

Church of St. Sebastian
April 14, 2013 — Third Sunday of Easter

Scheduled Masses For This Week

Saturday, April 13, Vigil: Third Sunday of Easter

5:00 pm Dr. Daniel Calenda, 8th anniversary
-requested by Mary Belle and family

Sunday, April 14, Third Sunday of Easter

9:00 am For the people

11:00 am Denise Walker

-requested by Sandy Cummins

Monday, April 15, Easter Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Tuesday, April 16, Easter Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Wednesday, April 17, Easter Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Thursday, April 18, Easter Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Friday, April 19, Easter Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Next Weekend Masses

Saturday, April 20, Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Easter

5:00 pm Mass

Sunday, April 21, Fourth Sunday of Easter

9:00 am Mass

11:00 am For the people

CONCERT WITH DAN SCHUTTE

On Friday evening, April 19th, at 7:30 PM there will be a concert given by Dan Schutte, famed member of the St. Louis Jesuits at Immaculate Conception Church in Cranston. Everyone knows Dan because he is the composer who has given us "Here I Am", "Let Us Build the City of God" and so many, many more. This will be an extraordinary evening where Dan will explore with his listeners the wonderful songs of his new album. This will be an evening you will not want to miss. Tickets for this event are \$10 and are available at the Immaculate Conception Parish Office (942-1854) or in the lobby of the Church before the concert.

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

Nicole Ruffine, Anastasia Beaupre, Beverly DiLello, Kathy McCaughey, Deborah Bessette, Beatrice Calvo Crozier, James Shanni, Vilma O'Connor, Mariella, and Amy.

Please contact the rectory if you would like to add a person to our prayers.

The Pastor's Corner

The words I used during Lent were never my own; they are those of St. Peter..."I am going fishing!" I'm already casting nets for next Easter! Are you? But after we "catch them"... then what do we do? Answer: the Community of believers (the Church) teaches them more deeply about the One "in whom there is no darkness" (1 John 1:5).

The redemption of Peter is most emotional. Having three times sworn that he didn't even *know* the man, Peter now states his unwavering love and commitment to Jesus. "Peter, do you love me?" *Three times* he's asked. If someone who deeply loves you asked that question of you three times, I know I'd be annoyed too! Somehow, I don't think Peter could ever forget his three denials...ever! "Follow me!" This invitation is a great segue to yet another biblically related topic.

We never know where the Spirit of Jesus will lead us.

Today's second reading from Revelation brings me back to graduate studies in 1991-92 in Jerusalem. I studied the Book of Revelation under a Mennonite biblical scholar in residence at the world famous *École biblique et archéologique française de Jérusalem*. My heart and Spirit have been calling me back to the Holy City for some time now. While Bishop Tobin graciously has approved my sabbatical request, the impending clergy shortage that will hit the Diocese this June, as well as world events, can bring all things to a screeching halt. Although plans *are* being made for my three month absence from the parish, things can change...and very quickly. I will keep you informed about any developments, and please, continue to pray for peace in the entire Middle East.

This Easter Season will bring our young adults to Confirmation on May 4th with Bishop Mulvee, and our second graders to First Communion on May 12th, Mother's Day. The parish congratulates our young people for these sacramental high points in their lives.

To all, a blessed Easter Season!

Monsignor Darcy

WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

April 7, 2013

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| # of Budget Envelopes Used This Week | 94 |
| Contributions-Budgets and Checks | \$6,954 |
| Loose Contributions | \$ 564 |
| Total Offertory | \$7,548 |
| Monthly Maintenance | \$1,736 |

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.

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2013 CATHOLIC CHARITY FUND APPEAL (CCFA)

The parish phase of the CCFA is underway. Our parish goal is \$82K to help support the Catholic Charities. Our total to date from the in-pew solicitation, our Partners in Charity, and other major gifts (e.g. through the United Way Philanthropies) is over \$64K! To those who have donated, my sincere thanks. To the many still out there who can, consider a sacrificial pledge (over ten months) or a one-time gift. Our hope is that every registered family unit or individual participate in the effort.



THE YEAR OF FAITH

SAVE THE DATE: APRIL 21

An adult faith presentation on the “**Grace Perfecting Nature: Reflections on the Sacraments and the Natural Law**” will be held on Sunday, April 21st at 6:30 pm. Mr. Nicholas DiIorio, (M.A. Fordham University, 2012) will be our guest presenter. Please sign up in the front vestibule if you plan to attend. Young adults are especially invited. Please contact the rectory if you plan to attend.

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

“Thank You to all the parishioners of St. Sebastian’s parish for the gift of \$1,035 from our visit to your parish. We truly appreciate your support of our ministry by granting us the collection and for your hospitality and kindness to the sisters. We pray the Lord will reward all a hundredfold.”

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. Thank you, Karin, Lori, Jane, Marie, and Rita for volunteering in the program. *BCI checks are mandatory for all adults working with minors.*

COMMUNITY OUTREACH COMMITTEE

The Outreach Committee will meet this Sunday (4/14) after the 9 AM Mass. The Committee will begin a new **Food for the Poor** Program. They are inviting parishioners to bring any *non-perishable* food items to Church *each week*. You may deposit the food items in the collection boxes to be located near the choir stairs. Members will be having a free will collection for the poor the next two weekends. The Cake Sale by the Religious Education Program netted \$475 for this cause. Great effort, everyone!

THIS WEEK AT ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH

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| Sun. | 4/14 NO Religious Ed. | |
| | Community Outreach Mtg. | 10:00 am |
| | Civic Chorale Concert | 3:00 pm |
| Mon. | 4/15 NO Religious Ed. | |
| Tues. | 4/16 Prayer Shawl Ministry | 7:00 pm |
| Wed. | 4/17 Parish Book Club | 7:30 pm |

CHAMBER CONCERT TODAY

The RI Civic Chorale “Chamber Choir” will perform today (Sunday April 14) at 3 PM. Tickets at the door are \$12, Seniors, \$10, and Students \$7.

ST. SEBASTIAN’S ANNUAL WINE TASTING EVENING

Reservations for our Annual Wine Tasting Evening are now being accepted. The Wine Tasting Evening, by Gasbarro Wines of Atwells Avenue, will be held on Saturday, May 11th from 6 pm to 8 pm in the church hall. Twenty-five specially selected fine wines will be featured, accompanied by selections of hors d’oeuvres and pasta dishes.

Our thanks to our parishioner and corporate sponsors: LJ Gasbarro, Caroline Calcagni, Dugan Jewelers, Providence College Athletics, ChemArt, McBride’s Irish Pub... and more to come!

Guarantee your reservation by completing this registration form and returning it to:

**St. Sebastian Church
Wine Tasting Evening
67 Cole Avenue
Providence, RI 02906**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Number of Tickets @ \$50 each: _____

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Please make checks payable to St. Sebastian Church

FEEL OUR PARISH ENERGY...AND JOIN US!!