

Church of St. Sebastian
August 14, 2016 – 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13, VIGIL: 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 pm Mass

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14, 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 am MARY DYER BOGAN by her daughter Mary Flair Bogan

11:00 am BERTHA LAUBLE, 4th anniversary and birthday remembrance by Elaine Kehoe

2:00 pm McCormick/DeMarco Wedding

MONDAY, AUGUST 15, The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 am Mass

TUESDAY, AUGUST 16

7:00 am FOR SICK OF THE PARISH

7.25 am Novena Prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17

7:00 am INCREASE OF VOCATIONS TO PRIESTHOOD

THURSDAY, AUGUST 18

7:00 am Mass

FRIDAY, AUGUST 19

7:00 am Mass

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20, VIGIL: 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

2:00 pm Mansolillo/Mekuto Wedding

5:00 pm INTENTIONS OF PARISHIONERS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21, 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 am CARLO MONTECALVO

11:00 am ANTONIO SPILLARE

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Parish Prayer Shawl Ministry meets this Tuesday August 16th 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

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. **Jacob Kenner, Natalie Swift, Leah Davis, Frances Geary, Maureen Kenner, Sandy C., John Haddad, Bob, Sylvia L., and Bob K.**

My Dear Parishioners,

This weekend I would like to share with you some thoughts Pope Francis shared with the people of Assisi as he visited the tiny chapel of Porziuncola located today within the beautiful church of Our Lady of the Angels in Assisi. Pope Francis went to Assisi two weeks ago to celebrate the 800th anniversary of the Indulgence of Porziuncola.

"Today I would like, before all else, to recall the words that, according to an ancient tradition, Saint Francis spoke in this very place, in the presence of all the townsfolk and bishops: "I want to send you all to heaven!" What finer thing could the Poor Man of Assisi ask for, if not the gift of salvation, eternal life and unending joy, that Jesus won for us by his death and resurrection?"

When Saint Francis asked Pope Honorius III to grant an indulgence to all who visited the Porziuncola, he was perhaps thinking of Jesus' words to the disciples: "In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And when I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also" (Jn 14:2-3).

Forgiveness – pardon – is surely our direct route to that place in heaven. Here at the Porziuncola everything speaks to us of pardon! What a great gift the Lord has given us in teaching us to forgive and in this way to touch the Father's mercy!

When we kneel before the priest in the confessional, we do exactly what that servant did. We say, "Lord, have patience with me". We are well aware of our many faults and the fact that we often fall back into the same sins. Yet God never tires of offering us his forgiveness each time we ask for it. His is a pardon that is full and complete, one that assures us that, even if we fall back into the same sins, he is merciful and never ceases to love us. God looks at the heart that seeks forgiveness.

Dear brothers and sisters, the pardon of which Saint Francis made himself a "channel" here at the Porziuncola, continues to "bring forth heaven" even after eight centuries. In this Holy Year of Mercy, it becomes ever clearer that the path of forgiveness can truly renew the Church and the world. To offer today's world the witness of mercy is a task from which none of us can feel exempted. The world needs forgiveness; too many people are caught up in resentment and harbour hatred, because they are incapable of forgiving. They ruin their own lives and the lives of those around them rather than finding the joy of serenity and peace. Let us ask Saint Francis to intercede for us, so that we may always be humble signs of forgiveness and channels of mercy."

May the words of Pope Francis touch our hearts....

Monsignor Montecalvo

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATIONS

Registrations are now being accepted for our 2016-2017 Religious Education classes. Registration Forms are on our website. Please print out and fill in the appropriate form, either NEW STUDENTS to the CCD program, or RETURNING STUDENTS. The forms and the registration fee (\$30) may be sent to Church of Saint Sebastian, 67 Cole Avenue, Providence, RI 02906 Attn: Ms. Marie Brito. Please return your form and payment as soon as possible. Thank you.

TEACHERS NEED FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

I am looking for one teacher for each grade 3 & 4. These grades meet on Monday afternoons from 4:00 pm to 5:15 pm. I also have a need for one (maybe two) teacher(s) for grades 8 & 9. These two grades will be combined as our Confirmation class for this coming year and will meet on Sunday mornings from 10:00 am to 11:00 am. If you, or anyone you know, are interested in teaching any of these grades please contact Ms. Marie Brito, Religious Education Coordinator, at msmarie06.stseb@gmail.com

HOSPITAL VISITATION

Parishioners are encouraged to call the parish office if they or a family member would like a pastoral visit from Msgr. Montecalvo at the hospital, nursing home, or at home for those who are homebound. Hospitals no longer inform houses of worship of the admission of patients due to the laws protecting the right to privacy.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT
AUGUST 7, 2016

# of Budget Envelopes Used This Week	76
Contributions-Budgets and Checks	\$ 3,643.00
Loose Contributions	\$ 295.00
Total Offertory	\$ 3,938.00

A sincere thank you for your support!

Please consider enrolling in Parish Giving, our electronic stewardship program for parish contributions. You can register online at www.Parishgiving.org or on our parish website at www.stsebastianri.org.

CHILDREN'S LITURGISTS NEEDED

The Children's Liturgy is held during the 9:00 am Mass. We are in need of two volunteers to teach once a month in the Fr. Randall Room. If you would like to volunteer for Children's Liturgy, please contact Neile Hartman at 401-323-1150 or neilehartman@yahoo.com Thank you.

On Monday, August 15th, we celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We commemorate the NATALE or DOMAMITIO (falling-asleep) of Mary. This feast began to be celebrated as early as the 5th century in the East and in Rome. Today's feast falls on a Monday. Although it remains a Holy Day, there is no obligation to attend Mass on August 15th this year.

ST THERESA OF THE CHILD JESUS CHURCH & SHRINE
35 DION DRIVE, HARRISVILLE RI 02830
23RD ANNUAL SHRINE FEAST DAY CELEBRATION

August 21, 10 am to 4:30 pm rain or shine
10:00 Prayers at the Holy Stairs
11:00 am Stations of the Cross
12:00 pm Lunch and concert
1:30 pm Outdoor Living Rosary
2:45 Procession with St. Theresa

Solemn Feast Mass 3:00 pm
Main Celebrant and Homilist
Rev. Matthew Newcomb
Archdiocese of New York

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.