

Church of St. Sebastian
March 27, 2011—Third Sunday of Lent

Scheduled Masses For This Week

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

Monday, March 28, Lenten Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Tuesday, March 29, Lenten Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Wednesday, March 30, Lenten Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Thurs. March 31, Lenten Weekday

7:00 am Mass

First Friday, April 1, Lenten Weekday

7:00 am Mass
5:30 pm First Friday Service

Next Weekend Masses

Saturday, April 2, Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Lent

5:00 pm For the People

Sunday, April 3, Fourth Sunday of Lent

9:00 am Mass
11:00 am Mass

**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, Steve, Michael Simonette, Willy, and Connie.

Prayers for the sick will be continued for an entire month. Please call the rectory if additional prayers are requested.

WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT
MARCH 19/20, 2011

# of Budget Envelopes Used	78
Contributions from Budgets and Checks	\$3,655
Loose Contributions	\$ 523
Total Offertory	\$4,178

In these uncertain economic times, we appreciate how loyal, faithful and generous so many continue to be in support of our Church and parish ministries.

THE PASTOR'S CORNER

St. John's Gospel is, in a word, skillful. He draws so much out of various people in his Gospel, and then deepens the symbols contained within. This passage is not simply about wells, buckets, and water... it's about misunderstandings in a conversation that leads the woman to a genuine spiritual reality.

Our Lenten journey, like that of the wandering Hebrews through the desert mentioned in today's First Reading, gives us pause about the rigors along the path. There is need for trust *all* along the way. If you read the Book of Exodus, even after the great events at the Red Sea, the people soon forgot and began to whine against the One who saved them. We may be inclined to forget our salvation already won for us by Christ. We may forget the grace given us through the Sacraments, and all the gifts we enjoy even in a *slow* economic recovery.

The woman in the Gospel initially sought only water from a well. Better yet, she wanted flowing water; fresh, clean, and abundant. What she slowly received was not abundant water, but life-changing faith from the stranger sitting by the well.

Our parish Lenten opportunities are similar in nature. We pray, we discipline ourselves (fasting or self-sacrifice), and we respond to others not just for the sake of it. All our practices help us to deepen our recognition of the presence of the Lord sitting right here among us.

Today, we prayerfully consider a thoughtful gift or pledge to the 2011 Catholic Charity Fund Appeal, as a one significant response along the journey. Our theme for this year's appeal "Live with faith...Give with heart" summarizes the encounter of the woman at the well. Whatever your personal decision, on behalf of those in genuine need, I thank you for all you do for the Appeal and here at the parish.

Enjoy the week,
Msgr. Darcy

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FIRST FRIDAY MASS—APRIL 1ST

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.

FR. STOWE - PERSONAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Fr. Stowe has been granted a leave of absence for personal reasons by Bishop Tobin. Kindly remember Fr. Stowe in your prayers during this time of discernment.

2011 CATHOLIC CHARITY FUND APPEAL

The parish phase of the CCFA begins at St. Sebastian's THIS weekend. 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 parish goal of \$98,000.

KEEP THE HEAT ON ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Bishop Tobin has written personally to thank the parish for its donation of \$1,000 toward the Keep the Heat On campaign. The funds were the result of our Eastside Market Place receipts of last year. Bring your receipts to Church each week and put them in the box located in the vestibule.

COMING PARISH EVENTS

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

Beginning of Summer Cookout: *Hamburgers, hot dogs, refreshments on the lawn!* June T.B.A.

MONTHLY MAINTENANCE COLLECTION

NEXT 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.

OUR LADY'S CANDLE

Our Lady's Candle burns this week as a birthday remembrance in memory of Dr. Daniel Calenda, as requested by his wife Belle.

THIS WEEK'S LENTEN SCHEDULE

Tonight, March 27th at 6:00 pm

Benediction and Lenten Teaching:

Fr. Jeremy Rodrigues, Asst. Pastor of St. Philip Parish, Greenville

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

PARISH LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

Our annual Parish Penitential Service will be held in the church, next Sunday evening, April 3rd at 6:00 pm.

EASTER FLOWER OFFERING

Special envelopes are included with your weekly parish support envelopes to receive your donations for the flowers which will adorn our altar and sanctuary at Easter. These offerings may be made in memory of deceased loved ones and may be placed with the regular offertory collections during Lenten weekends. Thank you.

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

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).

THIS WEEK AT ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH			
Sunday	3/27	Coffee Hour	10:00 am
		Religious Education	10:00 am
		Benediction and Lenten Teaching	6:00 pm
Monday	3/28	Religious Education	6:30 pm
		Stations of the Cross	3:30 pm
Thursday	3/31	Choir Rehearsal	7:30 pm
Friday	4/1	First Friday Services	5:30 pm