

**Church of St. Sebastian**  
**August 3, 2014 — Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Scheduled Masses For This Week**

**Saturday, August 2, Vigil: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5:00 pm Mass

**Sunday, August 3, 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 am For the Parishioners

11:00 am Mass

**Monday, August 4, Saint John Vianney, Priest**

7:00 am Mass

**Tuesday, August 5, Weekday**

7:00 am Mass

**Wednesday, August 6, The Transfiguration of the Lord**

7:00 am Mass

**Thursday, August 7, Weekday**

7:00 am Mass

**Friday, August 8, Saint Dominic, Priest**

7:00 am Mass

**Next Weekend Masses**

**Saturday, August 9, Vigil: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5:00 pm Ray Testa, 23rd anniversary  
-requested by his family

**Sunday, August 10, 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 am Mass

11:00 am For the Parishioners



**MONTHLY PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

Names of friends, family, and fellow parishioners for whom prayers are asked will be listed monthly. If you would like a person included in next month's Prayers for the Sick please call the rectory. *Peter Pizzarello, Maureen, Caroline, Deborah Bessette, Sue Hazard, Benita, Betty Mullaney, Maureen, Sue, Theresa, and Michelle.*

**THE PASTOR'S CORNER**

Two readings this weekend speak of food. We had our own food-fest last Saturday with the very enjoyable Parish Cookout. A big 'THANK YOU' to all who made this such a fun summer event. You actually can see the growing parish with our wonderful little parishioners running around! There are more baptisms being scheduled... and for this, we give thanks!!

As you may have noticed over the years, the First Reading and the Gospel usually have a theme. The Second Reading, generally from the Letters of St. Paul, stands alone often without any specific connection to the other two readings. Today's passage from Romans evokes special memories for me. I had the privilege last year to discuss this very reading with the late Scripture scholar, Fr. Jerome Murphy-O'Connor, OP. In summary, Fr. Jerry asked if Paul is speaking of things or of persons within the text. The answer is: both. "*What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword? (vs. 35)*" Notice; these are all things. Two verses earlier, however, Paul asked: "*Who will separate us from the love of Christ?*" Our freedom as children of God is evident in the passage. God has acquitted us in Christ. Thus, no one can condemn or separate us from God except ourselves. We choose to be conformed to the Risen Lord. God justifies us in Christ. We either accept the gift, as evidenced by the manner of our Christian living, or, we refuse it. The gift is offered to all; but not all will claim it. The connection is highlighted in the words of consecration over the chalice. Although the sacrifice of Christ **is** for all, **not** all will accept the gift...only the **many** (*pro multis*). Listen carefully, and you'll now hear and appreciate the nuance.

Although may seem like a long way out, subtle preparations are being made for the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the parish: stationary labels, memorial booklet (*we need old pictures!*), and Fr. Bob Randall has accepted to be our homilist! It will be a great celebration!

Enjoy the week!  
~Monsignor Darcy



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**Happy 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Monsignor,  
August 3, 1979**



**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

The Parish Prayer Shawl Ministry meets this Tuesday August 5th at 7 pm in the Fr. Randall Room. If you are aware of someone who would benefit from receiving a prayer shawl, please call the rectory.

**PARISH BOOK CLUB SUMMER READING**

The Parish Book Club has adjourned for the summer months. Our summer reading is *Goldfinch* by Donna Tartt. Enjoy your reading!

**SUMMER BABYSITTING AT THE 9 AM MASS**

Volunteers continue the **Baby Sitting Service** during the 9 AM Mass throughout the summer. It's a great service for parents and the parish. Please be welcome to attend Mass while having your child in a secure environment with approved caregivers. They gather on the stage area in the Church Hall. If anyone would like to give a helping hand, please call Karin Schrott at (401) 465-7444.

**OUTREACH COMMITTEE PROJECTS**

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

**SAVE THE DATE ...SAVE THE DATE**

**OUR 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

Initial plans are underway to prepare for the **100<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY** of our parish on Saturday, **October 17, 2015**. The Saturday evening Mass will be followed by dinner and dancing at the Wannamoisett Country Club in Rumford. **One table is already reserved!!** Several committees will be formed soon to coordinate this historic event in our parish history. There will be more news as we move forward, in the meantime dig out those old photo albums of yours and share any pictures you may have of the parish. We will digitize them and return the originals to you.



**HOSPITAL VISITATION**

Parishioners are encouraged to call the parish office if they or a family member would like a pastoral visit either at the hospital or nursing home by Msgr. Darcy. Hospitals no longer inform houses of worship of the admission of patients due to the laws protecting the right to privacy.

**WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT**

July 27, 2014

<b># of Budgets and Checks Received</b>	<b>65</b>
<b>Contributions-Budgets and Checks</b>	<b>\$2,391.00</b>
<b>Loose Contributions</b>	<b>\$ 342.00</b>
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$2,733.00</b>

As summer continues, our parish charitable giving needs to be maintained. 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. You can register online on our website [www.stsebastianri.org](http://www.stsebastianri.org).