

Church of St. Sebastian
March 6, 2011—Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scheduled Masses For This Week

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

Monday, March 7, Weekday

7:00 am John, Julie, and Mary McLaughlin

Tuesday, March 8, Weekday

7:00 am Mary Haddad, birthday remembrance
-requested by her daughter

Wednesday, March 9, Ash Wednesday

7:00 am For the People
5:30 pm Mass

Thurs. March 10, Thursday after Ash Wednesday

7:00 am Mass

Friday, March 11, Friday after Ash Wednesday

7 am Dr. Lawrence J. Spellman, 1st anniversary
-requested by his wife and family

Next Weekend Masses

Saturday, March 12, Vigil: First Sunday of Lent

5:00 pm Anne M. Daniels, 5th anniversary
-requested by her husband Ralph

Sunday, March 13, First Sunday of Lent

9:00 am For the People
11:00 am Anthony N. Patriarca, birthday remembrance
-requested by his family

*Let us pray for the repose of the souls of
Edna McLaughlin and family
whose love for our parish was shown in a
bequest at the time of their deaths.
We remember them in gratitude and offer
Sunday's 9 am and Monday's 7 am Mass
for them this week.
May they rest in the peace of the Lord.*

THE PASTOR'S CORNER

“Turn away from sin, and be faithful to the Gospel.” The focus of the Lenten season is oftentimes summarized in these words. The discipline of prayer, fasting and almsgiving help us to concentrate on the three levels in our lives. First, we give praise to God; increase your prayer/spiritual life. Second, when we *“give something up for Lent,”* fill that void with something or an activity to strengthen your faith. Third, we need to be diligent in our care for those in need.

The praise of God. The highpoint of our life of faith is our full, active, and devote participation in the life of the Church. The daily Mass will be at 7 AM. Lenten devotions have been included in the weekly schedule. The program is given in the purple Lenten Schedule included in the bulletin. Please take one home with you for future reference. You can also get the schedule anytime online at www.stsebastianri.org.

Spiritual strengthening. We often hear, ‘I’m giving up candy for Lent,’ or, ‘I’m giving up ice cream,’ and so forth. It doesn’t matter what you do, but stay focused as to *why* you do it. If you refrain from surfing the web, or texting friends, or watching a basketball game, fill the time with something nurturing to your faith. Slowly begin reading one of the Gospels for those 30 minutes. Trust me, it won’t harm you! Go to your room and say the rosary. Come to Benediction and a Lenten Talk on Sundays at 6 PM or to the Stations of the Cross on Mondays at 6 PM. **Don’t be hungry or lazy, be holy!!**

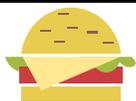
Almsgiving. Be more generous with your time and with your treasure. The March Sandwich Program is underway...sign up for a week. Support the Baby Bottle Boomerang that provides support unwed mothers. The Catholic Charity Drive kicks off in a few weeks. Think about a **serious** contribution that helps the 39 agencies for Catholic ministries. Stretch it out over ten months. Charity is not about giving away our disposable cash... it’s about giving from the heart and with love.

Finally, a word of welcome is extended to Father Ernie Berthelette, a retired Air Force Chaplain. Fr. Ernie serves as chaplain at Mount St. Charles High School and with the Diocesan Youth Ministry Office. He will reside in the rectory as I slip away for a week.

A blessed Lent to all.
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 11 am 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.

OUR LADY'S CANDLE

Our Lady's Candle burns this week as a birthday remembrance of Anthony N. Patriarca, as requested by his family.

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.



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

CATHOLIC CHARITY FUND APPEAL



2011 CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL

The parish phase of the Catholic Charity Fund Appeal begins in a few weeks. Our parish goal has been lowered from last year to \$98,000. It's formidable, especially since this is my first appeal as a pastor! I'm asking that each of us reflect on how each parishioner can make a *genuine, generous, and heartfelt gift* that reflects our thanksgiving for the blessings we have received: family, faith, health, careers, vacation homes...all we have is a gift. This years theme is: "Live with Faith. Give with Heart."

MONTHLY MAINTENANCE COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

Our 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. A monthly collection of \$3,000 would pay for this ongoing and necessary maintenance. **Please be generous to this important collection to continue necessary improvements on our parish property.**

THIS WEEK AT ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH

Sun.	3/6	Coffee Hour	10:00 am
		Religious Education	10:00 am
		Religious Education	6:30 pm
Mon.	3/7	Religious Education	3:30 pm
Wed,	3/9	Ash Wednesday, Mass and	7 am and
		Distribution of Ashes	5:30 pm
Thurs.	3/10	Choir Rehearsal	7:30 pm

WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

02/27/2011

# of Budgets Used	71
Checks and Budget Envelopes	\$ 3,006
Loose	\$ 1,223
Total Offertory	\$ 4,229