

Church of St. Sebastian
April 3, 2016 - Divine Mercy Sunday

Scheduled Masses For This Week

Saturday, April 2, Vigil: Divine Mercy Sunday

5:00 pm Zola Ventre, 4th anniversary
 -requested by daughter Cynthia and family

Sunday, April 3, Divine Mercy Sunday

9:00 am Intentions of Parishioners
 11:00 am Margaret Ogle
 -requested by John and Mary Cappelli

Monday, April 4, The Annunciation of the Lord

7:00 am For Vocation to the Priesthood

Tuesday, April 5, Easter Weekday

7:00 am For the Sick of the Parish
 7:25 am Novena Prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Wednesday, April 6, Easter Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Thursday, April 7, 2016

7:00 am Mass

Friday, April 8, Easter Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Next Weekend Masses

Saturday, April 9, Vigil: 3rd Sunday of Easter

5:00 pm Robert F. Connelly
 -requested by David and Mary Jo Reedy

Sunday, April 10, Third Sunday of Easter

9:00 am Intentions of Parishioners
 11:00 am Robert Canuel, month's mind
 -requested by friends

My Dear Parishioners,

Thank you for a beautiful Holy Week and Easter Sunday! On behalf of Fr. Almonte and myself I express our gratitude to all of you. Your attendance at one or more of the services was uplifting and inspirational. We thank all the liturgical ministers, servers, Eucharistic ministers, lectors, the choir and ushers. The environmental ministers did a beautiful job. So we thank each and all of you for your participation.

St. Sebastian's is fortunate to have a visiting priest from India who will be staying with us for two months (April and May). Fr. Francis Devasahayan is from Tamil Nadu state in India. Fr. Francis is assigned by his bishop as Dean of Christ Hall Seminary, Institute of Spirituality. Please welcome Fr. Francis to our parish. We don't have a parish cook so I may be asking for some volunteers to share a meal with Fr. Francis.

Last but not least important, our parish secretary/bookkeeper, Mary Brennan, is called to jury duty starting Monday, April 4th. At this time we don't know if she will be chosen to serve but just in case I need the name(s) of a person who would like to volunteer to answer the rectory phone and do a few other things during Mary's absence. If you are interested please call me at the rectory.

Monsignor Montecalvo

WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT		
	Palm Sunday	Easter Sunday
# of Budgets Used	85	85
# of Online "Parish Giving"	18	11
Budgets and Checks Rec'd	\$ 3,392.00	\$ 6,560.00
Loose Contributions	\$ 761.00	\$ 2,380.00
Online "Parish Giving"	\$ 800.00	\$ 401.00
Total Offertory	\$ 4,953.00	\$ 9,340.00
Rice Bowl	\$ 2,200.00	-----
Easter	-----	\$ 3,602.00
Easter Flowers	-----	\$ 1,567.00
Holy Land	-----	\$ 849.00

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
 Sunday, April 3rd
During this JUBILEE OF MERCY
all are invited to make a pilgrimage
to SAINTS PETER AND PAUL CATHEDRAL
Downtown Providence
and pass through the
HOLY DOOR for Divine Mercy Sunday

- 2:00 pm *Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament*
- 2:15 - 5:45 pm *Confessions*
- 3:00 pm *Divine Mercy Chaplet & Jubilee Year of Mercy Prayer*
- 4:00 pm *Recitation of the Rosary*
- 5:00 pm *Vespers*
- 5:45 pm *Benediction*
- 6:00 pm **SOLEMN MASS with Gregorian Concert Choir**

Handicap accessible - Parking supervised by Security.

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BABYSITTING DURING THE 9:00 AM MASS is growing...like the children! It would be very helpful to have a few more adults with this great service for the worshipping community. Please contact Karin Schrott at karinschrott@gmail.com or 401-465-7444 for more information. *BCI checks are mandatory for all adults working with minors.*

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.

Frances Geary, Mary Shea, Maureen Kenner, Sandy C., Sylvia Loferski, Carl Robert Dahm, John Haddad, Bob, and Bob K.

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 \$67K of our \$80K goal.** Your gift to the annual Catholic Charity Appeal makes a real difference in the lives of so many Rhode Islanders.

Keep the faith and the memories alive. Remember a loved one with a gift to St. Sebastian Church. For more information about **MEMORIAL DONATIONS AND LEGACY GIVING**, please contact Rev. Msgr. Carlo F. Montecalvo at 401-751-0196 or Andrea Krupp, Director of the Catholic Foundation of Rhode Island, 401-277-2121

Our **PARISH BOOK CLUB** will meet Wednesday, April 20th at 7 pm in the Fr. Randall Room to discuss It Can't Happen Here by Sinclair Lewis. New members are always welcome.

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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 Season/Spring Food Collection drive beginning the weekend of April 9 – 10 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.

Confirmation and First Communion Dates

**Confirmation: Thursday, May 5th
at 6:00 pm**

Most Reverend Robert C. Evans, D.D., J.C.L.

**First Communion: Sunday, May 15th
at the 9:00 am Mass**

All parishioners are invited to these Masses and to the receptions following to celebrate and show our support.



Today and on the first Sunday of every month please join us for **COFFEE & CRAFTS** after the

9 am Mass in the Church Hall.

April 3rd - Pictures for Elderly Housing

May 1st - Outside Activity (weather permits)

All ages welcome for crafts! If you have ideas for future crafts, please contact Grace Dugan



Our hands and hearts are instruments through which God shows his love. Help us wrap each of our lonely homebound or seriously ill relatives and friends with a shawl made by the volunteers of the PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY of our Parish. Blessed Prayer Shawls are available. A shawl and prayers offer special comfort to the sick Everyone is invited to attend the next meeting of the **PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** Tuesday April 5th (and on the first and third Tuesday of each month) at 7:00 pm in the Father Randall Room.

Parish Meetings and Activities

4/3	Rel. Ed, Grades 6-8	10 am	Classrooms
	Adult Choir	10 am	Fr. Randall Room
	Coffee and Crafts	10 am	Church Hall
	Rel. Ed, Grades 9-10	6:30 pm	Classrooms
4/4	Rel. Ed, Grades 1-5	4:00 pm	Classrooms
4/5	Prayer Shawl Min.	7 pm	Fr. Randall Room