

Church of St. Sebastian
April 23, 2017 - Divine Mercy Sunday

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, APRIL 22, VIGIL: DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

5:00 pm Sacrament of Confirmation Mass
-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

Monday, APRIL 24

7:00 am INTENTIONS OF PARISHIONERS

Tuesday, APRIL 25, Saint Mark, Evangelist

7:00 am FOR AN INCREASE IN VOCATIONS

7.25 am Novena Prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Wednesday, APRIL 26

7:00 am FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Thursday, APRIL 27

7:00 am FOR THE SOULS IN PURGATORY

Friday, APRIL 28

7:00 am Mass

SATURDAY, APRIL 29, VIGIL: THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

3:00 pm Tridenti/Larobina Wedding

5:00 pm Mass

SUNDAY, APRIL 30, THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

9:00 am Mass

11:00 am Mass

Christ has no body now on Earth but yours; no hands but yours; no feet but yours. Yours is the body through which He is to go about doing good; yours are the hands with which He is to bless people now. The Catholic Charity Appeal is a very practical means of "doing good."

Parish Goal:	\$ 79,822
Actual to Date:	\$ 60,810
Amount Needed for Goal:	\$ 19,012
Number of Families in Parish:	337
Number of Cash Gifts:	92
Number of Pledge Gifts:	14

My Dear Parishioners,

I am pleased to welcome Bishop Robert B. Higgins to our parish to administer the sacrament of Confirmation. We are friends from our Air Force Chaplain days. Here is some information on the Bishop.

Bishop Higgins is Vicar for Veterans Affairs at the Archdiocese for the Military Services USA (AMS) where he is responsible for over 270 Catholic chaplains in 153 VA Medical Centers throughout the United States, Puerto Rico and Guam. Bishop Higgins also serves as the Bishop Protector for the 10,000 members of the Catholic War Veterans of America and shares responsibility for the Eastern Vicariate of the AMS.

Bishop Higgins was born 22 February 1944 in Longford, Ireland. He is a graduate of the Pontifical Lateran University in Rome and was ordained a priest for the diocese of Sacramento, California 9 March 1968. Following parish assignments in Roseville and Grass Valley Bishop Higgins entered the United States Air Force in September 1974 and served as a Catholic chaplain until his retirement in the grade of colonel in October 2004.

Bishop Higgins' Air Force assignments included Lowry AFB, NAS Keflavik, Laughlin AFB, Bitburg AB, Malmstrom AFB, Air Command & Staff College, Maxwell AFB, RAF Lakenheath, Pope AFB, United States Air Force Academy, Nellis AFB, Headquarters United States Air Forces Europe, and Headquarters Pacific Air Forces. The bishop is a graduate of Air Command and Staff College and Air War College. His many military decorations include The Legion of Merit with one oak leaf cluster and the Meritorious Service Medal with seven oak leaf clusters.

Bishop Higgins was named a Prelate of Honor (Monsignor) in 1996. In April of 2004 he was named titular bishop of Casa Calanae and auxiliary bishop for the Archdiocese for the Military Services by His Holiness Pope John Paul II. He was ordained a bishop 3 July 2004 in the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington DC and assumed his present duties 1 October 2004.

Bishop Higgins is a Knight Commander of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem, holds an Airline Transport Pilot Certificate and several Flight Instructor Certificates. He is also a seasoned motorcyclist and rides a BMW R1100RT.

Mons. Montecalvo

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The Sanctuary Candle is lit in a birthday remembrance of Albert Badeau by his daughter Belle.

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Please join us at St. Pius V Church to celebrate this extraordinary feast in a special way. Adoration will be held 2:00 pm to 4:15 pm during which a number of priests will be available to hear confession. The Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed. At 3:45 pm, a special presentation will be given by Sister Confida Gilera, O.L.M. of St. Faustina's religious order, The Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy. Presently the sisters spread the message of mercy in prisons and other care facilities, at parishes, and at retreats and conferences. Benediction will be at 4:15 pm, followed by Holy Mass, offered by Fr. Patrick Briscoe. OP, at 4:30 pm.

2017 SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

The 2017 Confirmation Class received the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend, on Saturday, April 22nd at the 5:00 pm Mass from the Most Reverend Richard Higgins, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of the Military Services. We welcome Bishop Higgins on this pastoral visit to St. Sebastian's. Congratulations to our young adults as they complete their full initiation into the Catholic Church.

Our Confirmation Candidates are:

Michael Barone	Harrison Bell
Caroline Capozzi	Owen Cummings
Kieran DiLello	Benjamin Gohh
Caroline Gracia	Brook Nani
Jillian Paquette	Olivia Rocchio-Giordano
Brooks Telfeian	Clark Telfeian
Ollin Venegas	

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..

Parish Meetings and Activities

4/23	Religious Ed	10 am	Classrooms
	Community Outreach	10 am	Church Hall
4/24	Religious Ed	4 pm	Classrooms
3/28	Book Club	7 pm	Fr. Randall Rm

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

All parishioners are invited to this Mass and to the reception following to celebrate and show our support of the young people of our parish.

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 the Easter Season 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 projects.

WEEKLY PARISH FINANCES

	<u>April 9, 2017</u>	<u>April 16, 2017</u>
Collection:	\$ 6,430.00	\$ 6,698.00
Online Giving:	\$ 3,210.00	\$ 845.00
Total Collection	\$ 9,640.00	\$ 7,543.00
Expenses	\$5,882.00	\$ 7,869.00
Diocesan Collections: Rice Bowl	\$ 1,881.00	
: Holy Land	\$ 920.00	
: Easter (Catholic Charity)	\$ 3,434.00	

A sincere thank you for your support!

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