

Church of St. Sebastian
February 26, 2017 - Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, VIGIL: EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 pm DOMENIC & JENNY LOSARDO

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 am INTENTIONS OF PARISHIONERS

11:00 am FRANCIS AND HELEN McCORMICK, by their family

Monday, FEBRUARY 27

7:00 am ANGELO LOSARDO

Tuesday, FEBRUARY 28

7:00 am PAUL & JOSIE DELLABARBA

7.25 am Novena Prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Wednesday, MARCH 1, ASH WEDNESDAY

7:00 am INTENTIONS OF PARISHIONERS

5:30 pm SICK OF THE PARISH

Thursday, MARCH 2

7:00 am BEATRICE SPILLARE

5:30 pm Mass

First Friday, MARCH 3

7:00 am INTENTIONS OF CELEBRANT

5:30 pm Mass

SATURDAY, MARCH 4, VIGIL: FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

5:00 pm INTENTIONS OF PARISHIONERS

SUNDAY, MARCH 5, FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

9:00 am Mass

11:00 am FR. ANGELO D'AGOSTINO S.J., M.D.
Servant of God, by Belle Calenda

My Dear Parishioners,

"The Good News is no mere matter of words ... It is about leaving ourselves behind and encountering others." —Pope Francis

This Lent our community will participate in CRS Rice Bowl, a faith-in-action program that invites us to encounter anew ourselves, our neighbors and our God.

As we, the global Church, prepare for this holy season of Lent, it is especially appropriate to come together in prayer as a family, reflecting on the role we each have to play in building up God's one human family.

Please consider these suggestions in shaping your own family's Lenten plan:

- Use your CRS Rice Bowl and Lenten Calendar daily to guide your Lenten prayer, fasting and almsgiving. The Lenten Calendar & other information are inside the Rice Bowl.

- As a family, read the Stories of Hope and daily reflections to inspire your Lenten journey—and guide your Lenten almsgiving.

- Prepare simple meatless meals on Fridays throughout Lent, in solidarity with our brothers and sisters around the world.

Be sure to visit www.crsricebowl.org to watch videos of the people and communities your Lenten gifts are changing through CRS Rice Bowl.

We will be collecting your CRS Rice Bowls at the end of Lent, so stay tuned to learn more.

Thank you for participating in CRS Rice Bowl with your family this Lent.

Mons. Montecalvo

PS. Please pick up your Rice Bowl as you leave Church this morning. The Rice Bowls will also be distributed during CCD classes.

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. Please be generous to this important collection to continue necessary improvements on our parish property.

HAVE YOU MOVED?

If you have a new address, changed phone numbers, or have moved into or out of the Parish, please contact the Parish Office so we may update your information.

Also, if you donate through Parish Giving and have not yet filled out our parish registration form, please contact the parish office so we may add you to our rolls. Thank You.

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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 between 5 and 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.

LENT 2017

LENTEN SCHEDULE

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

MASSES AT 7:00 AM AND 5:30 PM

Ashes to be distributed during Mass

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

**Stations of the Cross - Mondays at 6:00 pm
 Confessions – Saturdays at 4:00 - 4:45 pm**

**Rice Bowls are available in the vestibule
 beginning this Sunday**

Communal Penance Service to be announced

LENTEN PARISH MISSION

SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 2017 6:00 PM.

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW

Mercy in the City: Doing God's work at Ungodly Hours

We are called to lives that incorporate prayer and service, and sometimes that means early mornings, late nights, or long hours. America's executive editor Kerry Weber discusses her efforts to participate fully in city life and in the life of the Church while still maintaining her sanity. Drawing upon her book "Mercy in the City," she will offer her thoughts on how she tries to balance breadlines and deadlines, and describes how she finds a moment's rest in the city that never sleeps.

To make your reservation, please call the office at 751-0196 or email office@stsebastianri.org no later than March 20th.

LENTEN PROJECT —

IMMIGRATION & REFUGEE SERVICES

The Community Outreach Committee will be collecting items during Lent for the Diocese of Providence's Immigration & Refugee Services to welcome refugee families who will be arriving in Rhode Island. (The items needed are toiletries (toilet paper, soap, toothpaste, shampoo etc.), cleaning supplies (mop, broom, waste basket, trash bags, etc.) baby products (diapers, bottles, powder, lotion, etc.) and school supplies (notebooks, pens/pencils, backpacks, etc.).

Kindly place the items in the bin located in the vestibule. Any questions, contact Karin Schrott at 401-465-7444 or karinschrott@gmail.com.

Thank you for your kindness and support of our Lenten Projects.

Parish Meetings and Activities

2/26	Religious Ed	10 am	Classrooms
2/27	Religious Ed	4 pm	Classrooms
2/28	Book Club	7 pm	Fr. Randall Rm
3/1	Bible Study	6:30 pm	Fr. Randall Rm

Because of you and your generosity to the annual Catholic Charity Appeal, over 11,767 students and their families are served through the Catholic School Office. Thank you for your gift.

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

SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT
FEBRUARY 19, 2017

# of Budget Envelopes Used This Week	82
# Online Giving	13
Contributions-Budgets and Checks	\$ 3,311.00
Online Contributions	\$ 585.00
Loose Contributions	\$ 548.00
Total Offertory	\$ 4,444.00
<i>A sincere thank you for your support!</i>	