

Church of St. Sebastian

April 20, 2014 — Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Scheduled Masses For This Week

Saturday, April 19, Holy Saturday

8:00 pm The Solemn Easter Vigil

Sunday, April 20, Easter Sunday

9:00 am For All Parishioners

11:00 am For All Parishioners

Monday, April 21, Monday within the Octave of Easter

7:00 am Mass

Tuesday, April 22, Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

7:00 am Wladyslaw Boni, 30th anniversary
-requested by the Boni family

Wednesday, April 23, Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

7:00 am Mass

Thursday, April 24, Thursday within the Octave of Easter

7:00 am Mass

Friday, April 25, Friday within the Octave of Easter

7:00 am Mass

Next Weekend Masses

Saturday, April 26, Vigil: Second Sunday of Easter

5:00 pm Mass

Sunday, April 27, Second Sunday of Easter

9:00 am For All Parishioners

11:00 am Mass

THE PASTOR'S CORNER

The Gospel of John so uniquely makes subtle but interesting theological footnotes throughout his presentation of the Good News. There is the unspoken tension between Peter (the head of the Apostles) and John (the beloved). John gets to the tomb first, but he waits for Peter to enter. You get the impression that Peter looked at the scene and then departed. John notes the details (the shroud as well as the head covering “rolled up in a separate place.”) *“He saw, and believed!”* Interesting.

How can this be with no infrared cameras, no YouTube, no Twitter, no Facebook to record the most significant event in the human race! But, the Gospel tells us that John saw *and* believed. The post-Resurrection accounts all emphasize a bodily resurrection. St. Paul writes this body was now glorified. Peter and John, as well as two other disciples would encounter this Risen One late in the afternoon on that Easter Day.

This is the most glorious of all days. The Church, that was been restrained since Ash Wednesday, once again sings the Alleluia...not once, not twice, *but three times!!* All is made new because of the Resurrection. The solemnity takes place in the spring...always the first Sunday, after the first full moon, after the spring equinox! There is new life all around us...in creation, with the newly baptized/ confirmed, and with our own renewed Spirits.

At Easter twilight, two disciples asked their walking companion, whom they did not recognize, to stay with them. “Stay with us, Lord”... *“Mane vobiscum Domine!”* When they realized who He was, their lives were changed forever. And that dear parishioners and visitors, is my Easter prayer for you. May you come to recognize the Risen One as you walk along your way and especially in the Breaking of Bread. He is Risen...come see, and BELIEVE!

A Blessed Easter to All!
Msgr. Darcy

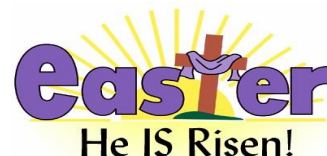
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The logo features the word "Easter" in a large, purple, stylized font with a yellow sunburst behind it. Below "Easter" is the phrase "He IS Risen!" in a smaller, black, sans-serif font. A small red cross is positioned above the letter "I" in "Risen!".

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A PARISH THANK YOU!

Thank you to Mr. Cooper, the choir, our cantors, and Nicole LaPierre and Merrilan Melberg (violinists) for their musical talent. You made Holy Week and Easter so very special for us all.

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.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Parish Prayer Shawl Ministry meets this Tuesday, April 8th at 7:00 pm in the Fr. Randall Room. If you are aware of someone you feel would benefit from receiving a prayer shawl, please call the rectory.

The "Knit in Prayer" Prayer Shawl Ministry is celebrating the completion of our second year and we're happy to say that we've made and donated over 100 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 23rd at 12 noon. Call Pat Capece, 274-8623, or Elaine Kehoe, 273-4259, by Wednesday, April 16th to make a reservation.

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 \$64K of our \$80K goal.** Your gift to the annual Catholic Charity Appeal makes a real difference in the lives of so many Rhode Islanders.

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!) Saturday, May 10th, 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

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 seniorita!!!**

2014 Lumen Gentium Awards Dinner

Mr. Dennis Roberts, a life-long parishioner of the parish has been nominated for the 2014 **Lumen Gentium** Award for Public Service. The entire parish is very proud of Dennis, who will receive the award from Bishop Tobin on Wednesday, May 14th at 6-9 PM at Twin River Event Center, Lincoln. Parishioners wishing to attend may register online at www.diocesepvd.org and follow the link to the **Lumen Gentium** link. Tickets are \$100 per person.

All proceeds from and donations to the Lumen Gentium event will be distributed to the various diocesan food assistance programs throughout Rhode Island so that fewer families and individuals will experience extreme hunger this year.



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

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..