

Church of St. Sebastian
April 21, 2013 — Fourth Sunday of Easter

Scheduled Masses For This Week

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

Monday, April 22, Easter Weekday

7:00 am Special Intention

-requested by Joseph and Kathleen Moniz

Tuesday, April 23, Easter Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Wednesday, April 24, Easter Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Thursday, April 25, Saint Mark, evangelist

7:00 am Wladyslaw Boni, 29th anniversary

-requested by his family

Friday, April 26, Easter Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Next Weekend Masses

Saturday, April 27, Vigil: Fifth Sunday of Easter
 5:00 pm Mass

Sunday, April 28, Fifth Sunday of Easter

9:00 am For the people

11:00 am Nicholas Fazzano

-requested by Mary Cappelli

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.

THIS WEEK AT ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH

Sun.	4/21	Religious Ed., Grades 6-8	10:00 am
		Religious Ed., Grades 9-10	6:30 pm
		Grace Perfecting Nature: Reflections on the Sacrament and the Natural Law	6:30 pm
Mon.	4/22	Religious Ed., Grades 1-5	3:30 pm

The Pastor's Corner

Tonight we will be having a Year of Faith presentation by Mr. Nicholas DiIorio. It will be a delight to see and hear him presenting on "***Grace Perfecting Nature.***" I've known Nicholas throughout his entire collegiate and graduate school years. He has matured into a truly well-educated and gifted Catholic gentleman. You'll be impressed! It's not too late to sign in the vestibule up for the presentation at 6:30 PM.

Today is Vocation Sunday. We continue to celebrate the Resurrection of Christ. He knows and calls each of us by name to serve His Body, the Church. Today we pray most earnestly for an increase in vocations to the priesthood. As I mentioned last weekend, the Diocese of Providence needs more good, holy, and enthusiastic priests. Staffing of parishes is becoming more and more challenging. Aging pastors now are being asked to serve *two* parishes: physically, spiritually, administratively, and emotionally. It requires reducing Mass schedules, combining and eliminating staff as a result of this "*parish twinning.*" A few years ago I spoke prophetically at a priest meeting and said: "Who closes parishes? People do. This includes priests/laity without a prophetic vision; the decrease in financial support of parishes, and a visible decline in the practice of the faith. So, who closes parishes?...people do." Well.... of course, the room was silent! Pray for me and all priests, for our seminarians, and for all our priestly vocation efforts.

Quotes are being collected for some preventive work around the Church building. Water is a silent enemy on any building. Sealing the exterior ramp, replacing masonry pointing at foundation joints, and replacing our severely cracked landing leading to the front steps of the rectory are being reviewed. Our monthly Maintenance Collection provides some the funding for these unglamorous but very important repairs. We've come a long way in almost three years; there is still much to do especially in our faith development. If our faith is truly strong and vibrant, all temporal things will follow. In short, it is all based on prayer and word (*Ora et labora!*- St. Benedict).

He is Risen, Alleluia!
 Monsignor Darcy

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2013 CATHOLIC CHARITY FUND APPEAL (CCFA)

We are in the last push for a stalled Charity Appeal! Our parish goal is \$82K. I want to thank all those who made a gift. I strongly encourage those who have not to take home a YELLOW Charity Drive envelope available in the vestibule of the Church, and return it ASAP. We've received just 99 gifts to the Appeal as of this week.

50 YEARS OF PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS

Today is the 50th anniversary of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, which was instituted by Pope Paul VI during the Second Vatican Council. The entire Church, including lay people, are charged with the work of fostering priestly and religious vocations. Please pray that young people, especially those from our parish, will be open to God's call in their lives!

WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

April 14, 2013

# of Budget Envelopes Used This Week	73
Contributions-Budgets and Checks	\$3,773
Loose Contributions	\$ 491
Total Offertory	\$4,264

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 COMMITTEE

The Outreach Committee begins a new ongoing **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 also have a free will collection for the poor this weekend and next. Thank you for your continued generosity.

WINE TASTING DONORS WELCOME

Corporate or private donors for the *Wine Tasting* are always welcome to help defray the costs of this parish event on May 11th. Please call or email Msgr. Darcy (msgrdarcy@gmail.com) if you are able to help. See you on May 11th!

PARISH BOOK CLUB

The Parish Book Club will hold its final meeting on Wednesday May 15th in the Fr. Randall Room preceded by a light buffet at 6:30 pm. Discussion of Edward St. Aubyn's At Last at 7:30 pm. Do come!

EASTSIDE MARKETPLACE RECEIPTS

Keeping bringing in your Eastside Market Place receipts! The Outreach Committee will be totaling them in June. We receive a 1% donation from the grand total that the Committee uses for charitable causes.

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, Pawtucket Red Sox, Fitness Together, and Calson Corporation... and more to come!

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

Name: _____

Address: _____

Number of Tickets @ \$50 each: _____

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Please make checks payable to St. Sebastian Church

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Wine Tasting Evening
67 Cole Avenue
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FEEL OUR PARISH ENERGY...AND JOIN US!!