

**Church of St. Sebastian**  
**January 15, 2017 - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 14, VIGIL: SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

5:00 pm EVELYN POLSELLI memorial Mass  
requested by Capuano family

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

9:00 am Mass

11:00 am ATHALIE CUMMINGS, 17th anniversary,  
bequest

**Monday, JANUARY 16**

7:00 am Mass

**Tuesday, JANUARY 17**

7:00 am JAMES MINUTO, memorial Mass, by Ann  
Galligan

7.25 am Novena Prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

**Wednesday, JANUARY 18**

7:00 am Mass

**Thursday, JANUARY 19**

7:00 am Mass

**Friday, JANUARY 20**

7:00 am Mass

**SATURDAY, JAN. 21, VIGIL: 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

5:00 pm MARY LOU CALCAGNI, 3rd anniversary  
by her husband and family

**SUNDAY, JAN. 22, 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORD. TIME**

9:00 am Mass

11:00 am DR. JOSEPH LOFERSKI, 20th ann. by  
his wife Sylvia and children

*Let us pray for the repose of the soul of  
**Athalie Cummings**  
whose love for our parish was shown in a  
bequest to St. Sebastian Church.  
We remember her in gratitude and offer  
Sunday's 11:00 am Mass for her this week.  
May she rest in the peace of the Lord.*

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

**My Dear Parishioners,**

**Here is some information on St. Sebastian.**

**Saint Sebastian** (died c. 288 AD) was an early Christian saint and martyr. According to Christian belief, he was killed during the Roman emperor Diocletian's persecution of Christians. He is commonly depicted in art and literature tied to a post or tree and shot with arrows. Despite this being the most common artistic depiction of Sebastian, he was, according to legend, rescued and healed by Irene of Rome. Shortly afterwards he went to Diocletian to warn him about his sins, and as a result was clubbed to death. He is venerated in the Catholic and Orthodox Churches.

The details of Saint Sebastian's martyrdom were first spoken of by 4th-century bishop Ambrose of Milan (Saint Ambrose), in his sermon (number 22) on Psalm 118. Ambrose stated that Sebastian came from Milan and that he was already venerated there at that time. Saint Sebastian is a popular male saint, especially among athletes.

In 283, Sebastian entered the army in Rome under Emperor Carinus to assist the martyrs. Because of his courage he became one of the captains of the Praetorian Guards under Diocletian and Maximian, who were unaware that he was a Christian.

Sebastian had prudently concealed his faith, but in 286 was detected. Diocletian reproached him for his supposed betrayal, and he commanded him to be led to a field and there to be bound to a stake so that certain archers from Mauritania would shoot arrows at him. "And the archers shot at him till he was as full of arrows, and thus left him there for dead." Miraculously, the arrows did not kill him. The widow of Castulus, Irene of Rome, went to retrieve his body to bury it, and she discovered he was still alive. She brought him back to her house and nursed him back to health.

The emperor gave orders to have Sebastian seized and beat to death with clubs, and his body thrown into the common sewer. A pious lady, called Lucina, admonished by the martyr in a vision, got it privately removed, and buried it in the catacombs at the entrance of the cemetery of Calixtus, where now stands the Basilica of St. Sebastian.

Have a great week,

**Mons. Montecalvo**

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**Annual Potluck Supper—January 28th, 2017**

In honor of St. Sebastian, whose Feast Day is January 20th, all parishioners are invited to a Potluck Supper to be held in the Church Hall on Saturday, January 28th at 6:00 pm. **Sign up sheets are in the vestibule.** Please join us for this annual event as we wish Dave Belanger well and thank him for all his hard work and dedication over the years.

**HAT AND MITTEN TREE**

You are invited to decorate the tree in the vestibule with new Hats, Mittens, Gloves, and Scarves, for women, men, and children through the month of January. All proceeds will be distributed to the Mary House at St. Patrick Church. Thank you for your generous spirit and kindness.



**AREA SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES**

**St. Margaret School**, 42 Bishop Avenue, Rumford, invites you to our Open House for families and students on January 29<sup>th</sup> from 1 –3 pm

**St. Augustine School**, 635 Mount Pleasant Avenue, Providence, will be hosting Open House on both Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> from noon to 1:30 pm, and Tuesday, January 31<sup>st</sup> from 9:30 am to 11 am.

**St. Luke School**, 10 Waldron Drive, Barrington, will hold an Open House for families and students on Sunday January 29<sup>th</sup> from 12:30 to 2:00 pm.

**St. Mary Academy-Bay View**, 3070 Pawtucket Avenue Riverside is hosting an Open House for Lower and Middle School Schools on Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> at 12 Noon.

**THANK YOU!**

The Outreach Committee would like to thank the parishioners for their generosity and support of the Parish's Community Outreach Projects during the Holiday Season...

Thanksgiving Collection: We collected \$1,091 for Mary House at St. Patrick's Parish.

Parish Winter Coat Drive: Approximately 100 coats were delivered to the RI Buy Nothing Day Winter Coat Exchange at the State House.

Embrace A Family: 20 parishioners participated in the Embrace A Family for San Miguel School and 10 parishioners and Msgr. participated for Access Point Rhode Island.

Toy Collection: Many bags of toys were delivered to the Immigration & Refugee Services for the Diocese.

Hat and Mitten Tree: We are continuing to collect hats and mittens through January for Mary House.

In addition, from the East Side Marketplace receipts, we gave:

Mary House a donation of \$1,250 worth of Stop & Shop gift cards (50 gift cards of \$25) to add to their Thanksgiving baskets; and,

Donations of \$500 each were made to Providence-Haiti Outreach and The Haitian Project Inc.

**Parish Meetings and Activities**

1/15	NO RELIGIOUS ED		
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1/16	MLK JR DAY Mass	7 am	Church
1/17	Prayer Shawl	7 pm	Fr. Randall Rm
1/18	Bible Study	6:30 pm	Fr. Randall Rm

**SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT**  
**JANUARY 8, 2017**

# of Budget Envelopes Used This Week	42
# Online Giving	27
Contributions-Budgets and Checks	\$ 2,325.00
Online Contributions	\$ 3,300.00
Loose Contributions	\$ 164.00
Total Offertory	\$ 5,789.00
Monthly Maintenance	\$ 760.00

*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).

**COFFEE AND CRAFTS,**

**Sunday February 5th after the 9 am Mass.**

**Valentines for Veterans**

**Taking place in the church basement. Please join us in thanking our Servicemen and Servicewomen.**