

Church of St. Sebastian
August 11, 2013 — Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scheduled Masses For This Week

Saturday, August 10, Vigil: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm Nina Mondillo and John Croce
-requested by their children

Sunday, August 11, Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am For the Parishioners

11:00 am Monsignor Darcy's Sabbatical Intentions

Monday, August 12, Weekday

7:00 am Special Intention

Tuesday, August 13, Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Wednesday, August 14, Saint Maximillian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr

7:00 am Mass

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

~~~A Holy Day of Obligation~~~

7:00 am Mass

5:30 pm Mass

**Friday, August 16, Weekday**

7:00 am Mass

**Next Weekend Masses**

**Saturday, August 17, Vigil: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5:00 pm For the People

**Sunday, August 18, Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 am Mass

11:00 am Bertha Lauble, 1st anniversary  
-requested by her daughter Elaine Kehoe

**Please keep our fellow parishioners and friends in your thoughts and prayers:**

Carol Anne Theroux, Nicole Ruffine, Dick Beaupre, Beverly DiLello, Elizabeth Dugan, Deborah Bessette, Beatrice Calvo Crozier, James Shanni, John Edwards, James Mullaney, Vilma O'Connor, Mariella, Amy, Ursula Shea, and David Carlos White.

*Please contact the rectory if you would like to add a person to our prayers.*

Our Lady's Candle is lit this week in memory of Nina Calenda Marcone, 6th anniversary, as requested by Belle Calenda.

***THE PASTOR'S CORNER***

The Solemnity of the Assumption this Thursday is a holy day for the Catholic Church. The dogma on the Assumption of Mary proclaimed by Pope Pius XII in 1950 reads: "*we pronounce, declare, and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma: that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory.*" The Church prays that where Mary has gone, we hope to follow. I purposely leave on Assumption Day and dedicate this journey to Mary's loving and protective care. My hope is to celebrate the first sabbatical Mass at Benedictine *Einsiedeln Abbey* (see photo) before the 'Black Madonna of Switzerland'. St. Meinrad founded the abbey in 835 A.D. It's a center for Marian devotion.



This last verse of today's Responsorial Psalm sets the theme for my sabbatical departure on the holy day. "*May your kindness, O LORD, be upon us who have put our hope in you.*" Although there is always the "threat" of danger anywhere in the Middle East, I promise to be prudent and alert. I leave you in very good pastoral hands. Enjoy the pastoral ministry of Frs. Paquette, Willenberg, Hayman, Rodrigues, Ricard and Mahar!! ...and tell them you appreciate their presence!

St. Paul lovingly admonished his most endeared followers to be faithful "especially now that I am absent..." (Phil 2: 12)." I can only offer the same pastoral guidance to all of you. We are united daily in prayer especially at the Holy Eucharist. Pray for peace in Jerusalem and throughout the Middle East. I look forward to seeing you on Thanksgiving Day. Until then, pray and strive for holiness.

Rejoice in hope, always!

Monsignor Darcy

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## ASSUMPTION DAY MASS SCHEDULE

This Thursday is the Solemnity of the Assumption. Masses will be celebrated at 7 am and 5:30 pm.

## WEDDING BELLS: CONGRATULATIONS!!

The parish congratulates **Brynn Wingate and Allan Bellows** who married on Friday, August 9<sup>th</sup> before Monsignor Darcy.

**Carrie Gregory and Hammurabi Mendes** celebrated their marriage here before Fr. Henry Bodah, Chaplain of Brown University, on Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup>.

May you have a truly holy and happy marriage in Christ, who walks along beside you.

## SABBATICAL UPDATES

You can follow Msgr. Darcy's sabbatical on the blog. Register at [www.msgrdarcy.org](http://www.msgrdarcy.org) to receive regular postings from Jerusalem and throughout Israel. A **Twitter** account has been set up. The address is @msgrdarcy.

## FARA ROAD RACE

**FRIEDREICH'S ATAXIA** is a debilitating neuro-muscular disease caused by lack of production of cell energy, which is needed for proper function and survival. FA affects one in approximately 50,000 people. Matt DiIorio, the older brother of Nicholas DiIorio, who spoke at the parish in April, carries the disease. The **Friedreich's Ataxia Research Alliance (FARA)** is sponsoring a 5K Race, Walk, or Roll at Bryant University on Saturday, September 21 at 10:30 am. Registration will be at 9:00- 9:45 am. For more information on the only fundraiser for FARA in RI, kindly log on to the web site: <http://fara.kintera.org/faf/home/default.asp?ievent=1073177>

## ANOTHER BAPTISM: WELCOME, MICHAEL JASON!

The parish congratulates the baptism of **Michael Jason Lea**, son of Jason and Catherine Lea, and brother to Mary, which was celebrated last Sunday. Welcome to the Church, Michael, and have a beautiful life in your wonderful family.

## IF IT'S AUGUST THEN IT MUST BE TIME TO REGISTER FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION!

You can register students for Religious Education online. Go to the pull-down tag at the parish web site: [www.stsebastianri.org](http://www.stsebastianri.org) Ms. Marie's new office will be located in the Church Hall.

## SUMMER BABYSITTING AT THE 9:00 AM MASS

Volunteers will 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.

**PARISH BOOK CLUB** has adjourned for the summer months. Our summer reading is *Bring Up the Bodies* by Hilary Mantel. Enjoy your reading!

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** will next meet on Tuesday August 20th. New members are always welcome at 7:00 pm in the Fr. Randall Room.

## PARISH SUMMER SUPPORT REMINDER

With our busy summer schedules underway, a reminder that the expenses of the parish also continue during these summer months. We have made such wonderful progress with our finances. Please continue your weekly support, or take a moment to enroll in our convenient electronic giving program ([www.ParishGiving.org](http://www.ParishGiving.org)) to assist your weekly charitable parish support. Be safe; and continue to enjoy the summer.

## WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

August 4, 2013

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| # of Budget Envelopes Used This Week | 64         |
| Contributions-Budgets and Checks     | \$3,524.00 |
| Loose Contributions                  | \$ 489.00  |
| Total Offertory                      | \$4,013.00 |
| Peter's Pence                        | \$ 796.00  |

Please consider enrolling in *Parish Giving*, our electronic stewardship program for parish contributions. You can register online at [www.Parishgiving.org](http://www.Parishgiving.org) or on our parish website at [www.stsebastianri.org](http://www.stsebastianri.org).