		Religious Education	10:00 am
		Community Outreach Meeting	10:00 am
Mon.	2/14	Religious Education	3:30 pm
Thurs.	2/17	Choir Rehearsal	7:30 pm

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

Kelly, Anna Washington, BAW, Mary Doherty, CG, Mary Chatterton, J.P. Gallagher, Hugh Taylor, Jackie, Maureen Baker, Rose Conboy, Jeff Cavanaugh, Steve, Michael Simonette, Willy, and Connie.

THE PASTOR'S CORNER

A young adult friend is studying philosophy at Fordham. Our recent conversation touched on his critical learning; he is studying not only philosophical theory, but also its concrete application in our complex daily Christian life. We 'older folk' are blessed when a talented young person invites you to share their journey of life and faith. They are entering the struggle of life using our Christian principles ...and that is good.

Our journey of faith brings us to the encounter with God's law and Church doctrine. We need to make an properly *informed* choices based on the truths of Scripture and Tradition. Do we keep merely the letter of the law, or we attempt to understand and embrace the principles supporting the law? The former slowly disintegrates into legalism, whereas the latter fosters life. Our Catholic faith is not just about *keeping* the **COMMANDMENTS** (N.B.- they are not called "**SUGGESTIONS!**") and authentic Church teaching. Knowing and embracing Divine and Church law enables me to come "to full stature in Christ" (Eph. 4:13).

The Latin saying is appropriate: *In medio stat virtus*; virtue is in the middle way. We need to avoid both extremes: legalism (which stifles the Spirit), and minimalism (which is an all to common lukewarm faith). Jesus admonishes all: "make good to the Lord all that you vow" (Matt. 5:33). We **become** the Beatitudes, **fulfill** baptismal vows, and **live** our vocations in daily service to the Lord. Thus, we made an informed choice to know and to follow the Light.

Enjoy the week,
 Msgr. Darcy

WELCOME TO THE FAITH

ADAM JOSEPH CAVANAUGH was baptized into the Catholic faith last Sunday. We welcome him into our Catholic faith and congratulate his proud parents, Gerry and Vicki Cavanaugh.

WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

	02/06/2011
# of Budgets Used	74
Checks and Budget Envelopes	\$ 4,304
Loose	\$ 340
Total Offertory	\$ 4,576

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Around the Parish



ANNUAL LENTEN SANDWICH DRIVE IN MARCH:

The Outreach Committee is seeking volunteers for our annual sandwich drive to benefit Crossroads RI. Each Sunday in March we ask parishioners to make 10 hearty sandwiches and bring them to church before the 11am Mass. An Outreach member will deliver them to Crossroads in time for lunch. Because soup kitchens are not open on Sundays, this may be the only meal of the day for the homeless men, women and children at Crossroads. Feel free to add fruit, chips, cookies or other snacks to your donation. Sign up sheets are in the vestibule with additional details. This is an excellent Lenten family project! CCD students will also be making sandwiches on one of the Sundays. Questions? Call Amy Mastalerz at 401-270-5684.

PARISH BOOK CLUB

The Book Club will meet on Wednesday, February 23rd in the Randall Room at **7:30 pm (NOTE: Corrected Time)** to discuss Heaven's My Destination by Thornton Wilder.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH COMMITTEE

There will be a meeting of the Community Outreach Committee **THIS WEEKEND**, Sunday at 10 am. Please join us!



Parish Giving, our newly launched on line giving program is a convenient and secure way to stabilize and increase our weekly Offertory and special collections. It provides means for **you** to select the day of the month your contributions are processed on your checking or credit card account. Your credit card donations receive mileage a bonus points as usual. For more information, go to our parish web site (www.stsebastianri.org) for the convenient link, or directly to www.Parishgiving.com

Around the Diocese

ARE YOU BEING CALLED TO A LIFE-AFFIRMING MINISTRY?

Join us for an Open House to learn about the **urgent need** for Foster Parents throughout the State of RI. This is your opportunity to hear from a local agency about the desperate need for temporary, safe homes for children due to the potential closing of Rhode Island's children's shelters. You will also hear from an experienced Foster Parent and learn how you can assist Rhode Island's most vulnerable, our children. Come find out how you may be able to help and make a difference in the life of a child in need. The Open House will be held at St. Paul School, 1789 Broad Street, Cranston in the Jean R. Patterson Auditorium. **THIS Wednesday, February 16th from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm.** A light supper will be served. Please RSVP to the St. Paul Rectory office at 401-461-5734 if you will be coming so we can plan accordingly. Thanks for your consideration. We will also need assistance with babysitting some little ones that night! Hope to see you at the Open House. "*When I was homeless, you opened your door.*"

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY

This Sunday is World Marriage Day which honors husband and wife as the foundation of the family. Commit to making your marriage a priority in your lives. And sign up for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends in New England are March 18-20 and April 8-10. for more information call Ralph & Jane Becker at 1-800-710 WWME or visit our webpage at www.wwmeMA.org

FRUIT HILL DAY CARE SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY

The Fruit Hill Day Care Center is accepting new participants. The Center has varied activities, nutritious meals, professional nursing and case management that cater to the participant's individual needs. We are open Monday – Friday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.. Please call 353-5805 or visit our website: www.fruithilladulday.org.

OUR LADY OF SORROWS BEREAVEMENT PROGRAM

The Our Lady of Sorrows Bereavement Support Program, sponsored by the Diocese of Providence, Office of Life & Family, will be offered to Cranston and vicinity at St. Paul Church, Lower Rectory, 30 Warwick Avenue (One St. Paul Place), Cranston, RI. The program provides support, spiritual comfort, and a peaceful environment for adult Catholics to share about their grief after the loss of a loved one. The group is most appropriate for persons who are at least three months beyond their loss. Meetings will be offered on Monday evenings from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm over eight consecutive weeks, starting March 7th through April 25th. There is no cost to attend. Registration is required. **Register or get further information, contact: Peter A. Magnotta, Diocese of Providence, at 421-7833, ext. 117.**