

Church of St. Sebastian
February 16, 2014 — Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scheduled Masses For This Week

Saturday, February 15, Vigil: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm Mass

Sunday, February 16, Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am For the People

11:00 am Dorothy and Raymond Higgins, anniversary remembrance

-requested by Edward and Gail Higgins Fogarty

Monday, February 17, Weekday

~~Presidents Day~~ Holiday Mass Schedule~~

9:00 am Mass

Tuesday, February 18, Weekday

7:00 am Cecylia Turyn, 32nd anniversary

-requested by Boni family

Wednesday, February 19, Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Thursday, February 20, Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Friday, February 21, Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Next Weekend Masses

Saturday, February 22, Vigil: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm For the People

Sunday, February 23, Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Maureen Azar, month's mind

-requested by Marie Brito

11:00 am Francis and Helen McCormick

--requested by their family

THIS WEEK AT ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH

Sunday	2/16	NO Religious Ed Classes	
Monday	2/17	NO Religious Ed Classes	
		Presidents Day—Mass	9:00 am
Tuesday	2/18	Prayer Shawl Ministry	7:00 pm
Thursday	2/20	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm

NEW PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 9 AM – 2 PM
 Wednesday 9 AM – 4 PM
 Closed Friday

THE PASTOR'S CORNER

The Roman Missal has been in use now for over two years. As we all became quickly aware, the new translation does *translate* the Latin text more accurately, but does it function well in the English parlance? It's an open and debated question. In the former and the current Missal, the liturgical action is printed in red (rubrics), the prayers are printed in black. The "old time" priests would tell their newly ordained curates, "Father, just say the black and do the red!" Well, that's never been quite that simple. The inner heart is revealed in the external actions. If there is a disconnect, we easily fall into either legalism or laxism. Both extremes to be avoided in the virtuous life. Why? Because virtue is always found in the middle (*Virtus consistit in medio*). Exaggerated words and gestures bring only attention to oneself.

The readings this weekend mention words and actions that are loaded with meaning and insight. I point out to folks that Jesus always used the word: God's Commandments. You won't find him ever saying: *God's Suggestions!* What would our world, our city, be like if no one was killed on our streets, in our schools, or in Afghanistan? What would our families be like if the disrespect of marital vows (by tragedies of domestic violence, espousal bullying, and adultery) which leads to civil divorce? These are very weighty realities... the Commandments are one of the guide posts to righteousness.

A late controversial Canadian theologian, Fr. Andre Guindon, queried, "What are we saying by what we're doing?" His writing was on sexual ethics, but its major premise can be used in other areas of Christian living. What **ARE** we saying by what we're doing? Prayerfully reflecting on this question will bring insights for our life journey with and to Christ. To be authentic, however, means the Commandments in the Gospel of Life must be the place where we begin.

Enjoy the week.
 ~ Monsignor Darcy

WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

February 9, 2014

of Budget Envelopes Used This Week 89
Contributions-Budgets and Checks \$4,162.00
Loose Contributions \$ 653.00
Total Offertory \$4,815.00

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

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2014 Catholic Charity Appeal
"Faith and Good Works"

The start of the 2014 Catholic Charity Appeal is fast approaching. Many of our parishioners will be receiving a mailing from Bishop Tobin asking for your support of the 2014 Appeal. For your convenience, this is the first time that a pledge card has been enclosed within this mailing. **Please be assured that your parish will receive credit for the gift that you make though the mail.**

Your gift to the 2014 Appeal reaches out to countless people in need throughout our diocese. No matter where you turn, you find someone who will benefit from your kindness.

Please give generously to the 2014 Catholic Charity Appeal.

FR. LUKE'S REGULAR MAIL ADDRESS

For those who would like to send Fr. Luke a card or letter, mail can be sent to:

CPT Lukasz Willenberg
10th Mountain Division HHBN Chaplain
CJTF - 10, TF Gauntlet
APO AE 09354

Items for his Lenten Project for his troops will be made available next week.

BAKE SALE UPDATE

The Religious Education program would like to sincerely thank those who made last weekend's Bake Sale a huge success. The total amount raised from this Bake Sale was \$908. A special thank you to all the parishioners who generously bought and/or donated to our cause. An equally special thank you goes out to the parents and students of the Religious Education program who gave of their time and effort by baking and selling our goodies. The money raised will help many families in need of heat this winter. God bless you, you will be in my prayers. *Ms. Marie*



The Rhode Island State Circle Daughters of Isabella is once again offering a scholarship to memorialize Msgr. Thomas V. Cassidy who served this organization well for many years as the Rhode Island State Chaplain and was also very devoted to Catholic education.

Our (1) \$,300.00 "Msgr. Thomas V. Cassidy Memorial Scholarship" will be awarded to an eighth grade girl entering a Catholic High School of her choice. The scholarship will be determined on both Scholastic Merit and Financial Need.

Any girl interested in applying for this scholarship is asked to request an application in writing. Once you receive the application, it must be **completed in full and returned along with all requested documentation by March 15, 2014.**

Forward your request for an application to:
Msgr. Thomas V. Cassidy Scholarship Fund
c/o Nancy F. Sohigian
45 Kinfield Street
Providence, RI 02909



SAVE THE DATE
MARCH 15
ST. PATRICK'S DAY
PARISH PARTY

Save the date for a great St. Patrick's Day Party with the traditional corned beef and cabbage, typical Irish "refreshments," and live entertainment provided by one of Rhode Island's up and coming groups; *The Jesse Liam Band*. Tickets: \$20 per person. All are welcome!

Name: _____
Number of Tickets: _____
Return this form to the rectory
with your reservation check.

Please keep our fellow parishioners and friends in your thoughts and prayers: Michael, Frances, Lauren, Yvette Wilburn, Maureen Kenner, Jane Martin, Carol Anne Theroux, Nicole Ruffine, Beverly DiLello, Elizabeth Dugan, Deborah Bessette, Beatrice Calvo Crozier, James Mullaney, Mariella, Amy, and Ursula Shea. *Please contact the rectory if you would like to add a person to our prayers.*

COLD AND FLU SEASON

During the cold and flu season, we will verbally offer each other the Sign of Peace. Communion will be restricted to the Body of Christ. Pray for those who are sick during this winter season.