

# Church of St. Sebastian

August 28, 2011—Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Scheduled Masses For This Week

### 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

### Monday, August 29, The Martyrdom of Saint John the Baptist

7:00 am Mass

### Tuesday, August 30, Weekday

7:00 am Weekday

### Wednesday, August 31, Weekday

7:00 am Richard Rohr, birthday remembrance

### Thursday, September 1, Weekday

7:00 am Mass

### First Friday, September 2, Weekday

7:00 am Mass

5:30 pm Mass

## Next Weekend Masses

### Saturday, September 3, Vigil: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm Mass

### Sunday, September 4, 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Maurice Bissonnette, 1st anniversary  
-requested by David O'Brien

11:00 am For the people

*"Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God."* Don't let the world's way tear your marriage apart. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends in New England are September 16-18 and October 21-21. For more information call Ralph and Jane Becker at 1-800-710-WWME or visit our webpage at [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org).

### THE DISASTROUS SHORTCUT

The busier we get, the easier it is to cut down on our prayer time. The devil loves that. The preacher who is not growing in his prayer life is like the farmer who expects a harvest without taking time to plant.

As Pope St Pius X put it:

"The person who is not accustomed to speaking with God in the intimacy of prayer will never be able to speak efficaciously of the things which have to do with eternal life.

"No matter how learned and eloquent his words may be, if they lack the breath of prayer they cannot have the power of convincing and persuading.

"The word of God is dead on the lips of such a person because the sense of Christ is lacking in him."

### 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](mailto:FrMarciano@aol.com)

*Police, Fire, and Military are kindly requested to attend in uniform.*

### 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.

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**WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT**  
**August 20/21, 2011**

# of Budget Envelopes Used This Week	53
Contributions-Budgets and Checks	\$ 2,495
Loose Contributions	\$ 443
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 2,938</b>

Our parish charitable giving needs to be maintained year-round. 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](http://www.Parishgiving.com) or on our Saint Sebastian webpage at [www.stsebastianri.org](http://www.stsebastianri.org).

**HUMAN LIFE GUILD DAY**

All are invited to attend the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Human Life Guild Day on Saturday, September 24 at St. Philip Church, Greenville. The day will begin with a 9:00 a.m. Mass with Bishop Thomas J. Tobin as main celebrant. Rev. Francis C. Santilli, pastor of St. Philip Parish will present the homily. The annual conference includes guest speakers presenting topics such as physician assisted-suicide and the aging population, healing after an abortion, respecting all human life and much more. For information or to register, please call the Diocesan Respect Life Office at 421-7833 ext. 218.

**In today's second reading, Saint Paul exhorts the Romans to total stewardship. Brothers and sisters, he urges, "...offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God."**

**PLEASE KEEP OUR FELLOW PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS; ESPECIALLY**

Maureen Baker

*Please contact the rectory if you would like to add a person to our prayers. Prayers for the sick will be continued for an entire month. Please call the rectory if additional prayers are requested..*

***FIRST FRIDAY MASS— SEPTEMBER 2ND***

The First Friday Masses are celebrated at 7 am and 5:30 pm. Members of RI Chapter of the Order of Malta will be with us for the evening liturgy

Our Lady's Candle burns this week in memory of Edward W. Lawlor, as requested by his family.

**PARISH BOOK CLUB**

Summer reading: *The Brothers Karamozov*, by Fyodor Dostoyevski. There will be an organizational meeting of the Parish Book Club in September.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**Registrations for Religious Education Classes are available on our website: [www.stsebastianri.org](http://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](mailto:msmarie06.stseb@gmail.com) and I will get back to you. Thank you.

**WHEN WILL THE TEXT OF THE NEW TRANSLATION OF THE ROMAN MISSAL BE USED FOR THE FIRST TIME IN LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS?**

The texts of the [Order of Mass](#) have been made available for catechetical purposes, but the full text of the Missal will not be available for use in the Liturgy until the first Sunday of Advent 2011 (November 27, 2011). The bishops have asked that all wait until that day to use the text in liturgical celebrations in order to avoid unnecessary confusion and to allow the maximum amount of catechetical time available. Cards and other participation aids containing the responses of the people will be available for use during the transition, but it is hoped that within a year's time the people will become freed from the use of such cards.