

Church of St. Sebastian
April 28, 2013 — Fifth Sunday of Easter

Scheduled Masses For This Week

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

Monday, April 29, Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

7:00 am Mass

Tuesday, April 30, Easter Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Wednesday, May 1, Easter Weekday

7:00 am Barbara Rogers, 5th anniversary

-requested by her family

Thursday, May 2, Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

7:00 am Mass

First Friday, May 3, Saints Philip and James, Apostles

7:00 am Mass

5:30 pm Mass

Next Weekend Masses

Saturday, May 4, Vigil: Sixth Sunday of Easter

5:00 pm For all Confirmation Candidates and their families

Sunday, May 5, Sixth Sunday of Easter

9:00 am Mavis Claire Young

-requested by Clark and Kay Phillip

11:00 am For the people

Our Lady's Candle burns this week in birthday remembrance of Albert Badeau as requested by Belle Calenda.

THIS WEEK AT ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH

Sun.	4/28	Religious Ed., Grades 6-8	10:00 am
		Religious Ed., Grades 9-10	6:30 pm
Mon.	4/29	Religious Ed., Grades 1-5	3:30 pm
Fri.	5/3	First Friday Services	7:00 am
			5:30 pm

The Pastor's Corner

It's May this week! The month is dedicated to Mary, Mother of the Lord. It's the traditional time for First Communion, Confirmation, as well as the crowning of Mary in many parishes. First up for us is Confirmation next Saturday at 5 PM. We extend a most cordial welcome to our retired Bishop, the Most Reverend Robert E. Mulvee, who will be the celebrant of Confirmation. Our retired pastor, Father Hayman (*back home from another successful ski season*), and my good friend, Fr. Bert Oliveira, will join us next Saturday, May 4th. More about the Confirmation next weekend.

The parish hosted about 70 people last Sunday evening for a great presentation by Nicholas DiIorio. About 70 attended the lecture and reception. His talk highlighted the components of living the virtuous life. Dr. George Weigel, the noted biographer of Pope John-Paul II, has invited Nicholas to an academic forum in Krakow, Poland this July. We wish him every blessing in his journey and continuing educational endeavors. It's obvious that God is not finished with him yet! Well done, Nicholas!

The readings this weekend provide much strength and comfort to the Community. The first reading is very counter-cultural. Paul and Barnabas strengthened the new followers of Jesus by telling them straight out: "You *will* undergo many hardships"... All of us struggle spiritually from time to time, there are raw moments in our relationships, and the depth of our true vocation is being tested, humbled, and even purified. Yet, the Beloved Disciple maintains his unwavering hope. John constantly assures us that "God is always with us"... through the pain, the sorrow, the loss, and beyond. Always, even when others may choose to leave us...God remains ever faithful. We experience times in our lives when our only solace is the Lord alone. The old order will pass...all things will be *new*; or *renewed* in the Risen One!

Finally, the parish is growing with babies! We'll acknowledge them next week, too! Until then...

Peace be with you!

Monsignor Darcy

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.

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2013 CATHOLIC CHARITY FUND APPEAL (CCFA)

The parish phase of the Charity Drive will be coming to a close within a few weeks. The most recent summary report from the Diocese indicates that only 19% of our parishioners have made any contribution to the Appeal. Out total to date is \$67,529.00... **our goal is \$82K.** Last year we reached \$84K! Consider a gift; and know you are helping someone in the name of Christ.

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!

PARISH OUTREACH COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

1-FOOD FOR THE NEEDY provides a weekly opportunity to bring non-perishable food to the Church every week. The Committee will deliver it to area food pantries. The collection boxes are near the choir loft.

2-Free Will Offering after Masses this weekend is for the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry at Holy Name Parish.

3-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. The receipts can be deposited in the designated box near the choir loft stairs.

GET READY FOR THE WINE TASTING- MAY 11TH

Reservations are coming in for the Tasting on Saturday, May 11th from 6-8 PM. A list of our parishioners and corporate sponsors is growing! Proceeds are for the ministries and needs of the parish. Join us, and bring a friend! See you on May 11th!!

COULD YOU ASSIST AS A SERVER AT MASS?

We are in need of servers at weekend Mass. I do want to thank our faithful servers who you see nearly every week. I encourage parents to speak to their children about serving at the altar. With my scheduled sabbatical in August, I would like the visiting priests to have the ordinary assistance of servers at the weekend Mass. Adults, married couples, father/son, mother/daughters are welcome to the ministry. Two (just two) training sessions will be coordinated in the next few weeks. If you are interested in assisting, please call the rectory.

WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

April 21, 2013

# of Budget Envelopes Used This Week	89
Contributions-Budgets and Checks	\$4,081
Loose Contributions	\$ 463
Total Offertory	\$4,544

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.

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 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, Lynne Atwood Painting, Calson Corporation, Marie Langlois, Jim Skeffington, Gasbarro Wine of Atwells Avenue ... 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
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