

Church of St. Sebastian
August 21, 2011—Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scheduled Masses For This Week

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

Monday, August 22, The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 am Anne Belisle
-requested by her godchild

Tuesday, August 23, Weekday

7:00 am Souls in Purgatory
-requested by a parishioner

Wednesday, August 24, Weekday

7:00 am Souls in Purgatory
-requested by a parishioner

Thursday, August 25, Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Friday, August 26, Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Next Weekend Masses

Saturday, August 27, 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm Marie Daniels, 6th anniversary
-requested by her family

Sunday, August 28, 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Joseph Loferski, wedding anniversary remembrance
-requested by his wife Sylvia

11:00 am Edward W. Lawlor, anniversary Mass
-requested by his family

THE PASTOR'S CORNER

When you enter St. Peter's Basilica, the sheer enormity of the space envelops you. The first chapel on the right is home to the *Pietà* by Michelangelo. The papal high altar is situated under the bronze *baldacchino* executed in baroque style by Gian Lorenzo Bernini. High above, inscribed in mosaic letters (there are no paintings in the basilica) all around the interior frieze just beneath the ceiling are the words in Latin from today's Gospel. "*Tu es Petrus et super hanc petram aedificabo ecclesiam meam et portae inferi non praevalebunt adversum eam et tibi dabo claves regni caelorum et quodcumque ligaveris super terram erit ligatum in caelis et quodcumque solveris super terram erit solutum in caelis.*"

All the art history you or I can ever know means nothing compared to what prompted this question from Jesus to Peter. "But who do **YOU** say that I am?" It remains for all time the ultimate question for all to answer. You, Lord, are merely a pleasant idea, a philosophy (like Buddhism), a distraction ('just in case...'), an illusion (like for Freud). What's our answer to the question? We **do** reveal our answer by our very lives, our values, our worship (participatory or functional?), and also by our genuinely faith-based giving (or lack thereof).

So, what is our personal answer to the question? The question to each of us will not go away. We need not worry about or judge someone who is or isn't here. What do **we** really offer Him? If Jesus **is** LORD, is He truly the center of my priesthood, of your marriage, of our family and community commitments. Oh Monsignor, you're getting way too Evangelical! Isn't the LORD really worth more than the usual "**scraps**" we offer Him in our daily prayer time, our talents given only to be shared with others, and our financial resources to the parish and other charities? Only you and I can answer the question by our words and by our actions. 'I do love you! Here are the scraps from my life that I gladly give to you.' In some cases, we've **already** answered the question!

~ Be faithful and ever faithful.
Msgr. Darcy

Our Lady's Candle burns this week in memory of Nina Calenda Marcone, on the 7th anniversary of her death; requested by Belle Calenda.

PARISH BOOK CLUB

Summer reading: The Brothers Karamozov, by Fyodor Dostoyevski.

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WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

August 13/14, 2011

# of Budget Envelopes Used This Week	48
Contributions-Budgets and Checks	\$ 2,188
Loose Contributions	\$ 396
Total Offertory	\$ 2,664
Monthly Maintenance	\$ 1,156

Our parish charitable giving needs to be maintained during the summer months. 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.

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.

“Upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.” Let your Sacrament of Marriage or Holy Orders be the rock for your vocation. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends in New England are September 16-18 and October 21-23. For more information call Ralph and Jane Becker at 1-800-710-WWME or visit our webpage at www.wwme.org.

MORNINGS OF RECOLLECTION FOR WOMEN

The Monthly Morning Recollection for Women will be held at St. Sebastian's this Thursday, August 25th, from 10:00 am to 12:15 pm, including Holy Mass at 11:45 am. A Recollection is an opportunity to spend some time with Our Lord in quiet prayer. The format includes two meditations given by a priest of Opus Dei and a talk given by a layperson. The priest is available to hear confessions between meditations and after Holy Mass. The spiritual and doctrinal formation of the mornings are entrusted to Opus Dei, a personal prelature of the Catholic Church.

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.