

**Church of St. Sebastian**  
**April 24, 2011—Easter Sunday of the Lord's Resurrection**

**Scheduled Masses For This Week**

**Saturday, April 23, Solemn Easter Vigil**

8:00 pm For the People

**Sunday, April 24, Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**

9:00 am For the People

11:00 am For the People

**Monday, April 25, Monday in the Octave of Easter**

7:00 am Mass

**Tuesday, April 26, Tuesday in the Octave of Easter**

7:00 am Wladyslaw Boni, 27th anniversary

-requested by the Boni family

**Wednesday, April 27, Wednesday in the Octave of Easter**

7:00 am Vincent Annarummo

-requested by Sylvia Loferski and family

**Thursday, April 28, Thursday in the Octave of Easter**

7:00 am Mass

**Friday, April 29, Friday in the Octave of Easter**

7:00 am Mass

**Next Weekend Masses**

**Saturday, April 30, Vigil: Second Sunday of Easter**

8:00 pm Vincent Annarummo

-requested by Msgr. Darcy and parish staff

**Sunday, May 1, Second Sunday of Easter**

9:00 am For all First Communicants and their families

11:00 am Barbara Rogers, 3rd anniversary

-requested by her family

**PLEASE KEEP OUR FELLOW PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS:**

Paula, Kevin, Kelly, Anna Washington, BAW, Mary Doherty, CG, J.P. Gallagher, Hugh Taylor, Jackie, Maureen Baker, Rose Conboy, Steve, Michael Simonette, Willy, and Connie.

*Prayers for the sick will be continued for an entire month. Please call the rectory if additional prayers are requested.*

**First Communion and Confirmation Dates**

~Sunday, May 1st, 9 am Mass— First Communion

~Saturday, May 7th, 5 pm Mass—Confirmation

**Most Reverend Robert C. Evans**

*All parishioners are invited to these Masses and to the receptions in the church hall following the Masses, to celebrate and show our support.*

***THE PASTOR'S CORNER***

Dear Parishioners and Visitors:

*"The Lord is risen...The Lord is truly risen, Alleluia!"* This greeting and response from the days of the Apostles fill the hearts of all Christians on this most festive of days. Here at St. Sebastian's, we welcome you in the name of the Risen One.

The two great symbols of the Easter Season, the Christ candle and Baptismal Water, remind us that darkness, sin, and death are broken, and that our new life is achieved through the saving waters of Baptism. Today we renew those promises that incorporated us into Christ.

Our celebration continues outside today with the annual Easter egg hunt, another early Christian sign for this most special day. The egg is seen by followers of [Christianity](#) as a symbol of [resurrection](#): while being dormant it contains a new life sealed within it.

Why does the Easter date move every year? In the year 325AD, the Roman Emperor Constantine got the early Christian leaders together at Nicaea to address matters of doctrine and dates of important Christian events such as Easter. They chose the first Sunday after the full moon following the vernal equinox; (as opposed to Christmas day which they fixed as 25th December).

This most holy of seasons continues for 50 days! It concludes with the second most solemn day of the Church year, the Solemnity of Pentecost. We hear readings of the Apostles renewed in spirit. We witness a growth in new members in the parish, children and young adults receiving the Sacraments. We are blessed to see new faces and activities at St. Sebastian's.

We are getting closer to the ***Wine Tasting Evening*** on May 14<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 PM. Join us for this new and exciting parish activity. You can share the information with family and friends by directing them to the parish web site: [www.stsebastianri.org](http://www.stsebastianri.org) Tickets (or donations!) are \$50 per person. It promises to be a GREAT evening!

On behalf of the entire staff of our parish, I wish you and your families a very blessed and happy Easter. If you're new to the area; come back soon!

***He is Risen, Alleluia!***

Msgr. Darcy

*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.*

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**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

Divine Mercy Sunday will be celebrated in the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul on Sunday May 1st. Confessions will begin at 2:30 pm, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will begin at 3:00 pm. Mass will be celebrated at 6:00 pm. The Beatification of His Holiness Pope John Paul II will be celebrated as well. A plenary indulgence may be received on this day. For further information please call the Cathedral Office, 331-2434

**EASTER FLOWERS**

Donations for our Easter flowers may be made in memory of deceased loved ones and then placed with the regular offertory collection. Envelopes are available on the table with the parish bulletins. Thank you.

**PARISH BOOK CLUB**

The Parish Book Club will meet THIS Wednesday, April 27th at 7:30 pm in the Fr. Randall Meeting Room to discuss Sigrid Undset, THE WREATH (the first novel in the trilogy KRISTIN LAVRAN'S DATTER).

**OUR LADY'S CANDLE**

Our Lady's Candle burns this week as a birthday remembrance of Albert Badeau, requested by his daughter Belle Calenda.

**MORNINGS OF RECOLLECTION FOR WOMEN**

The Monthly Morning Recollection for Women will be this Thursday, April 28th from 10:00 am to 12:15 pm, including Holy Mass at 11:45 am. A Recollection is an opportunity to spend some time with Our Lord in quiet prayer. The format includes 2 meditations given by a priest of Opus Dei and a talk given by a layperson. The priest is available to hear confessions between meditations and after Holy Mass. The spiritual and doctrinal formation of the mornings are entrusted to Opus Dei, a personal prelature of the Catholic Church.

Your support of the Catholic Charity Fund Appeal will enable the Interfaith Community Dire Emergency Fund to continue to serve 12,500 clients annually. Thank you!

**ST. MARY ACADEMY-BAY VIEW**, a school sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy for girls and young women in grades Pre-K through High School, is still accepting applications for the 2011-2012 school year. We will be administering a middle school and high school placement exam on April 26th at 8:00 am. In order to register for this exam, please send in an application. Please contact Betty Sepe at 434-0113 ext. 150 for more information.

**ST. SEBASTIAN'S FIRST ANNUAL WINE TASTING EVENING**

*Reservations for our First Annual Wine Tasting Evening are now being accepted. The Wine Tasting Evening, by Gasbarro Wines of Atwells Avenue, will be held on Saturday, May 14th 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.*

**SPONSORS TO DATE—AND MORE ARE WELCOME!**

*Eastside Marketplace, Dugan Jewelers, Red Stripe Restaurant, Chocolate Delicacy, Providence College Basketball, and the PawSox.*

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*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:** \_\_\_\_\_ *Please make checks payable to St. Sebastian Church*

**Amount Enclosed: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

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