

Church of St. Sebastian
February 27, 2011—Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scheduled Masses For This Week

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

5:00 pm For the People

Sunday, Feb. 27, Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Mass

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

Monday, February 28, Weekday

7:00 am A Special Intention

Tuesday, March 1, Weekday

7:00 am Mrs. Carmen Cormier
 -requested by a friend

Wednesday, March 2, Weekday

7:00 am Miss Anna Belisle
 -requested by her Godchild

Thursday, March 3, Weekday

7:00 am Souls in Purgatory
 -requested by a parishioner

First Friday, March 4, Weekday

7:00 am Souls in Purgatory
 -requested by a parishioner

Next Weekend Masses

Saturday, March 5, Vigil: Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm Mary Allison and Colleen Mullaney
 -requested by the Mullaney family

Sunday, March 6, Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Edna McLaughlin, anniversary

11:00 am Henry Leeming, 1st anniversary
 -requested by his family

THIS WEEK AT ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH

Sun.	2/27	Coffee Hour	10:00 am
		Religious Education	10:00 am
		Religious Education	6:30 pm
Mon.	2/28	Religious Education	3:30 pm
Thurs.	3/3	Choir Rehearsal	7:30 pm
Fri.	3/4	First Friday Services	5:30 pm

THE PASTOR'S CORNER

Wow; again I'm very impressed! The initial response to the Outreach Committee March Sandwich Project is **absolutely incredible!** Take a look at it (when you sign up, that is!) at the table in the front vestibule of the Church. Your concern for the hungry just 2 miles from these doors can be described in two words, *Christ like*. Although the ministry begins before Lent, it serves as a good backdrop for our upcoming Lenten discipline. Along those lines, our parish has also donated **\$1,000** from the East Side Market receipts totals of last year to the *Keep the Heat On* program initiated by Bishop Tobin. Keep bringing in your grocery receipts each week and put them in the box near the choir loft stairs. Every receipt earns 1% for our Outreach Program.

Speaking of Lent, the season begins on March 9th. A Lenten schedule will be provided for the season. We will have Benediction and a Lenten Teaching with guest preachers on Sundays at 6:00 pm; Stations of the Cross with music on Mondays, and Parish Penance Service including Penance for our First Communion Class on Sunday, April 3rd. Daily Mass will be at 7:00am.

Today's First Reading highlights one of the poignant themes of the pro-life movement, "Can a mother forget her baby..." The parish will be collecting loose change in baby bottles for the *Baby Bottle Boomerang* to support pro-life efforts of RI for Life. There will be more details in a few weeks. It provides us with yet another outreach to our brothers and sisters.

Last week I mentioned **fun** as an important component of parish life. **SAVE THE DATE: SATURDAY, MAY 14TH**. We are going to have a fun and (fund) raiser... **a wine tasting** for parishioners and friends!! A committee is being formed and "Ambassadors" will be recruited to help spread the news!

Fr. Stowe and I are preparing to receive you in "Casablanca" (the sun porch facing the Church) after the Easter Vigil. Actually, we are literally *uncovering* the room. A 'beautiful' orange tweed indoor/outdoor carpet from the 1960s was covering a quarry tile floor, and a basic suspended ceiling was hiding one of original wainscoting! Nothing some scraping, a hammer, and some friends can't easily whip into shape. It's all to fulfill my comments at the installation....nothing like a quiet place to meet parishioners and to converse with you about "the Kingdom of God."

With respect and thanks,
 Msgr. Darcy

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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.

FIRST FRIDAY MASS— MARCH 4TH

The First Friday Masses are celebrated at 7 am and 5:30 pm. Members of RI Chapter of the Order of Malta will be with us for the evening liturgy.

OUR LADY'S CANDLE

Our Lady's Candle burns this week in loving memory of John T. Kaveny, as requested by Pat and Sal Annarummo.

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.

Bishop Hendricken Open House

Bishop Hendricken High School will hold an Open House on Sunday, March 6th from 12:30 pm to 3:00 pm. The program will begin with a presentation by the President and Director of Admissions at 12:30 pm followed by tours of the school.

The entrance exam for prospective freshmen and sophomore transfers will be held Saturday March 19th at 8:30 am. For more information or to pre-register, please call the Admissions Office at 739-5941, ext. 162.

A WORD OF THANKS

George Tanury of George Tanury Plating and Refinishing has refinished our floral vases used in the sanctuary. Thank you, George, for your kindness to our parish.

INTERNATIONAL PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE

The Pilgrim Virgin Statue, commissioned by Sister Lucia, will be touring the Diocese of Providence from March 4th to March 24th. The itinerary of the Pilgrim Statue is posted in the vestibule and can also be obtained by calling the Office of Life and Family Matters at 421-7833, ext. 118.



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

WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

	02/20/2011
# of Budgets Used	79
Checks and Budget Envelopes	\$ 2,648
Loose	\$ 524
Total Offertory	\$ 3,172