

Church of St. Sebastian
June 14, 2015 - Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scheduled Masses For This Week

Saturday, June 13, Vigil: Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm Thomas H. Roberts, II, 3rd anniversary
-requested by his father, Dennis J. Roberts

Sunday, June 14, Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Robert Salmani
-requested by Rita Watson and Karin Schrott

11:00 am For the Parishioners

Monday, June 15, Weekday

7:00 am Kimberly Hardenbergh
-requested by Kathleen Hogan

Tuesday, June 16, Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Wednesday, June 17, Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Thursday, June 18, Weekday

7:00 am Katherine and John P. Kaveny
-requested by Sal and Pat Annarummo

Friday, June 19, Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Next Weekend's Masses

Saturday, June 20, Vigil: Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm MaryKate McInnes Posey

Sunday, June 21, Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am All Fathers

11:00 am Dorothy Higgins, birthday remembrance
-requested by Edward M. and Gail Higgins Fogarty

WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

June 7, 2015

# of Budget Envelopes Used This Week	74
Contributions-Budgets and Checks	\$ 3,541.00
Loose Contributions	\$ 496.00
Total Offertory	\$ 4,037.00
Monthly Maintenance	\$ 1,294.00

For those interested in online giving, an easy and efficient way to support the parish on a weekly basis, log onto www.parishgiving.org. It's quick, easy, and secure.

THE PASTOR'S CORNER

The liturgical year has returned to Ordinary Time until the end of November. The Scriptures will concentrate primarily on the teaching and parables of the Lord. Scripture scholars have used barrels of ink discussing the parables: 'What are they?,' 'Where do they originate?,' and, 'Why did Jesus use them?' A few comments over the next few weeks will highlight these questions.

To begin, a parable (from the Greek *parabole*, and the Hebrew *mashal*) is generally a single comparison or situation taken from our lived experience that captures the imagination of the listener and forces them to come to a conclusion. Today we hear two "parables of the kingdom." Both have to do with seeds. Seeds grow seemingly on their own and from within. Something so very small is transformed into something quite large. The impact of a parable is not getting bogged down in the details, but identifying the single point being compared. Our present spiritual life influences our listening to the parables....and our conclusion.

We have heard these parables many times. The readings at Masses have a three year cycle. The last time we heard these parables was in 2012. I certainly hope we have in a different and closer relationship with God than we did then.

The parables are read throughout the summer months. Jesus originally taught many of them near the Sea of the Galilee where he lived. The Galilee is still the most fertile, agricultural, and beautiful section of the Holy Land. The area is just conducive to rest and contemplation. And speaking of rest...

Schools are closing, and the slow but steady exodus from the city has begun. Many will enjoy a more laid back schedule. Be safe and prayerful. Remember the parish and our financial needs during this summer time. Our parish stewardship does *not* go on vacation especially in the summer.

Have a good week!
Monsignor Darcy

The new prayers for the Creed and the Gloria are located on the inside front and back covers of the hymnals.

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CHURCH OF SAINT SEBASTIAN
100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

On **October 17th, 2015**, we will be celebrating the 100th anniversary of St. Sebastian Parish! The 5 pm Mass will be celebrated by the Most Reverend Salvatore Matano, Bishop of Rochester, and Rev. Robert Randall, homilist. A dinner dance will follow at Wannamoisett Country Club in Rumford.

Reservations are now being accepted. Come join the celebration!

TODAY'S SECOND COLLECTION

Today, we will take up the Collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). This collection communicates the Gospel through Catholic social media activities and enriches our faith through podcasts, television, radio, and print media. Please be generous in this week's collection and support this important work. Remember, half of your donation stays in our (arch)diocese to support local communication needs. The CCC is how we share our experience of faith, worship, and witness.

SOLES4SOULS DRIVE

Soles4Souls is an international nonprofit that advances its anti-poverty mission by collecting **new and used** shoes from individuals, schools, faith-based institutions, civic organizations and corporate partners. The shoes are distributed via free direct donations to people in need and by provisioning qualified micro-enterprise programs designed to create jobs for people in poor and disadvantaged communities. They have worked in 127 countries and all 50 states. **The Community Outreach Committee will be collecting shoes—any type; children and adults during the month of June.** Shoes should be tied together by the laces or if dress shoes, bound with an elastic band and left in the vestibule. As always, thank you for your support of Outreach Program.



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CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL
Supporting the work of the Church

FINAL CALL

The 2015 Catholic Charity Appeal ends June 14. If you intend to make a charitable contribution, kindly return your donation in a separate envelope and return it to the rectory no later than Wednesday. I wish to thank the parishioners who have made a gift thus far.

PRIESTHOOD ORDINATION AND HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

The Diocese of Providence joyfully announces the **Ordination to the Priesthood** of Rev. Mr. Joshua Barrow, Rev. Mr. Nicholas Fleming, and Rev. Mr. Ryan Simas on Saturday, June 27, at the Cathedral of SS. Peter & Paul at 10:00 AM. All are welcome.

On the eve of the ordinations, all are invited to pray with the ordinandi at a **Holy Hour for Vocations** at St. Rocco Church, 927 Atwood Ave., Johnston at 7:00 PM on June 26. Bishop Robert Evans will preside and Fr. Christopher Murphy will be the homilist as we pray for priestly vocations in the Diocese of Providence.

PARISH BOOK CLUB SUMMER READING

The Parish Book Club has adjourned for the summer months. Our summer reading is An American Tragedy by Theodore Dreiser which we will discuss at our meeting on September 16th at 7 pm in the Father Randall Room. Happy Summer!

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. **JH, Jim P., John Haddad, Peter Pizzarello, Deborah Bessette, Bill T, Carmella Cardillo, Maureen Kenner, Henry Berenson, and Kathy O.**