

Church of St. Sebastian
April 12, 2015 - Divine Mercy Sunday

Scheduled Masses For This Week

**Saturday, April 11, Vigil: Second Sunday of Easter,
Divine Mercy Sunday**

5:00 pm For our Parishioners

**Sunday, April 12, Second Sunday of Easter, Divine
Mercy Sunday**

9:00 am Mass

11:00 am A Special Intention

Monday, April 13, Easter Weekday

7:00 am John T. Kaveny

-requested by Pat and Sal Annarummo

Tuesday, April 14, Easter Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Wednesday, April 15, Easter Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Thursday, April 16, Easter Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Friday, April 17, Easter Weekday

7:00 am M. Rachel Sousa Baxter

-requested by Pat and Sal Annarummo

Next Weekend's Masses

Saturday, April 18, Vigil: Third Sunday of Easter

5:00 pm Donald Pilkington, anniversary

-requested by Donna Pilkington

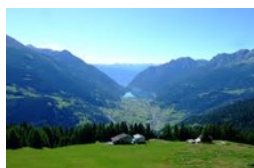
Sunday, April 19, Third Sunday of Easter

9:00 am For our Parishioners

11:00 am Dr. Daniel Calenda, 10th anniversary

-requested by wife Belle and family

ALPINE PILGRIMAGE ADVENTURE



Msgr. Darcy has prepared a customized journey for just 19 persons to Northern Italy and beautiful Southern Switzerland, September 22nd - September 29th for **less than** \$4,000,

(airfare included!) Visit the world famous *Duomo* (Cathedral in Milan), the Last Supper Fresco of da Vinci, a boat ride to the hotel in Bellagio on Lake Como, an exclusive wine tasting dinner, a fun alpine train ride through the southern Alps with a visit to the Cavaglia glacier, and an afternoon in chic St. Moritz. Call (751-0196) or email (msgrdarcy@gmail.com) for a brochure.

THE PASTOR'S CORNER

The parish had a glorious Holy Week. The liturgies were very well attended. Easter is a season of grace! Today's Gospel would seem, at first glance, to paint the Apostle Thomas in a rather negative light. He was absent on Easter night. Unfortunately, he received the nickname, "Doubting Thomas." When he sees the Risen Christ one week later, that is today, he makes the greatest personal attestation of faith in the Gospels, "***My Lord, and My God.***" Jesus words to him are then applied to us, "Blessed are those who have not seen, but believe."

This Second Sunday of Easter is known as Divine Mercy Sunday. Saint Pope John-Paul II established the feast in 2000 when he canonized St. Faustina of Krakow. The Church and the world receives from the Risen Christ the gift of Divine Mercy. This is the message of the Resurrection. Pope Francis has announced a special year of grace beginning on Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, this December 8 and will conclude on the Christ the King in November 2016. Pope Francis announced the Jubilee Year on the second anniversary of his election as Bishop of Rome. The theme for this year has been taken from the Letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians, "***God rich in mercy***" (Eph 2:4). The opening of this next Jubilee will take place on the fiftieth anniversary of the closing of the Second Vatican Council in 1965. This is of great significance, for it impels the Church to continue the work begun at Vatican II.

Switching from spiritual to more temporal matters, the new downspouts will be installed on the Church this week. Consultation on the tower moisture issues can be resumed with the warmer weather. I'll keep you posted on any new developments.

Enjoy the Easter Season!
~ Monsignor Darcy

Create a memorial or honorary fund for your spouse or parent. Your gift can create an endowment for our parish in memory of or in honor of them and benefit those we serve for generations. Contact Msgr. Darcy for more information.

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First Communion and Confirmation Dates

**First Communion: Sunday, May 10th
at the 9:00 am Mass**

**Confirmation: Wednesday, May 13th
at 7:00 pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Church
Most Reverend Thomas J. Tobin, D.D.**

All parishioners are invited to these Masses and to the receptions following to celebrate and show our support.

WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

	<u>3/29/2015</u>	<u>4/5/2015</u>
# of Budgets Used	105	80
Checks & Budget Envelopes	\$ 3,994	\$ 5,761
Loose	\$ 652	\$ 1,571
Total Offertory	\$4,646	\$7,332
Rice Bowl	\$ 1,853	—
Easter	—	\$ 4,757
Holy Land	—	\$ 973

Please consider enrolling in Parish Giving, our electronic stewardship program for parish contributions. You can register online at www.Parishgiving.org or on our parish website at www.stsebastianri.org.

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

Please join Bishop Tobin in prayer for vocations to the priesthood in the Diocese of Providence as he presides at the monthly Holy Hour for Vocations on **Tuesday, April 14, 2015 at 6:30 PM at St. John Paul II Parish in St. Leo Church, 697 Central Ave., Pawtucket.** Let us unite in prayer that many more men will respond to God's call to the priesthood in the Diocese of Providence.

MONTHLY PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Names of friends, family, and fellow parishioners for whom prayers are asked will be listed monthly. If you would like a person included in next month's Prayers for the Sick please call the rectory. **Jim P., John Haddad, Deborah Bessette, Carmella Cardillo and Henry Berenson.**

The **PARISH PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** will meet on Tuesday, April 21st at 7:00 pm in the Fr. Randall Room. The "Knit in Prayer" Ministry is celebrating the completion of our third year and we're happy to say that we've made and donated over 150 prayer shawls, including many Baptismal blankets. Past, present, and future members of the Prayer Shawl Ministry are invited to join us at a self-pay luncheon at the Wine and Cheese Restaurant, 1861 Smith Street, North Providence, on Wednesday April 22nd at 12 noon. Call Pat Capece 274-8623, or Elaine Kehoe 272-4259* by Monday, April 20th to make a reservation.

The **PARISH BOOK CLUB** will meet on Wednesday, April 15th at 7:00 pm in the Fr. Randall Meeting Room to discuss Labor Day by Joyce Maynard.

BABYSITTING DURING THE 9:00 AM MASS is growing...like the children! It would be very helpful to have a few more adults with this great service for the worshipping community. Please contact Karin Schrott at kschrott@verizon.net or 401-465-7444 for more information. *BCI checks are mandatory for all adults working with minors.*

EASTER SEASON/SPRING FOOD COLLECTION

The Outreach Committee thanks parishioners for their ongoing contributions of food for the hungry in our community. All donations go to Mary House at St. Patrick Church in Providence. Please remember those who are hungry in our annual Easter Season/Spring Food Collection drive taking place the weekends of April 19th and April 26th. Envelopes are in the pews for those who wish to donate by cash or check, but donations of food continue to be collected at the back of the church. Many thanks to all for their support for the hungry.

EAST SIDE MARKETPLACE RECEIPTS

Please remember to bring in your East Side Marketplace receipts that help fund our Outreach Program. You can deposit them in the shopping bags near the choir staircase.

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THIS WEEK AT ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH

Sunday	4/12	Religious Ed., Grades 6-8	10:00 am
		Religious Ed., Grades 9-10	6:30 pm
Mon.	4/13	Religious Ed., Grades 1-5	3:30 pm
Wed.	4/15	Parish Book Club	7:00 pm
Thurs.	4/16	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm