

**Church of St. Sebastian**  
**August 2, 2015 - Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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**Scheduled Masses For This Week**

**Saturday, August 1, Vigil: 18th Sunday in Ord. Time**  
5:00 pm For the Parishioners

**Sunday, August 2, Eighteenth Sunday in Ord. Time**  
9:00 am Mass

11:00 am Mass

1:00 pm Baptism/Cameron Cash Blake

**Monday, August 3, Weekday**

7:00 am Mass

**Tuesday, August 4, Saint John Vianney, Priest**

7:00 am Mass

**Wednesday, August 5, Weekday**

7:00 am Mass

**Thursday, August 6, The Transfiguration of the Lord**

7:00 am Mass

**Friday, August 7, Weekday**

7:00 am Mass

**Next Weekend's Masses**

**Saturday, August 8, Vigil: 19th Sunday in Ord. Time**

5:00 pm Ray Testa, 24th anniversary  
-requested by his family

**Sunday, August 9, Nineteenth Sunday in Ord. Time**

9:00 am Ethel Moreau  
-requested by Marie Brito

11:00 am Mass

**WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT**

**July 26, 2015**

<b># of Budget Envelopes Used This Week</b>	<b>76</b>
<b>Contributions-Budgets and Checks</b>	<b>\$ 2,344.00</b>
<b>Loose Contributions</b>	<b>\$ 462.00</b>
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 2,806.00</b>

**SUMMER PARISH GIVING: ONLINE STEWARDSHIP**

As the summer months continue, 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](http://www.stsebastianri.org).

*MY DEAR PARISHIONERS,*

The Church of St. Alphonsus on the Esquiline Hill is an important center of Christian spirituality and contains the original Icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

According to popular tradition the Icon was stolen from the island of Crete by a merchant who shipped the Icon to Rome in the XV century. It is said that during the voyage a terrible storm threatened the lives of the passengers and thanks to the intercession of our Lady all were saved. A short time before his death the merchant decided to entrust the Icon to a friend so that it might be given to a city Church in Rome. The friend, however, retained the Icon until he was at the point of death. The Virgin appeared in a dream to his little daughter and expressed the desire to be venerated in a Church between the Basilicas of St. Mary Major and St. John Lateran. His wife finally gave the Icon to the Church of St. Matthew.

For three centuries people expressed their great devotion to our Lady at the Church of St. Matthew. When Napoleon's troops destroyed the Church, the devotion to the Icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help was transferred to St. Mary's Church in Posterula. The Icon remained there for almost 70 years until the Redemptorists came to Rome. They rebuilt the Church of St. Matthew but named it the Church of St. Alphonsus. A Redemptorist who served Mass at St. Mary in Posterula remembered seeing the Icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in one of the side chapels at St. Mary's.

In 1866, after the Icon had been restored by the Polish artist, Leopold Nowotny, Pope Pius IX officially entrusted the Icon to the Redemptorists.

More to follow.....and have a great week.....

*Monsignor Montecalvo*

**BABYSITTING AT THE 9:00 AM MASS**

This great service for parents and the parish continues throughout the summer. 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. The small team welcomes help.

**Church of St. Sebastian**  
**1915 ~ Celebrating 100 Years of Faith ~ 2015**

In the second collection today we are supporting Pope Francis in his charitable works. The **Peter's Pence Collection** is taken up worldwide to support the most disadvantaged: victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. This is an opportunity to join with our Holy Father, Pope Francis, and be a witness of charity to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous in today's collection.

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

The Parish Prayer Shawl Ministry continues to meet on the first and third Tuesdays of the month throughout the summer. **Upcoming dates are August 4th and 18th.** If you are aware of someone who would benefit from receiving a prayer shawl, please call the rectory.

**25<sup>TH</sup>, 40<sup>TH</sup>, 50<sup>TH</sup> AND OVER -**  
**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

The Office of Marriage Preparation and Enrichment of the Diocese of Providence is sponsoring the Ninth Annual Wedding Anniversary Celebration on ***Sunday, September 20, 2015, 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 2015 will be honored at this celebration. Couples who would like to attend can **register for this event through their Parish Office before FRIDAY, AUGUST 31<sup>ST</sup>.**

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.

**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 this month's Prayers for the Sick please call the rectory.



**CHURCH OF SAINT SEBASTIAN**  
**100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**  
**CELEBRATION**

On **October 17th, 2015**, we will be celebrating the 100th anniversary of St. Sebastian Parish! The 5 pm Mass will be celebrated by the Most Reverend Salvatore Matano, Bishop of Rochester, and Rev. Robert Randall, homilist. A dinner dance will follow at Wannamoisett Country Club in Rumford.

Tickets are \$50 per person, reservations are now being accepted. Come join the celebration!

**NEEDED**

Our parish has responsibility for two medical facilities, Epoch and Bethany House. Once a month I celebrate Mass at each of them. Bethany House has requested that Holy Communion be brought each Friday.

I am looking for a parishioner who would be interested in volunteering three Friday mornings a month to bring Communion to Bethany House.

If you are interested please call me at the rectory.

Thank you.

*Monsignor Montecalvo*

**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.