

**Church of St. Sebastian**  
**August 27, 2017 - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**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, req. by Melanson family

11:00 am FR. ALFRED ALMONTE, month's mind, req. by the Parish Staff

**Monday, AUG. 28, St. Augustine, Bishop & Doctor. of the Church**

7:00 am FOR HEALING OF CANCER PATIENTS, ESPECIALLY KATHY D'AMICO, ROBERT CALSO, and SILVIA LOFERSKI

**Tuesday, AUGUST 29, The Passion of St. John the Baptist**

7:00 am INTENTIONS OF PARISHIONERS

7.25 am Novena Prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

**Wednesday, AUGUST 30**

7:00 am DOLORES BOROWY, 3rd anniversary, req. by granddaughter Kelley

**Thursday, AUGUST 31**

7:00 am GIOVANNI MONTECALVO

**FIRST FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1**

7:00 am JOHN A O'NEILL, JR. req. by family

5:30 pm Mass

**SAT., SEPT. 2, VIGIL: 22ND SUNDAY IN ORD. TIME**

5:00 pm DOROTHY ROBERTS, 4th ann., BEQUEST

**SUN., SEPT. 3, 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

9:00 am INTENTIONS OF PARISHIONERS

11:00 am Mass

**WEEKLY PARISH FINANCES**

**AUGUST 20, 2017**

Contributions at Mass	\$ 3,267.00
Online Contributions	\$ 660.00
Total Offertory	<u>\$ 3,927.00</u>
Feast of the Assumption	\$ 686.00
Weekly Expenses	\$ 3,862.00

*A sincere thank you for your support!*

**The Sanctuary Lamp this week is for Edward W Lawlor, req. by his daughters Patricia and Regina.**

**My dear parishioners,**

As I mentioned in last week's bulletin, our School of Religion has changed text books and will be using the Faith & Life Series for grades 1 through 8 published by Ignatius Press.

There are a few reasons for the change. First and foremost I wanted more content-based texts for your child(ren). Second, I wanted a workbook that your son/daughter could take home with them. This means you should reinforce what he/she learned in class. Third, to help facilitate your weekly lessons with your child(ren), each family will receive a Family Guide to the Faith & Life Series.

In this Family Guide to the Faith & Life Series there is a great introduction for parents. The introduction reminds parents that you are your child(ren)'s first and greatest teacher. The "How to Use This Book" section is easy to understand and will help you to reinforce what your son/daughter learned in class. There are 8 easy steps for each lesson. You should be able to accomplish the review of each lesson in about 20 minutes each week. If your child(ren) is in the lower grades the time spent on learning and memorizing prayers may take more time.

I am mentioning this in the bulletin as a way to tell all our parishioners that we at St. Sebastian's are striving to have a first rate School of Religion. To accomplish this goal we need everyone's help but especially parent participation.

Thank you,

**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., Robert Calso, and Bob K.**

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**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION**

The Religious Education Program is now taking registrations for this fall for Grades 1 - 8 for registered and active families of St. Sebastian Parish.

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**.



**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.**



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.

**MONTHLY MAINTENANCE COLLECTION**

**NEXT WEEKEND**



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

**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.