

Church of St. Sebastian
April 16, 2017 - Easter Sunday: The Resurrection of the Lord

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, APRIL 15, HOLY SATURDAY

7:15 pm THE SOLEMN EASTER VIGIL

(Note: No 5 PM Saturday Mass)

**SUNDAY, APRIL 16, EASTER SUNDAY OF THE
RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**

9:00 am FOR THE PEOPLE

11:00 am FOR THE PEOPLE

Monday, APRIL 17

7:00 am Mass

Tuesday, APRIL 18

7:00 am Mass

7.25 am Novena Prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Wednesday, APRIL 19

7:00 am Mass

Thursday, APRIL 20

7:00 am Mass

Friday, APRIL 21

7:00 am Mass

**SATURDAY, APRIL 22, VIGIL: DIVINE MERCY
SUNDAY**

5:00 pm DONALD PILKINGTON, 13th anniversary, by
Donna Pilkington

SUNDAY, APRIL 23, DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

9:00 am Mass

11:00 am NANCY SHIELDS BLOOR, memorial Mass,
by Ann Galligan

My Dear Parishioners,

Happy Easter...

Today we gather around our newly lit Paschal candle. The flame of the Paschal candle leads us, draws us, to You, oh God!

The beautiful words of the *Exsultet* which proclaimed at the Easter Vigil reminds us, "This is the night that even now, throughout the world, sets Christian believers apart from worldly vices and from the gloom of sin, leading them to grace and joining them to His Holy one.

We pray this Easter, "That the light of Christ rising in glory dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds."

St. Augustine wrote, "our hearts are restless until they rest in God." We yearn for something greater than yourselves. We seek a light to guide us through the sometime gloomy circumstances of our daily lives.

When I was a young college seminarian and Fr. Robert Randall taught 2nd year college English, he taught us to appreciate the writings of Saint John Henry Newman. One of Saint Newman's most popular poems is *Lead, Kindly Light*.

"Lead, Kindly Light, amidst the encircling gloom,
Lead thou me on!
The night is dark, and I am far from home,
Lead thou me on!"

Happy Easter...

Mons. Montecalvo



The "Knit in Prayer" Prayer Shawl Ministry is celebrating the start of our 5th year and we're happy to say that we've made and donated over 200 prayer shawls (including baptism blankets). Past, present and future members of the "Knit in Prayer" 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 19 at 12 noon. Call Pat Capece (274-8632) or Elaine Kehoe (273-4259) by Monday, April 17 to make a reservation.

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EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS

Parishioners and friends wishing to donate Easter flowers in memory of your loved ones can use the envelopes provided in the vestibule or in your monthly budgets.

We ask that you please print their names legibly for inclusion in our memorial list. Their names will also be included in our Masses during the entire Easter season.

A PARISH THANK YOU!

Thank you to Mr. Cooper, the choir, our cantors, and Emily Johnston and Annie Lagace for their musical talent. Also thanks to the members of the Church Environment Ministry, the Church looks beautiful! You all made Holy Week and Easter so very special for us all.



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.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROJECTS

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/Spring Food Collection drive through the end of April. 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. Please place the envelopes in the collection baskets. Many thanks to all for their support for the hungry.

IMMIGRATION & REFUGEE SERVICES—The Community Outreach Committee is collecting items during Lent for the Diocese of Providence's Immigration & Refugee Services to welcome refugee families to Rhode Island. The items needed are toiletries, cleaning supplies, baby products, and school supplies. Kindly place the items in the bin located in the vestibule. Thank you for your kindness and support of our Lenten Projects.

MONTHLY PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Prayers are asked for these friends, family, and fellow parishioners. If you would like someone included in the Prayers for the Sick please call the rectory. **Bartholomew Steib, Natalie Swift, Leah Davis, Frances Geary, Sandy C., John Haddad, Bob, Sylvia L., and Bob K.**

EASTSIDE MARKETPLACE RECEIPTS: Dear Parishioners, please keep collecting your shopping slips from Eastside Market. Last month we turned in \$109,422.09 worth of receipts. The parish outreach committee will receive \$1,094.22 for to be used for the poor. Thank you Martha, Rosemary, and Karen.

Keep the faith and the memories alive. Remember a loved one with a gift to St. Sebastian Church. For more information about **MEMORIAL DONATIONS AND LEGACY GIVING**, please contact Rev. Msgr. Carlo F. Montecalvo at 401-751-0196 or Andrea Krupp, Director of the Catholic Foundation of Rhode Island, 401-277-2121.

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 \$46,310 of our \$79,222 goal, significantly less than last year at this time. Your gift to the annual Catholic Charity Appeal makes a real difference in the lives of so many Rhode Islanders.

Confirmation and First Communion Dates

*Confirmation: Saturday, April 22nd
at the 5:00 pm Mass*

*Most Reverend Richard Higgins, Auxiliary Bishop of
the Archdiocese of the Military Services*

*First Communion: Sunday, May 21st
at the 9:00 am Mass*

*All parishioners are invited to these Masses and to the
receptions following to celebrate and show our
support of the young people of our parish.*

WEEKLY PARISH FINANCES

*Due to an early deadline, the collection information is
not available at the time.*

A sincere thank you for your support!

**Please remember
St. Sebastian Parish
in your Will and Estate**

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