

Church of St. Sebastian
April 6, 2014 — Fifth Sunday of Lent

Scheduled Masses For This Week

- Saturday, April 5, Vigil: Fifth Sunday of Lent**
 5:00 pm Zola and Francis Ventre
 -requested by Cynthia Ventre-Hewitt and family
- Sunday, April 6, Fifth Sunday of Lent**
 9:00 am For the People
 11:00 am Sidney Amylon
 -requested by Kay and Clark Phillip
- Monday, April 7, Lenten Weekday**
 7:00 am Mass
- Tuesday, April 8, Lenten Weekday**
 7:00 am Mass
- Wednesday, April 9, Lenten Weekday**
 7:00 am Mass
- Thursday, April 10, Lenten Weekday**
 7:00 am Mass
- Friday, April 11, Lenten Weekday**
 7:00 am Mass

Next Weekend Masses

- Saturday, April 12, Vigil: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**
 5:00 pm Sidney Amylon
 -requested by Ken and Deb Amylon
- Sunday, April 13, Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**
 9:00 am For the People
 11:00 am Dr. Daniel Calenda, 9th anniversary
 -requested by his wife Belle

MONTHLY PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Names of friends, family, and fellow parishioners for whom prayers are asked will be listed monthly. If you would like a person included in next month's Prayers for the Sick please call the rectory.

Sue Hazard, and Michelle..

WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

March 30, 2014

of Budget Envelopes Used This Week 75
Contributions-Budgets and Checks \$3,641.00
Loose Contributions \$ 400.00
Total Offertory \$4,041.00
 Please consider enrolling in Parish Giving, our electronic stewardship program for parish contributions. You can register online at www.Parishgiving.org or www.stsebastianri.org.

THE PASTOR'S CORNER

We had a wonderful parish mission preached by Fr. Paquette on the theme, "*Discipleship*." His very genuine and caring meditations touched many of our parishioners and friends who were able to join us this past week. The Monday meditation on Reconciliation is reinforced **this evening (Sunday) at 6:30 PM with a Parish Penance Service**. You may have seen the extraordinary video clip of Pope Francis break rank as he was being escorted to hear confessions. He wanted to go to confession first, and he did so to one of the priests awaiting penitents. I can't imagine the thoughts running through that priest's mind and heart as he sees Pope Francis heading towards HIM for confession. I would be looking around for the smelling salts!

Today's Gospel of the Raising of Lazarus (Jn. 11:1-45) is the last of the "signs" in John's Gospel. The dramatic raising of the dead was the last straw for the authorities; this man needs to be silenced. "So from that time on they planned to kill him." (vs. 53). I have always been struck by the words of Jesus immediately after Lazarus emerges from the tomb of death. It is spoken to the crowds who came to mourn with Mary and Martha over the death of their brother. The text reads, "And Jesus said to them (i.e. the crowd), 'Untie him, let him go.'"

If you decide to join us this evening (and I pray you do), you WILL be set free...I promise you, you will! Whether it has been days, weeks, months, or years...even decades, all I can do is sincerely reassure you is that you **WILL** go home with new life as did Lazarus. The Pope recently commented that "the Confessional is not a court of condemnation, but the experience of forgiveness and mercy!" The priests joining me are not judges, but men of deep faith and humility. We will welcome and guide you. Trust yourself; return to the Sacraments (Penance and the Eucharist).

Be sure to take home a bulletin with the Holy Week Schedule. Plan to join us for the great days of our salvation in Christ. It's a great time of year to be a happy and renewed Catholic!

~ See you tonight!

Monsignor Darcy

THIS WEEK AT ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH

Sunday	4/6	Religious Ed., Grades 6-8	10:00 am
		Religious Ed., Grades 9-10	6:30 pm
		Parish Penance Service	6:30 pm
Monday	4/7	Religious Ed., Grades 1-5	3:30 pm
		Stations of the Cross	6:30 pm
Tuesday	4/8	Prayer Shawl Ministry	7:00 pm
Thurs.	4/10	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm

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PARISH PENANCE SERVICE THIS SUNDAY AT 6:30PM

The parish penance service will be held this Sunday, April 6th at 6:30 pm. Msgr. Darcy and two other priests will be available for the Sacrament of Penance (Confession) in preparation for Easter. In the words of Jesus Himself: *“Be not afraid! I came that you may have life and have it to the full.”*

2014 CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL

Thank you to everyone who made a sacrificial gift to the Catholic Charity Appeal in March. If you were unable to make a commitment at that time, please consider doing so as the Appeal continues. **We are now at \$32K of our \$80K goal.** Your gift to the annual Catholic Charity Appeal makes a real difference in the lives of so many Rhode Islanders.

Consider this from St. Sebastian's in 2013:

NUMBER OF DONORS = 162

AVERAGE GIFT TO MEET GOAL = \$444.44

PARISH GOAL=\$82,000

AMOUNT RAISED = \$94,799.73

+++ HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE +++

Morning Mass Mon, Tues, Wed, at 7:00 am

Holy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7 pm

Good Friday - Stations of the Cross at 3 pm

Good Friday - Liturgy of the Passion at 7 pm

Holy Saturday - THE GREAT VIGIL at 8 PM

EASTER SUNDAY- Masses at 9 and 11 am

EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS

Parishioners and friends wishing to donate Easter flowers in memory of their loved ones can use the envelopes provided in today's bulletin.

Please print their names legibly for our memorial list. Their names will be included in our Masses during the entire Easter season.

The “Knit in Prayer” Prayer Shawl Ministry is celebrating the completion of our second year and we're happy to say that we've made and donated over 100 prayer shawls, including Baptism blankets. Past, present, and future members of the Knit in Prayer Ministry are invited to join us at a self-pay luncheon at the Wine and Cheese Restaurant, 1861 Smith Street, North Providence, on Wednesday, April 23rd at 12 noon. Call Pat Capece, 274-8623, or Elaine Kehoe, 273-4259, by Wednesday, April 16th to make a reservation.

LENT 2014

LENTEN SCHEDULE

Daily Mass Monday - Friday at 7:00 am

Stations of the Cross - Mondays at 6:30 pm

Confessions – Saturdays at 4:00 - 4:45 pm

Rice Bowls are available in the vestibule

EASTER 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 Food Collection drive taking place this weekend. Envelopes are in the pews for those who wish to donate cash or check, but donations of food continue to be collected at the back of the church. Many thanks to all for their support for the hungry.

DAYS OF FAST AND ABSTINENCE

Weekdays of Lent:

There is no obligation to fast. However, voluntary acts of self-denial are recommended.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday

These are days of **FAST and ABSTINENCE from meat**. There is a limit of one full meal on these days for all between the ages of 18-59 inclusive.

Days of Abstinence (All Fridays in Lent) All who have reached their 14th year are bound to abstain totally from meat.

The Parish Prayer Shawl Ministry meets this Tuesday, April 8th at 7:00 pm in the Fr. Randall Room. If you are aware of someone you feel would benefit from receiving a prayer shawl, please call the rectory.

ST. SEBASTIAN BOOK CLUB

The Parish Book Club will meet Wednesday, April 23rd at 7:30 pm in the Fr. Randall Room to discuss Mariette in Ecstasy by Ron Hanson. All are welcome.