

Church of St. Sebastian
April 13, 2014 — Palm Sunday of the Pasion of the Lord

Scheduled Masses For This Week

Saturday, April 12, Vigil: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

5:00 pm Sidney Amylon
-requested by Ken and Deb Amylon

Sunday, April 13, Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

9:00 am Helen Maher, 20th anniversary
-requested by her family

11:00 am Dr. Daniel Calenda, 9th anniversary
-requested by his wife, Belle

Monday, April 14, Monday of Holy Week

7:00 am For the People

Tuesday, April 15, Tuesday of Holy Week

7:00 am Mass

Wednesday, April 16, Wednesday of Holy Week

7:00 am Mass

~ THE SACRED TRIDUUM ~

Thursday, April 17, HOLY THURSDAY

7:00 pm *Mass of the Lord's Supper*

Friday, April 18, GOOD FRIDAY

3:00 pm *Stations of the Cross*

7:00 pm *The Passion of the Lord*

Saturday, April 19, HOLY SATURDAY

Please Note: NO 5 PM Mass on Saturday

8:00 pm *The Solemn Easter Vigil*

Easter Sunday Masses

Sunday, April 20, EASTER SUNDAY

9:00 am *For All Parishioners*

11:00 am *For All Parishioners*



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THE PASTOR'S CORNER

We begin the great events of Holy Week. Philippians 2:6-11 that we hear today was one of the very first hymns of the early Church. St. Paul wrote of the great *kenosis* of Christ (Greek for "emptiness"). Christ emptied Himself, that is, He did not cling to glory but became man. He "suffered death" is what we proclaim every Sunday in the Creed. We read today the Passion according to St. Matthew. The Passion according to St. John is always read on Good Friday. Read one of the Passion accounts during the week to help focus your Spirit during these holy days. We are invited into the mystery of God's love. The Lord wants to fill us with grace, but we, too, must first be "emptied" so as to make a place for Him.

We welcome to Saint Sebastian's all those visiting family and friends on this Palm Sunday. Today is a day for many families to seek reconciliation by sharing palm branches with those they may have offended. Some bring palm branches to the cemetery. Whatever family tradition you celebrate, keep in mind the call we have been given to live our Catholic faith daily; not just at this holy season.

Our parish schedule is provided here in the bulletin. I encourage all of you to invite your families, friends, and associates to join us for these most holy days. Everything comes to a climax at the **Great Vigil next Saturday at 8:00 PM.** This is the most solemn Mass of the entire Church Year. We renew our baptismal promises at the Vigil and on Easter Sunday.

Weather permitting; the *Easter Egg Hunt* will take place after the 9 AM on the south lawn (the area on the right when you look at the Church) for the little ones, and between the Church and the rectory for the older children. I'm sure there will be plenty of Easter bonnets and new suits on that glorious day. A blessed Holy Week to all.

***We adore You, O Christ, and we praise you;
Because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed
the world!***

~Monsignor Darcy

SAVE THE DATES

Sunday, May 4 at 9 AM - First Communion

Saturday, May 10 at 6 PM - Cinco de Mayo Party

Saturday, May 17 at 10:00 AM - Confirmation

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EASTER DUTY OBLIGATION

After they have reached their First Holy Communion, Catholics are bound by the obligation of receiving Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept should be fulfilled during the Easter Season. Catholics are also bound to confess serious (mortal) sins at least once a year, but this is not limited to the Lenten/Easter Season.

LENTEN FASTING AND ABSTINENCE REGULATIONS

On Good Friday, Catholics of age 14 and older abstain from meat, and those age 18 to 59 fast, limiting themselves to one full meal and two smaller meals.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Just as the disciples stayed with the Lord during his agony on the Mount of Olives before the betrayal by Judas, we will stay with the Lord at the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Holy Thursday evening until 11:00 pm. Please join our prayerful watch over our Lord. Sign up sheets are in the vestibule.. *"Could you not stay with Me one hour..."*

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

On Good Friday, our parish will take up the annual Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land. Your financial contribution helps to support the struggling Christian community and to protect Christianity's holiest places. Please be generous.

EASTER FLOWERS

Donations for our Easter flowers may be made in memory of deceased loved ones and may be placed with the regular offertory collection. Envelopes are available in the vestibule. Thank you.



ST. SEBASTIAN BOOK CLUB

The Parish Book Club will meet Wednesday, April 23rd at 7:30 pm in the Fr. Randall Room to discuss Mariette in Ecstasy by Ron Hanson. All are welcome.

WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT: April 6, 2014

# of Budget Envelopes Used This Week	90
Contributions-Budgets and Checks	\$4,329.00
Loose Contributions	\$ 419.00
Total Offertory	\$4,748.00
Monthly Maintenance	\$1,754.00

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

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.

Cinco de Mayo Celebration (5 days late!)

Our Mexican neighbors celebrate their heritage on Cinco de Mayo. It is NOT their independence day; that is September 16. Due to our First Communion Mass and reception being held on May 4th at 9:00 am, the parish celebration that weekend would be impossible. So..., the next weekend we'll celebrate with another national first! Super nachos, taco lasagna, tres leches cake will be paired with Margaritas, Corona beer, Sangria, and of course, some tequila. **Reservations at \$20 per person can be send to the rectory, "Hasta la vista, señor and señora, y señorita!!!"**

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.

Sue Hazard, Belle Calenda, Chris, and Michelle..

2014 CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL

Thank you to everyone who has made a sacrificial gift to the Catholic Charity Appeal. If you have not yet made a commitment, please consider doing so as the Appeal continues. **We are now at \$53K of our \$80K goal.** Your gift to the annual Catholic Charity Appeal makes a real difference in the lives of so many Rhode Islanders.



Holy Week at St. Sebastian Church

- Sunday, 4/13 -Religious Education, 10:00 am
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- Monday, 4/14 -Religious Education, 3:30 pm
- Thursday, 4/17 -*Mass of the Lord's Supper* 7:00 pm
-*Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament,*
8:00 pm to 11:00 pm
- Friday, 4/18 -*Stations of the Cross,* 3:00 pm
-*Confessions,* 3:30-4:30 pm
-*Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's*
Passion, 8:00 pm
- Saturday, 4/19 -*THE GREAT VIGIL,* 7:00 pm
- Sunday, 4/20 -*Easter Sunday Mass,* 9:00 am
-*Easter Egg Hunt for children through*
Grade 5, 10:00 am
-*Easter Sunday Mass,* 11:00 am