

**Church of St. Sebastian**  
**August 20, 2017 - 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SAT., AUG. 19, VIGIL: 20TH SUNDAY IN ORD. TIME**

5:00 pm RAY TESTA, 26th anniversary, req. by his family

**SUN., AUG. 20, 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

9:00 am ROBERT BEYER, 9th anniversary, BEQUEST

11:00 am RAFFAELA & CHRISTINE MORELLO, req. by sister Maria

**Monday, AUGUST 21, St. Pius X, Pope**

7:00 am Mass

**Tuesday, AUGUST 22, The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

7:00 am ARTHUR BAILLARGEON, req. by Msgr. Montecalvo

7.25 am Novena Prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

**Wednesday, AUGUST 23**

7:00 am LORRAINE NICHOLS, req. by Pat and Sal Annarummo

**Thursday, AUGUST 24, St. Bartholomew, Apostle**

7:00 am Mass

**Friday, AUGUST 25**

7:00 am IVAN LECONTE, 18th anniversary  
Req. by Claudette Leconte

**SAT., AUG. 26, VIGIL: 21ST SUNDAY IN ORD. TIME**

5:00 pm JAN BERNTSON, 25th anniversary, req. by wife and daughter

**SUN., AUG. 27, 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

9:00 am DR. DANIEL MOORE, JR, req. by Melanson family  
11:00 am FR. ALFRED ALMONTE, month's mind, req. by the Parish Staff

**WEEKLY PARISH FINANCES**

**AUGUST 13, 2017**

Contributions at Mass	\$ 3,700.00
Online Contributions	\$ <u>894.00</u>
Total Offertory	\$ <u>4,594.00</u>
Weekly Expenses	\$ 4,985.00
Monthly Maintenance:	\$ 1,104.00

*A sincere thank you for your support!*

Ordinary expenses continue even in the lazy summer months. Please, don't forget the parish if you are fortunate to relocate for the summer. The easiest way is through electronic giving. It's easy, convenient, and safe. Take a serious look at: [www.Parishgiving.org](http://www.Parishgiving.org) or call the rectory for more information.

**My dear parishioners,**

I want to share a few things with you. Some things you may know, and others may be new.

First of all, our church is unlocked from 6:30 am until 1:30 pm each day Monday through Thursday. On Friday the church is unlocked from 8:00 am until after the 5:00 pm Mass.

The reason I am mentioning this is, you may want to stop in for a period of time to pray before Jesus, present in the Blessed Sacrament. Or you may want to pray the Rosary before the icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Please come to your parish church to during the week to pray.

Second, our parish office is open Monday through Thursday from 9:00 am till 2:00 pm. On Wednesday the office stays open until 4:00 pm.

If I am present in the Rectory and you call outside of those hours I will answer the phone. We are here to assist you in any way we can. You are the reason why we are here and we will try to meet your needs. Sometimes when a parishioner calls and I answer the phone the parishioner says, "I don't mean to disturb you." Just remember you are not disturbing me. I am a priest because of you.

We are changing the books we use for our School of Religion. The publisher is now Ignatius Press. We will be using the Faith and Life series. Our School of Religion Program is small. There is no reason we can't be the best program in the Diocese. So hopefully you will notice some changes to the program this year.

Have a good week.

**Monsignor Montecalvo**

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** 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. **Susan Porter, Natalie Swift, Leah Davis, Frances Geary, Sandy C., John Haddad, Bob, Sylvia L., and Bob K.**

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**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 Annual Wedding Anniversary Celebration honoring couples of the Diocese of Providence who will be observing their 25th, 40th, 50th and Over wedding anniversaries in 2017.

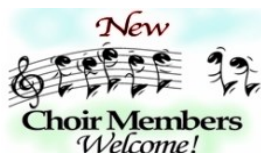
The celebration will be held on **Sunday, OCTOBER 15, 2017, 1:00 pm, at the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul, Providence.** It will include Mass, renewal of marriage vows, a personalized certificate for each couple and a reception for the couples and their families. Bishop Thomas Tobin will be the main celebrant and homilist.

Couples who would like to attend this event must contact the Parish Office for the registration form which must be completed and submitted to **the Parish Office before Friday, SEPTEMBER 8TH.**

**ONGOING OUTREACH COMMITTEE**  
**PROJECTS**

The Outreach Committee asks that we be mindful of the hungry throughout the 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.



Our small but dedicated choir would appreciate singers joining us this coming year. We will be rehearsing on Sundays at 10 o'clock for the 11 o'clock Mass. Our first rehearsal will be Sunday, September 17th. If you can help, please see Bill Cooper after any Mass on weekends or talk to any of our Choir Members. Thank you.

**Catholic School Parents**

If your child(ren) attend a Catholic School and if they are in grades K through 8, please speak with Monsignor Montecalvo. The best way to communicate attendance at a Catholic School is through email. ***Please use my personal email [mcfm1973@live.com](mailto:mcfm1973@live.com) to send me the following information:***

**Name(s) of child(ren)**

**Grade(s) they are entering**

**Catholic School they are attending**

The Diocese assesses our parish a percentage of our annual income for Catholic Schools throughout the Diocese. The parish is allowed to use some of the assessment to help parishioners who have children in Catholic Elementary Schools. The Parish Council and I would like to help your children attend Catholic schools through scholarships.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION**

The Religious Education Program is now taking registrations for this fall for Grades 1 - 8. Registration forms for new **and** returning students can be found on our parish website [www.stsebastianri.org](http://www.stsebastianri.org). Classes will begin Sunday September 10th for Grades 6,7 & 8; and on Monday September 11th for Grades 1 through 5. Please fill out the forms and mail them along with the \$30 registration fee per child to the parish office, **Attn: Marie Brito.**

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROJECT —**  
**IMMIGRATION & REFUGEE SERVICES**

Community Outreach Members are collecting items for the Diocese's *Immigration & Refugee Services*, who welcome refugee families arriving in Rhode Island.

Items needed are: **toiletries** (toilet paper, soap, toothpaste, shampoo etc.); **cleaning supplies** (mop, broom, waste basket, trash bags, etc.); **baby products** (diapers, bottles, powder, lotion, etc.); and **school supplies** (notebooks, pens/pencils, backpacks, etc).

Kindly place the items in the bin located in the vestibule. Any questions, contact Karin Schrott at 401-465-7444 or [karinschrott@gmail.com](mailto:karinschrott@gmail.com). Thank you for your kindness and support.