

Church of St. Sebastian
August 10, 2014 — Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scheduled Masses For This Week

Saturday, August 9, Vigil: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm Ray Testa, 23rd anniversary
-requested by his family

Sunday, August 10, 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Mass
11:00 am For the Parishioners

Monday, August 11, Saint Clare, Virgin

7:00 am Mass

Tuesday, August 12, Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Wednesday, August 13, Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Thursday, August 14, Saint Maximillian Kilbe, Priest and Martyr

7:00 am Mass

Friday, August 15, The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

~~~A Holy Day of Obligation~~~

7:00 am Mass

5:30 pm Mass

Next Weekend Masses

Saturday, August 16, Vigil: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm Elizabeth Scribner, month's mind
-requested by her family

Sunday, August 17, 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Richard and Mary Frances Mahoney
-requested by their daughter Mary Ann Bryan

11:00 am Robert A. Belanger, month's mind
-requested by the staff of St. Sebastian Parish

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. *Heather, Peter Pizzarello, Maureen, Caroline, Deborah Bessette, Sue Hazard, Benita, Betty Mullaney, Maureen, Sue, Theresa, and Michelle.*

THE PASTOR'S CORNER

What a difference a year makes! I departed for the Holy Land on August 15th last year. I would not be going this year with the continuing unrest in the Middle East. Reviewing my photos and the blog brings it all back again. Sometimes it is the subtle things you remember.

Subtlety is art of distinction whether in relationships, the fine arts, or Scripture. Looking at a Rembrandt, with his exquisite use of light refraction, is artistic subtlety. You need to take time to be absorbed into the proposed subtlety in order to "see" with the eyes (and heart) of the Master.

The Hebrew Scripture (1 Kings) today is all about subtlety. The God is Israel was not in the mighty wind, nor the earthquake, nor the fire. He was in a whisper; a gentle whisper that Elijah heard on Mt. Horeb (a.k.a. Mt. Sinai).

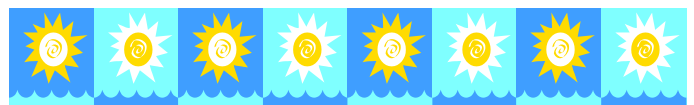
St. Paul felt deep tremendous anguish when his own Jewish people, who had "the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises" could not recognize Jesus as Messiah. The subtlety of salvation history freely offered in Christ was not claimed.

If there is one thing that the Lord has shown me as a pastor, it is the subtlety of His presence and action in the lives of His people. I'm amazed how the Lord moves them toward grace (His love); how He shows them the need for a change of heart; and how He leads them to believe in His unconditional love without exception. Whether listening to parishioners, younger priests, or anonymous penitents, *their* attraction and response to Jesus is humbling. The change is in some cases life-changing, as it is for Peter in today's Gospel. We need to learn to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus. When our faith vision gets out of focus, the unrest begins and our inner tranquility unravels. It's all about subtlety especially in the spiritual life. Remember that we pray in the Creed, "*things visible and invisible.*" See, and believe!

Stay focused, acknowledge the subtlety, and live always in the Lord.

Summer is waning: enjoy it!!

~Monsignor Darcy



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ASSUMPTION DAY MASS SCHEDULE

This Friday is the Solemnity of the Assumption, a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be celebrated at 7 am and 5:30 pm.

HOSPITAL VISITATION

Parishioners are encouraged to call the parish office if they or a family member would like a pastoral visit either at the hospital or nursing home by Msgr. Darcy. Hospitals no longer inform houses of worship of the admission of patients due to the laws protecting the right to privacy.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Parish Prayer Shawl Ministry meets Tuesday August 19th at 7 pm in the Fr. Randall Room. If you are aware of someone who would benefit from receiving a prayer shawl, please call the rectory.

PARISH BOOK CLUB SUMMER READING

The Parish Book Club has adjourned for the summer months. Our summer reading is *Goldfinch* by Donna Tartt. Enjoy your reading!

SUMMER BABYSITTING AT THE 9 AM MASS

Volunteers continue the *Baby Sitting Service* during the 9 AM Mass throughout the summer. It's a great service for parents and the parish. Please be welcome to attend Mass while having your child in a secure environment with approved caregivers. They gather on the stage area in the Church Hall. If anyone would like to give a helping hand, please call Karin Schrott at (401) 465-7444.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE PROJECTS

The Outreach Committee asks that we be mindful of the hungry throughout the coming summer season. Non-perishable foods are needed year round; so remember to bring a few items to Church each week and place them in the boxes near the choir loft stairs. Also, please remember to continue to bring in your Eastside Marketplace grocery receipts and leave them in the marked box in the vestibule throughout the summer. The parish receives 1% of the total, which is then donated to worthy causes. Thank you.

SAVE THE DATE ...SAVE THE DATE

OUR 100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Initial plans are underway to prepare for the **100th ANNIVERSARY** of our parish on Saturday, **October 17, 2015**. The Saturday evening Mass will be followed by dinner and dancing at the Wannamoisett Country Club in Rumford. **One table is already reserved!!** Several committees will be formed soon to coordinate this historic event in our parish history. There will be more news as we move forward, in the meantime dig out those old photo albums of yours and share any pictures you may have of the parish. We will digitize them and return the originals to you.



MONTHLY MAINTENANCE COLLECTION: TODAY

Our Monthly Maintenance Collection helps defray the cost of maintaining our beautiful church, rectory and parish grounds. The parish is very fortunate to have staff members who take great pride in keeping our facilities in magnificent shape. A monthly collection of \$3,000 would pay for this ongoing and necessary maintenance. **Please be generous to this important collection to continue necessary improvements on our parish property.**

WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

August 3, 2014

# of Budgets and Checks Received	72
Contributions-Budgets and Checks	\$3,068.00
Loose Contributions	\$ 570.00
Total Offertory	\$3,638.00
Peter's Pence	\$ 898.00

As summer continues, our parish charitable giving needs to be maintained. Please remember our joint stewardship responsibility to support the parish during the summer. You may consider Parish Giving, our electronic stewardship program for parish contributions. You can register online on our website www.stsebastianri.org.