

Church of St. Sebastian
February 21, 2016 - Second Sunday of Lent

Scheduled Masses For This Week

Saturday, February 20, Vigil: 2nd Sunday of Lent

5:00 pm Mass

Sunday, February 21, 2nd Sunday of Lent

9:00 am Deborah Bessette - Month's Mind

11:00 am Francis and Helen McCormick
-requested by their family

Monday, February 22, The Chair of St. Peter, Apostle

7:00 am Marcangelo Montecalvo

5:30 pm Eric Montecalvo

6:30 pm Stations of the Cross

Tuesday, February 23, Lenten Weekday

7:00 am Domenic Losardo

7:25 am Novena Prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

5:30 pm Jennie Losardo

Wednesday, February 24, Lenten Wednesday

7:00 am Paul Della Barba

5:30 pm Josephine Della Barba

Thursday, February 25, Lenten Weekday

7:00 am Angelo Losardo

5:30 pm Beatrice Spillare

Friday, February 26, Lenten Weekday

7:00 am Intentions of Parishioners

5:30 pm Sick of the Parish

6:30 pm Devotions and Litany of the Sacred Heart

Next Weekend's Masses

Saturday, February 27, Vigil: 3rd Sunday of Lent

5:00 pm Mass

Sunday, February 28, 3rd Sunday of Lent

9:00 am Mass

11:00 am Rev. Angelo D'Agostino SJ,MD
-requested by Belle Calenda

DRY BONES COME TO LIFE

God's mercy can make even the driest land become a garden, can restore life to dry bones (Ezekiel 37:1-14). ... Let us be loved by Jesus, let us enable the power of his love to transform our lives too; and let us become agents of this mercy, channels through which God can water the earth, protect all creation and make justice and peace flourish—Pope Francis, Easter Urbi et Orbi on March 31, 2013.

Pray about it...and consider going to Confession:

March 5th Cathedral of Sts. Peter and Paul (9 am - 3 pm)

March 5th Our Lady of the Rosary (11 am to 2 pm)

March 14th St. Sebastian (6:30 pm to 7:30 pm, during Stations of the Cross.)

My Dear Parishioners,

I don't often write to you about money. But today is an exception. We are about to start the parish phase of the Catholic Charity Appeal and the parish and the Diocese needs your help.

The annual Catholic Charity Appeal supports the work of the Catholic Church by responding to the abundance of human needs in our diocese. Your gift to the Catholic Charity Appeal provides much needed help to the poor, the sick, the disabled and to troubled families in crisis. This is an opportunity to join a unified effort in our diocese to further the mission and ministry of the Catholic Church in Rhode Island. Please take a moment to consider the many blessings that God has bestowed upon you and prayerfully consider what you are able to share in support of our diocesan Church.

A successful Catholic Charity Appeal brings God's hope, love and comfort to thousands of men, women and children in the Diocese of Providence. Our parish and diocese are "One Family, One Heart, One Spirit". Our parish goal of \$79,822.00 is attainable if we have 100% participation of our parishioners - a goal that can only be reached with your sacrificial help and support.

Today is our parish Catholic Charity Appeal in-pew weekend. All of us share as Christ's disciples in the mission of the Diocese of Providence. Only together can we accomplish God's work. After the moving and lovely homily (I expect some laughter now) we will together, as a parish family, have an opportunity to make our pledge in support of those less fortunate. Won't you be part of your larger family?

Have a good week.....

Monsignor Montecalvo

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 this month's Prayers for the Sick please call the rectory. ***Susan Elliott, Mary Shea, Maureen Kenner, Sandy C., Sylvia Loferski, Carl Robert Dahm, John Haddad, Bob, and Bob K.***

ATTENTION ALL MOTHERS AND CAREGIVERS!

This coming Saturday, February 27th we will gather here at St. Sebastian Church from 8:30-12:00 with the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia and our own Monsignor Montecalvo to prepare ourselves spiritually for Lent. To reserve your space now, contact Grace at dugan@dugancustomjewelers.com or 401.277.1028.

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LENTEN SCHEDULE 2016

**Weekday Mass: Monday through Friday
at 7:00 am and 5:30 pm**

Stations of the Cross - Mondays at 6:30 pm

Confessions – Saturdays at 4:00 - 4:45 pm

Rice Bowls are available in the vestibule

**Communal Penance Service - March 14,
6:30 pm to 7:30 pm**

DAYS OF FAST AND ABSTINENCE

Weekdays of Lent:

There is no obligation to fast. However, voluntary acts of self-denial are recommended.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday:

These are days of **FAST and ABSTINENCE from meat**. There is a limit of one full meal on these days for all between the ages of 18-59 inclusive.

Days of Abstinence (All Fridays in Lent) All who have reached their 14th year are bound to abstain totally from meat.



BISHOP HENDRICKEN OPEN HOUSE

Bishop Hendricken High School will hold an Open House on Sunday, March 13th, from noon to 3:00 pm. Information on academics, college placement, athletic and extracurricular activities will be available. The entrance exam for prospective freshmen and sophomore transfers will be held on Saturday, April 9th at 8:30 am. For more information or to pre-register, please call the Admissions Office at 739-3450, ext. 162.

THIS WEEK AT ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH

Sunday	2/21	Rel. Ed, Grades 6-8	10:00 am
		Adult Choir	10:00 am
		Rel. Ed, Grades 9-10	6:30 pm
Monday	2/22	Rel. Ed, Grades 1-5	4:30 pm
		Stations of the Cross	6:30 pm
Friday	2/26	Devotions to the Sacred Heart	6:15 pm

Through your support of the **Catholic Charity Appeal**, 1,268 youth attended 38 retreats from over 56 parishes and 5 Catholic schools. Thank you for your generosity.

Eastside Marketplace Receipts: During the month of March, St. Sebastian's will receive 2% (it's usually 1%) of all receipts submitted to Eastside Marketplace. So please bring those receipts to Church this month and deposit them in the Collection Box in the vestibule. The Outreach Committee will submit them to Eastside Marketplace and the parish will receive double the amount for our Charitable Outreach!

Annual Lenten Sandwich Drive in March

The Outreach Committee is seeking volunteers for our annual sandwich drive to benefit Emmanuel House. Each Sunday **in March** we ask parishioners to make 10 hearty sandwiches and bring them to church before the 11 am Mass. An Outreach member will deliver them to Emmanuel House in time for lunch. Feel free to add fruit, chips, cookies or other snacks to your donation. Sign-up Sheets are in the vestibule. This is an excellent Lenten family project.

After the 5:30 Mass on Fridays in Lent there is a short **devotion to the Sacred Heart** in the side chapel. After a few minutes of silent prayer, we will recite the Litany of the Sacred Heart together. This devotion will be led by Celia Devine.

WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

February 14, 2016

# of Budget Envelopes Used This Week	68
Contributions-Budgets and Checks	\$ 2,696.00
Loose Contributions	\$ 453.00
Total Offertory	\$ 3,149.00

A sincere thank you for your support!

SAVE THE DATE - SATURDAY, MARCH 12, 2016

In honor of St. Patrick and St. Joseph, all parishioners are invited to our next parish social event to be held in the Church Hall on Saturday, March 12 at 6:00 pm. This is a family event so we will provide Babysitting in the in the Church Hall that evening.

So that we will have enough food and drink, please let us know if you are planning to attend. Please make your reservations by either calling the parish office at 751-0196; email office@stsebastianri.org or complete the reservation form below and drop it in the collection basket.

Reservations required by March 10th

Name: _____

of Tickets: _____ **Phone:** _____