

**Church of St. Sebastian**  
**August 28, 2016 – 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 27, VIGIL: 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

5:00 pm SYLVIA AND JOSEPH LOFERSKI, wedding anniversary remembrance by Sylvia Loferski

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 28, 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

9:00 am DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE QUINN FAMILY, by family

11:00 am EDWARD W LAWLOR, 11th anniversary by his daughters Regina and Patricia

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

7:00 am CARLO MONTECALVO

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 30**

7:00 am INCREASE OF VOCATIONS TO PRIESTHOOD  
7:25 am Novena Prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31**

7:00 am Mass

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1**

7:00 am SICK OF THE PARISH

**FIRST FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2**

7:00 am DOROTHY ROBERTS, bequest  
5:30 pm Mass

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, VIGIL: 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

5:00 pm LUCY SCLAMA, birthday remembrance by Gus and Joanne Antonucci

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

9:00 am MICHAEL SHEA, month's mind, by Catherine Nagle  
11:00 am ANNE C TOSELLI, 1st anniversary by her family

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.  
**Sal Spagnoli, Jacob Kenner, Natalie Swift, Leah Davis, Frances Geary, Maureen Kenner, Sandy C., John Haddad, Bob, Sylvia L., and Bob K.**

*Let us pray for the repose of the soul of  
**Dorothy Roberts**  
whose love for our parish was shown in a  
bequest to St. Sebastian Church.  
We remember her in gratitude and offer  
Friday's 7:00 am Mass for him this week.  
May she rest in the peace of the Lord.*

**My Dear Parishioners,**

I have been your pastor a little over one year now. I arrived July 2015. It does not seem possible but a year has quickly passed. I believe anniversaries provide us with opportunities for reflection, growth and change. I did not make any changes during my first year but used that time to gain your trust and look at the lay of the land. It may be time for some changes.

I just finished reading a rather short book entitled *The Better Pastor - A Fable about Embracing the Role of Leading a Parish* by Patrick Lencioni. The book is rather pointed and has many good lessons for every pastor. After finishing the book I am more convinced than ever that the role of every pastor is to lead a team "that brings parishioners to Christ". And everyone on the team has to be enthusiastic about the role they play on that team. No other team is more important because no other team deals with ETERNAL LIFE.

When I was in the Air Force I would often challenge the staff who worked at the chapel. I tried to drill into them the importance of what we did. What we did was to spiritually prepare the men and women who piloted planes. And nothing was more untrue than the phrase, 'It is good enough for government work'.

In the coming weeks I will highlight what we do at St. Sebastian's. No parish should do it better! Our music should be the best....our CCD program should be the best.....the lectors should be the most prepared.....the Eucharistic ministers should be the most spiritually prepared....servers should be the best trained....our social events the best planned and executed....our Church should be the cleanest.....the way you are treated when you come to the rectory or call the rectory should be done with professionalism and care! You get the picture!

More to follow next week! And God bless you.....

**Monsignor Montecalvo**

The next meeting of the Parish Book Club will be held on a date to be announced in September at 7 pm in the Fr. Randall Room to discuss The Idiot by Dostoyevsky. New members are always welcome!

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**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATIONS**

Registrations are now being accepted for our 2016-2017 Religious Education classes. Registration Forms are on our website. Please print out and fill in the appropriate form, either NEW STUDENTS to the CCD program, or RETURNING STUDENTS. The forms and the registration fee (\$30) may be sent to Church of Saint Sebastian, 67 Cole Avenue, Providence, RI 02906 Attn: Ms. Marie Brito. Please return your form and payment as soon as possible. Thank you.

**TEACHER NEEDED FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

I am looking for one teacher for grade 7 which will meet on Sunday mornings from 10:00 am to 11:00 am. If you, or anyone you know, is interested in teaching this grade please contact Ms. Marie Brito, Religious Education Coordinator, at [msmarie06.stseb@gmail.com](mailto:msmarie06.stseb@gmail.com)

**NEW CHOIR MEMBERS ARE NEEDED**

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. The starting date will be Sunday September 18th for our First Rehearsal.

If you can help, please see Bill Cooper after any Mass on weekends or talk to any of our Choir Members. Thank you.

**SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT**  
**AUGUST 21, 2016**

# of Budget Envelopes Used This Week	72
# Online Parish Giving	14
Contributions-Budgets and Checks	\$ 3,080.00
Online Parish Giving	\$ 630.00
Loose Contributions	\$ 578.00
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 4,288.00</b>

**A sincere thank you for your support!**

Please consider enrolling in **Parish Giving**, our electronic stewardship program for parish contributions. You can register online at [www.Parishgiving.org](http://www.Parishgiving.org) or on our parish website at [www.stsebastianri.org](http://www.stsebastianri.org).

**CHILDREN'S LITURGISTS NEEDED**

The Children's Liturgy is held during the 9:00 am Mass. We are in need of two volunteers to teach once a month in the Fr. Randall Room. If you would like to volunteer for Children's Liturgy, please contact Neile Hartman at 401-323-1150 or [neilehartman@yahoo.com](mailto:neilehartman@yahoo.com) Thank you.

**Parish Family Cookout**

Please join us for our Annual Parish Family Cookout on Sunday, September 11th beginning after the 11:00 am Mass. We will have our two Masses that morning, babysitting services will be available at the 9:00 Mass.

Usual summer fare will be served (hamburgers, hot dogs, etc.) We are asking those attending to bring a side dish or dessert. We'll have a Bounce House for the kids. Please sign up on the sign-up sheet in the vestibule if you are able to join us. The more the merrier!

**PIZZA ON THE PATIO**

The Office of Vocations will be kicking off the monthly discernment meetings with the 3rd Annual Pizza on the Patio night at the Seminary of Our Lady of Providence (485 Mount Pleasant Avenue, Providence) on Friday, September 16th at 6:00 pm. For more information or to RSVP if you plan to attend, please contact Fr. Chris Murphy, Assistant Vocation Director at 331-1316 or [FatherCJM@gmail.com](mailto:FatherCJM@gmail.com).

**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 necessary maintenance and improvements on our parish property.