

Church of St. Sebastian
April 9, 2017 - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, APRIL 8, VIGIL: PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

5:00 pm BARBARA WARLICK LAWRENCE,
 Memorial Mass, by Joan Soper

SUNDAY, APRIL 9, PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

9:00 am LEE MAINELLI, birthday remembrance, by
 Kate Nani

11:00 am DR. DANIEL CALENDIA, 12th anniversary,
 by his family

Monday, APRIL 10

7:00 am FOR PEACE IN THE WORLD

5:00 pm Chrism Mass at the Cathedral

NO 5:30 PM MASS

Tuesday, APRIL 11

7:00 am CARLO & ROSE MONTECALVO

7.25 am Novena Prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

5:30 pm ANTONIO & YOLANDA SPILLARE

Wednesday, APRIL 12

7:00 am PAOLA MARGHERITA CRUZ, birthday
 remembrance by Chona McGrenery

5:30 pm MARCANGELO MONTECALVO

~ THE SACRED TRIDUUM ~

Thursday, APRIL 13, HOLY THURSDAY

7:00 pm MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Friday, APRIL 14, GOOD FRIDAY

3:00 pm STATIONS OF THE CROSS

7:00 pm THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Saturday, APRIL 15, HOLY SATURDAY

7:15 pm THE SOLEMN EASTER VIGIL
 (Note: No 5 PM Saturday Mass)

Easter Sunday Masses

Sunday, APRIL 16, EASTER SUNDAY

9:00 am FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

11:00 am FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

Parish Meetings and Activities

4/9	Religious Ed	10 am	Classrooms
4/10	Religious Ed	4 pm	Classrooms
4/10	Chrism Mass	5 pm	Cathedral

My Dear Parishioners,

Today we celebrate Palm (Passion) Sunday. With the celebration of today's Mass we enter into the solemn celebration of Holy Week. The passion of the Lord dominates these solemn days.

In our diocese the Mass of Chrism is celebrated by Bishop Tobin and concelebrated by the clergy of the diocese. Bishop Tobin continued the practice of celebrating the Mass of Chrism on Monday evening of Holy Week at 5:00 PM. This Mass is a sign of unity and communion of the priests with their bishop. The blessing of the Oil of the Sick takes place before the end of the Eucharistic Prayer, but the blessing of the Oil of Catechumens and the consecration of the Chrism take place after Communion. It is permitted to bless the three oils after the Liturgy of the Word. Our diocese blesses & consecrates the oils after the homily.

On Holy Thursday only one parish Mass is permitted. Our Mass will be celebrated at 7:00 pm. There is no morning Mass. As you enter the Church please notice that the Holy Water fonts are empty until they are refilled with the blessed water from Holy Saturday Vigil. Please notice that the Tabernacle is empty and a special side Altar of Repose is set up in the morning Mass chapel. You may stay and pray before the Blessed Sacrament right after Mass or come back to pray. Our church stays open till 10:00 pm.

It is customary to fast and abstain from meat on Good Friday. If possible this fast can continue through Holy Saturday until after the Easter Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday evening. The Vigil Mass cannot be celebrated until dark. So no parish in the Diocese should start the Vigil Mass until 7:15 pm. If at all possible please try to attend the Vigil Mass. Although all Masses are important the Easter Vigil Mass is the Mass of the Year.

Please read the schedule and try to participate in our parish's Holy Week Celebrations.....

Mons. Montecalvo

I would like to express my gratitude to those of you who have made a gift to the 2017 Catholic Charity Appeal. If you have not already contributed, please make your pledge today.

Parish Goal: \$79,822.00 Actual to Date: \$43,310.00
 Amount Needed for Goal: \$36,512.00
 # of Families: 80 ; Cash Gifts: 70; Pledge Gifts: 10

Church of St. Sebastian

April 9, 2017 - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS

Parishioners and friends wishing to donate Easter flowers in memory of your loved ones can use the envelopes provided in the vestibule or in your monthly budgets.

We ask that you please print their names legibly for inclusion in our memorial list. Their names will also be included in our Masses during the entire Easter season.



Monday: 7 am Mass at St Sebastian's & 5 pm Chrism Mass at the Cathedral

Tuesday: Mass at 7 am & 5:30 pm

Wednesday: Mass at 7 am & 5:30 pm

Holy Thursday - 7 pm Mass of the Lord's Last Supper followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10 pm

Good Friday - 3 pm Stations of the Cross

Good Friday - 7 pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday - 7:15 pm Solemn Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday - 9 am Mass & 11 am Choir Mass

Please Note: There will be No evening Mass or Stations of the Cross on Monday.

There will be NO 5 PM SATURDAY MASS OR CONFESSIONS ON HOLY SATURDAY.

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 Lent 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 Lenten Projects.

EASTER DUTY OBLIGATION: after they have reached their First Holy Communion, Catholics are bound by the obligation of receiving Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept should be fulfilled during the Easter Season. Catholics are also bound to confess serious (mortal) sins at least once a year, but this is not limited to the Lenten/Easter Season.

LENTEN FASTING AND ABSTINENCE REGULATIONS: On Good Friday, Catholics of age 14 and older abstain from meat, and those age 18 to 59 fast, limiting themselves to one full meal and two smaller meals.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION: On Good Friday, our parish will take up the annual Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land. Your financial contribution helps to support the struggling Christian community and to protect Christianity's holiest places. Please be generous.

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 to be used for the poor. Thank you Martha, Rosemary, and Karen.

Confirmation and First Communion Dates

**Confirmation: Saturday, April 22nd
at the 5:00 pm Mass**

**Most Reverend Richard Higgins, Auxiliary Bishop of
the Archdiocese of the Military Services**

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

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

WEEKLY PARISH FINANCES

APRIL 2, 2017

Contributions at Mass	\$ 4,083.00
Monthly Maintenance	\$ 1,105.00
Online Contributions	\$ 675.00
Total Offertory	\$ 5,863.00
Expenses This Week	\$ 7,177.00

A sincere thank you for your support!