

Church of St. Sebastian
August 14, 2011—Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scheduled Masses For This Week

Saturday, August 13, 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm For the People

Sunday, August 14, 20th Sunday in Ord. Time

9:00 am Mass

11:00 am

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

7:00 am Mass

5:30 pm Mass

Tuesday, August 16, Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Wednesday, August 17, Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Thursday, August 18, Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Friday, August 19, Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Next Weekend Masses

Saturday, August 20, 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm For the People

Sunday, August 21, 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am William Cappetelli, 1st anniversary
-requested by his family

11:00 am Carlos Emiro Ruiz Silva, month's mind
-requested by his sister Maria Ruiz

Tenth Anniversary Mass for 9-11

All are invited to the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul on Sunday, September 11, 2011 at 1:00 pm as we remember those we lost on 9-11-2001, ten years ago, and honor those who still serve and protect us in Police, Fire and Military positions. They and their families are invited as special guests for this Anniversary Mass. Come and pray for those who perished and for their families, and pray for the protection of those who still risk their lives for the safety and security of us all. May God Bless America and those who serve. For more information contact Fr. Robert Marciano, FrMarciano@aol.com

Police, Fire, and Military are kindly requested to attend in uniform.

THE PASTOR'S CORNER

Stay focused. Steady as she goes. Be steadfast in faith (1 Peter 5:9). These words of advice from athletics, sailing, and the New Testament all are meant to keep people on track. At first glance, the response of Jesus to the pagan woman in the Gospel is a bit unusual. ... *"It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs!?"* Wow, strong words to say the least! We need to look deeper into the confrontation, however, to observe her single-mindedness in approaching Jesus. Even as someone outside the Covenant, her persistence, her desire to steady the course, wins her a hearing.

Our vocations are exactly like that. We need to stay on message with our spouse, with God, and with others. We heard last week that it was in a **small whisper** that Elijah found the Lord. Marital and priestly fidelity is built on a foundation of joy. Whatever our vocation in the Church, we need to be faithful day by day to our unique Christian calling. Even the Jews during the Babylonian Exile had to learn that God rewards fidelity even in a foreign land.

And so, dear friends in Christ, stay the course! Continue to be ever faithful to God, family/friends, and self. Finally, the gift that you have received, offer it freely and often to others.

Fr. Timothy Reilly, my successor as Chancellor, will be here next weekend to celebrate Mass for the parish. I use the words of St. Paul to greet him: *"I am sending you Timothy, who is my beloved and faithful son in the Lord; he will remind you of my ways in Christ..." (1 Cor. 4:17).*

A blessed week to all.

Msgr. Darcy

In today's second reading, Saint Paul tells the Romans, "god's gifts and his call are irrevocable." To what is God calling me today? What gifts are mine to share?

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Feast of the Assumption
Holy Day of Obligation or Opportunity?

This Monday, August 15th, is the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Whenever January 1, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God; or August 15, the Solemnity of the Assumption; or November 1, the Solemnity of All Saints falls on a Saturday or on a Monday, the precept to attend Mass is abrogated. Thus, Holy Days of Opportunity!

In honor of Our Lady, Masses will be held at both 7:00 am and 5:30 pm on Monday.

CONGRATULATIONS, ALISON AND ADAM

The parish extends its prayers and best wishes to Adam Avila and Alison Mills, who celebrated their marriage this weekend at St. Sebastian's. May you have a very happy married life together.

2011 CATHOLIC CHARITY DRIVE RESULTS

With the final results in for the 2011 Catholic Charity Drive, **St. Sebastian's was #2 in the diocese for *per capita* contributions**, second only to the much larger parish of St. Luke's, Barrington. Heartfelt thanks for all those who so generously assisted in raising \$74,577.

WELCOME TO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

The parish welcomes **Matthew Sebastian Furia, Rose Elizabeth Carter, Emma Catherine Carter, and William Seabury Bartlett** as the newest members of our parish family. Congratulations and welcome as a child of God's family.

PARISH BOOK CLUB

Summer reading: The Brothers Karamozov, by Fyodor Dostoyevski.

Our Lady's Candle burns this week in honor of Msgr. Darcy's 60th birthday.

WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT
August 6/7, 2011

# of Budget Envelopes Used This Week	57
Contributions-Budgets and Checks	\$ 3,323
Loose Contributions	\$ 466
Total Offertory	\$ 3,789
Peter's Pence Collection	\$ 747

Our parish charitable giving needs to be maintained during the summer months. **Last summer our checking account at one point was at \$7.00.** 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. Even I could set it up! You can register online at www.Parishgiving.com or on our Saint Sebastian webpage at www.stsebastianri.org.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Registrations for Religious Education Classes are taking place throughout the summer. The registration forms may be found on our website: www.stsebastianri.org Please download the form you need and send it along with the registration fee to: 67 Cole Avenue, Providence, RI 02906. Attn: Ms. Marie. New registrations must be accompanied by a copy of the student's Baptismal Certificate only if the student was not baptized here at St. Sebastian's. You will use the re-registration form only for students who are returning to Religious Education classes. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at msmarie06.stseb@gmail.com and I will get back to you. Thank you.

25TH, 40TH, 50TH AND OVER

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION:

The Office of Marriage Preparation and Enrichment of the Diocese of Providence is sponsoring the Fifth Annual Wedding Anniversary Celebration on **Sunday, October 2nd at 1:00 pm at the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul, Providence.** Married couples who are celebrating their 25th, 40th, 50th and Over wedding anniversaries in 2011 will be honored at this celebration. Couples who would like to attend can register for this event through their Parish Office **before September 2nd.**

The Wedding Anniversary Celebration will include Mass, renewal of marriage vows and a personalized certificate for each couple. Following the Mass, the Office of Marriage Preparation and Enrichment will host a reception for the couples and their families. Bishop Thomas J. Tobin will be the main celebrant and homilist.