

Church of St. Sebastian
March 20, 2011—Second Sunday of Lent

Scheduled Masses For This Week

Saturday, March 19, Vigil: Second Sunday of Lent
 5:00 pm Catherine Corrente, month's mind
 -requested by Sean and Mary Brennan

Sunday, March 20, Second Sunday of Lent
 9:00 am Mass
 11:00 am For the People

Monday, March 21, Lenten Weekday
 7:00 am Mrs. Emilda Moreau
 -requested by her family

Tuesday, March 22, Lenten Weekday
 7:00 am Thomas Prior, anniversary
 -requested by Catherine Nagle

Wednesday, March 23, Lenten Weekday
 7:00 am Mrs. Alice Maynard
 -requested by her cousins

Thurs. March 24, Lenten Weekday
 7:00 am Souls in Purgatory
 -requested by a parishioner

Friday, March 25, The Annunciation of the Lord
 7:00 am Souls in Purgatory
 -requested by a parishioner

Next Weekend Masses

Saturday, March 26, Vigil: Third Sunday of Lent
 5:00 pm Mary Chatterton
 -requested by Nancy Rogers

Sunday, March 27, Third Sunday of Lent
 9:00 am For the People
 11:00 am Joan Andrews, 3rd anniversary
 -requested by son Jonathon and Regina

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD

We remember Mary Chatterton and Esther Kiely who were recently buried from our Church. Our prayers are offered for them and support for their families at this time of loss. Rest in peace.

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

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

THE PASTOR'S CORNER

“So, what’s new?” A common question for family and friends when we catch up on each others lives. When we listen to the news, it can either excite us, or it makes us realize how just how much life is passing by.

I can only imagine what Peter, James, and John were thinking when they saw what’s new for Jesus in today’s Gospel. They were privileged to have a glimpse of future glory. ‘Let’s camp out (literally!) and stay here.’ ‘No,’ Jesus tells them.... ‘there is much work to do.’

Parish ministry is like this. There’s much to do: parishioners to meet, Masses and worship to lead, charities to be coordinated, religious education to be enhanced, and last, but certainly not least, examining our parish finances and planning for the future. There’s much to do; we see glimpses of where w’ere going, and we **will** get there... together.

When preparing for a vacation or a trip, we are in control of the destination. But spiritual writers note that on the Christian journey, we do not have this control. The believer (including Abram of the Old Testament) slowly learns to surrender and to trust. To do so, we must “listen and trust Him” and then follow his lead.

So, what **is** new? Lent provides the forum for us to answer the question. More intense prayer, more self-restraint, and more genuine charity are the legs of our three-legged Lenten seat. And at the end of these 40 days, just who will WE be?

Enjoy the SPRING!!
 Msgr. Darcy

THIS WEEK AT ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH

Sun.	3/20	Coffee Hour	10:00 am
		NO CCD	
		Benediction and Lenten Teaching	6:00 pm
Mon.	3/21	NO CCD	
		Stations of the Cross	6:00 pm
Thurs	3/24	Women’s Morning of Reflection	10:00 am
		Choir Rehearsal	7:30 pm

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COMING PARISH EVENTS

Wine Tasting Festival “*A Taste of Two Worlds ~ Old and New*” Saturday, May 14th, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Beginning of Summer Cookout *Hot dogs, hamburgers, refreshments on the lawn!* June T.B.A.

2011 CATHOLIC CHARITY FUND APPEAL



The parish phase of the CCFA will begin at St. Sebastian’s on the weekend of March 26th and 27th. Maryanne Altrui, former Director of Senior Care Services at St. Antoine Residence, will introduce the Appeal. In-pew solicitation will take place after the presentation. St. Sebastian’s ranks as one of the highest Partners in Charity Parishes; that is, individual or family gifts of \$1,000 or more. A gift from the heart is our common goal to reach our goal of \$98,000.

THIS WEEK’S LENTEN SCHEDULE

Tonight, March 20th at 6:00 pm

Benediction and Lenten Teaching with Fr. Victor Silva, Asst. Pastor at St. Matthew Parish, Cranston.

Monday-Friday at 7:00 am	Morning Mass
Monday at 6:00 pm	Stations of the Cross
Saturday at 4:00 pm	Sacrament of Penance

BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG: THIS WEEKEND

Make a “life-affirming” donation for the sanctity of human life. At the end of our Masses this weekend, March 19th and 20th, we will be distributing baby bottles from Right to Life Services. We ask that you take one home and fill it with either cash or a check, and return it to the church the weekend of April 9th and 10th. The Baby Bottle Boomerang Campaign is used to fund Right to Life Services, a ministry that helps pregnant women, newborns and toddlers throughout Rhode Island with material needs, referrals, and emergency baby food and formula.

PARISH BOOK CLUB

The Parish Book Club will meet next on Wednesday, April 27th at 7:30 pm in the Fr. Randall Meeting Room to discuss Sigrid Undset, *THE WREATH* (the first novel in the trilogy *KRISTIN LAVRAN’S DATTER*).

OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

April 3, 2011	First Penance and Parish Lenten Penitential Service, 6:00 pm
May 1, 2011	First Communion, 9:00 am
May 7, 2011	Confirmation, 5:00 pm

MORNINGS OF RECOLLECTION FOR WOMEN

The Monthly Morning Recollection for Women will be this Thursday, March 24th from 10:00 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.

OUR LADY’S CANDLE

Our Lady’s Candle burns this week as a birthday remembrance in memory of Helen V. Lawlor, requested by her family.

WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT
March 12/13, 2011

# of Budgets Envelopes Used	60
Checks and Budget Envelopes	\$ 2,980
Loose	\$ 442
Total Offertory	\$ 3,422
Ash Wednesday	\$ 897



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