

Church of St. Sebastian
August 7, 2011—Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scheduled Masses For This Week

Saturday, August 6, 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm Ray Testa, 20th anniversary
-requested by his family

Sunday, August 7, 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Charles Woodward
-requested by Betty Mullaney

11:00 am For the People

Monday, August 8, Saint Dominic, priest

7:00 am Madeline M. Denning, 1st anniversary
-requested by her daughter Catherine

Tuesday, August 9, Weekday

7:00 am Special Intention

Wednesday, August 10, Saint Lawrence, deacon and martyr

7:00 am Mass

Thursday, August 11, Saint Clare, virgin

7:00 am Mass

Friday, August 12, Weekday

7:00 am Andrew Tsoumas, month's mind

Next Weekend Masses

Saturday, August 13, 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm For the People

Sunday, August 14, 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Mass

11:00 am Mass

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.

THE PASTOR'S CORNER

This text from Hebrews 12:2, while not read this weekend, does summarize our Christian vocation. In today's Gospel, Peter asks boldly, "***IF*** it is you, command me to come to you on the water." *Notice that when he took his eyes off Jesus, Peter began to sink.* Peter faltered because he was not focused on the goal, namely, going to Jesus even on a stormy sea.

Josh Groban dedicated to the victims of 9-11 the hit single "*You Raise Me Up*." The lyrics of this popular song include: "You raise me up, to walk on stormy seas..." It's the gentle question of Jesus to Peter that is poignant for all of us. "*O you of little faith, why did you doubt?*" Why do I; why do you?

Elijah, a great prophet in Israel, had his own surprise from God. The prophet expected a great theophany in wind and earthquake. It was not to be. The Divine Presence came to Elijah in a small whispering sound. Listen for Him... try to be still.... for God speaks loudest within the silence.

This past Wednesday was my 32nd anniversary of receiving the grace of priestly ordination. Trust me when I tell you that the Lord has spoken VERY CLEARLY many times over these three decades. Surprises, questions, doubts, laughter, tears, embraces, love and joy all kneaded into a priestly vocation. Now my eyes are fixed on Jesus in parish life....thanks to all of you.

Enjoy these fleeing weeks of summer. It's great to see some parishioners returning home to us.

Have a blessed week.

Msgr. Darcy

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.**

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WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

July 30/31, 2011

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| % of Budget Envelopes Used This Week | 15% |
| Contributions-Budgets and Checks | \$ 2,436 |
| Loose Contributions | \$ 361 |
| Total Offertory | \$ 2,797 |

Our parish charitable giving needs to be maintained during the summer months. **Last summer our checking account at one point was at \$7.00.** 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.

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.

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.

“SIX REASONS FOR THE NEW TRANSLATION”

Professor Anthony Esolen penned these comments in *Magnificat: Roman Missal Companion*.

“First, the passages may differ significantly from what we have become accustomed to: for example, the response of the people to the elevation of the host, “Lord I am not worthy that you should come under my roof.”

Second, they may restore words that have been omitted or removed from their right place, as in the great sequence of verbs that begin the Gloria: “we praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you.”

Third, that may translate more accurately and with greater attention to poetic specificity what had been left general and vague, as when the priest says that Jesus raised the chalice filled with “the fruit of the vine,” or then, at the beginning of every Preface, the priest says that we give God thanks is “our duty and our salvation.”

Fourth, they may respond more clearly with the language of Holy Scripture, as when in the third Eucharistic Prayer the priest says that God wishes to gather a people to himself “from the rising of the sun to its setting.”

Fifth, that may revise an inaccuracy, as when, in the Creed, we replace the misleading phrase “seen and unseen,” which suggests that we are considering things that some people see or happen not to see, with the precise, “visible and invisible,” which affirms that God is the creator of things that are possible and impossible to be seen.

Sixth, that may raise the register of our prayer beyond the drab and the workaday to the sacral, as when we affirm that God does not merely “give” us good things, but “bestows” them upon all the world.”

PARISH BOOK CLUB

Summer reading: The Brothers Karamozov, by Fyodor Dostoyevski

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri. 10 AM - 2 PM
Wednesday 10 AM - 4 PM

“WHEN WE DEPART:” CHURCH ETIQUETTE

At the end of Mass, kindly raise the kneelers, return the hymnals to the pew racks, **and please take home the parish bulletin.**

WELCOME TO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

The parish welcomes **Alexander Andersson Pizzuti**, son of Thomas and Jenny (Andersson), as the newest member of our parish family. Alexander was baptized on Monday, August 1st. Congratulations and welcome as a child of God’s family.