

Church of St. Sebastian
February 20, 2011—Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scheduled Masses For This Week

Saturday, Feb. 19, Vigil: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm Mass

Sunday, Feb. 20, Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am For the People

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

Monday, February 21, Weekday

~~Presidents Day~~Holiday Schedule~~

9:00 am Mass

Tuesday, Feb. 22, The Chair of Saint Peter, apostle

7:00 am Cecylia Turyn, 29th anniversary
 -requested by the Boni family

Wednesday, Feb.23, Saint Polycarp, bishop and martyr

7:00 am Mass

Thursday, February 24, Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Friday, February 25, Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Next Weekend Masses

Saturday, February 26, Vigil: Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm For the People

Sunday, February 27, Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Mass

11:00 am Francis and Helen McCormick
 -requested by their family

THE PASTOR'S CORNER

The Sermon on the Mount continues with images that touch our daily lives. Forgiveness, charity, and service come for into focus this week. These realities are familiar to us all with our families, schools, parish, and community projects. Is there some kind of plan to make it all work?

The motto of St. Benedict might be one solution: Prayer and Work (*Ora et Labora*). Reviewing our parish life for the next few months, some opportunities for prayer and action also come into focus. **The March Sandwich Drive** begins March 6 (important details are on the other page of this bulletin), Lent begins on March 9th with Ash Wednesday as well as weekly Lenten devotions (e.g. Benediction and Teaching, Stations of the Cross, a Lenten Penance Service), and the 2011 Catholic Charity Fund Appeal, which is needed more than ever this year with budget cuts, begins mid-March.

If the Community participation to the St. Sebastian Celebration was any barometer, I'd say we're onto something. Prayer and Work (with fun always in the mix) are the hinges of parish life. We thus strive to be perfect (that is, holy) as our heavenly Father is perfect (the last line in today's Gospel). *Alone*, we can't make **all** the sandwiches needed in Providence; *alone*, we won't make our **parish** goal of \$98,000 for the Charity Drive; *alone*, we just can't be a **community**. But together and with God, well, I think you can complete the image.

With thanks for all accomplished for Christ,
 Msgr. Darcy

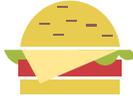
THIS WEEK AT ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH

Sun.	2/20	Coffee Hour	10:00 am
		NO CCD CLASSES	10:00 am
Mon.	2/21	Presidents Day-Morning Mass	9:00 am
		NO CCD CLASSES	3:30 pm
Wed.	2/23	Parish Book Club	7:30 pm
Thurs.	2/24	Women's Morning of Recollection	10:00 am
		Choir Rehearsal	7:30 pm

WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

	02/13/2011
# of Budgets Used	78
Checks and Budget Envelopes	\$ 3,055
Loose	\$ 366
Total Offertory	\$ 3,421
Monthly Maintenance	\$1,564

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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.

EASTSIDE MARKETPLACE RECEIPTS

Our parish Outreach Program participates in the receipt redemption offered to non-profits by EastSide Marketplace. Receipts are totaled and the Committee receives 1% of this total which is then earmarked for charitable causes. Please save your EastSide Marketplace receipts and place them in the large marked box located in the vestibule of the Church. Thank you for your participation in this yearlong fundraiser for charity.

PARISH BOOK CLUB

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



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 and 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

WELCOME TO ST. SEBASTIAN'S PARISH

The parish welcomes our new parishioners who have registered at our parish:

Lisa Tabaddor

John Connors

Liz Arouth

Jerry and Jane Perez

Robert and Antoinette Salmani

Welcome to all of you. We hope forward to you sharing your time, talent, and treasure as active members of the parish

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

Paula, Kevin, 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.

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD

We remember Patricia Mullaney and Mary Perry who were buried from our Church this past week. Our prayers are offered for them and support for their families at this time of loss. Rest in peace.

OUR LADY'S CANDLE

On the left side of the altar area you can see the icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Under the icon wrapped in a white pall, are the names of our beloved dead from All Soul's Day and a sanctuary candle. If you would like to have the 6-day (beginning on the weekend) candle burn in memory of a specific loved one, or for a special intention, please call the rectory two weeks in advance of the intention. The intention will be published in that week's bulletin. Suggested offering is \$10 for the memorial candle.

MORNINGS OF RECOLLECTION FOR WOMEN

The Monthly Morning Recollection for Women will be this Thursday, February 24th from 10 am to 12:15 pm, including Holy Mass at 11:45 am. A Recollection is an opportunity to spend some time with Our Lord in quiet prayer. The format includes 2 meditations given by a priest of Opus Dei and a talk given by a layperson. The priest is available to hear confessions between meditations and after Holy Mass. The spiritual and doctrinal formation of the mornings are entrusted to Opus Dei, a personal prelature of the Catholic Church.