

Church of St. Sebastian
February 28, 2016 - Third Sunday of Lent

Scheduled Masses For This Week

Saturday, February 27, Vigil: Third Sunday of Lent
5:00 pm Mass

Sunday, February 28, Third Sunday of Lent

9:00 am Mass

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

Monday, February 29, Lenten Weekday

7:00 am Rev. Andrew Farina

5:30 pm Rev. William Murphy

6:00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

6:30 pm Stations of the Cross

Tuesday, March 1, Lenten Weekday

7:00 am Rev. Peter Tedeschi

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

5:30 pm Mass

Wednesday, March 2, Lenten Weekday

7:00 am Rev. Msgr. John Lolio

5:30 pm Mass

Thursday, March 3, Lenten Weekday

7:00 am Rev. Russell B. Page

5:30 pm Mass

Friday, March 4, Lenten Weekday

7:00 am Rev. William Lawless

5:30 pm Mass

6:30 pm Devotions and Litany of the Sacred Heart

Next Weekend's Masses

Saturday, March 5, Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Lent

5:00 pm Joanne Coia, month's mind
-requested by a friend

Sunday, March 6, Fourth Sunday of Lent

9:00 am Anne M. Daniels, 10th anniversary
-requested by her husband Ralph

11:00 am Justin Silvia, month's mind
-requested by Anne Marie and Diane

WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

February 21, 2016

# of Budget Envelopes Used This Week	100
Online "Parish Giving" Contributors	11
Contributions-Budgets and Checks	\$ 3,984.00
Online "Parish Giving" Contributions	\$ 660.00
Loose Contributions	\$ 560.00
Total Offertory	\$ 5,204.00

A sincere thank you for your support!

My Dear Parishioners,

A few more thoughts about the Catholic Charity Appeal. What does our generosity to the Catholic Charity Appeal accomplish? Among the dozens of ministries that we are asked to support, the Appeal is the main source of support for these agencies that:

- provide food, clothing and shelter to those truly in need;
- develop public policies to promote the Gospel of Life and support marriage in RI
- provide pastoral care to women who have had abortions
- helping immigrants to obtain visas and citizenship, find work and speak English
- serving and teaching children and adults with physical and mental disabilities
- give young people ways in which to keep connected to others like them who are Catholic and want to share and grow in their faith

Without our commitment to the Catholic Charity Appeal, the bishop would not be able to educate seminarians, deacons and priests. Simply stated, the Diocese of Providence touches hundreds of thousands of lives in a way that no single person among us could do.

Thank you for participating in the Annual Catholic Charity Appeal.

Monsignor Montecalvo

THE GAZE OF JESUS

Let us remember Peter: three times he denied Jesus, precisely when he should have been closest to him; and when he hits bottom he meets the gaze of Jesus who patiently, wordlessly, says to him: Peter, don't be afraid of your weakness, trust in Me." Peter understands, he feels the loving gaze of Jesus and he weeps. How beautiful is this gaze of Jesus—let us never lose trust in the patience and mercy of God.

(Pope Francis, Homily on Divine Mercy Sunday of April 7, 2013) Pray about it...and consider going to Confession:

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

March 5th Our Lady of the Rosary, 463 Benefit St. (11 am to 2 pm)

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

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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

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

GET YOUR RESERVATION IN NOW!!

ST. PATRICK AND ST. JOSEPH PARISH CELEBRATION SATURDAY, MARCH 12TH

All parishioners are invited to our newest 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 reservation: either call the office at 751-0196; email office@stsebastianri.org or drop the completed reservation form below into the collection basket.

Reservations required by March 6th

Name: _____

of Tickets: _____ *Phone:* _____

Parish Meetings and Activities

2/28	Rel. Ed, Grades 6-8	10 am	Classrooms
	Adult Choir	10 am	Fr. Randall Room
	Children's Choir	10 am	Side Chapel
	Rel. Ed, Grades 9-10	6:30 pm	Classrooms
2/29	Rel. Ed, Grades 1-5	4:30 pm	Classrooms
	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament	6 pm	Church
	Stations of the Cross	6:30 pm	Church
3/1	Prayer Shawl Mtg	7 pm	Fr. Randall Room
3/4	Sacred Heart Devotions/Litany	6:15 pm	Side Chapel

Your support of the **CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL** will enable the Interfaith Community Dire Emergency Fund to continue to serve 28,525 clients annually. Thank you!

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!

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY will meet on Tuesday March 1st at 7:00 pm in the Fr. Randall Room to create prayer shawls and small Baptism blankets. Call Pat Capece 274-8632 or Elaine Kehoe 273-4259 with ideas or questions. Please join us in this lovely way to spread joy to others.

PARISH BOOK CLUB

The next meeting of the Parish Book Club takes place Wednesday, March 16th at 7:00 pm in the Fr. Randall Room to discuss **Lord Jim** by Joseph Conrad. New members are welcome!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION BAKE SALE

Next Sunday, March 6th, the Religious Education program is sponsoring a bake sale to raise money for Bishop Tobin's "Keep the Heat On" campaign. The bake sale will take place after all Masses. If you would like to donate a baked item, please bring it to the Vestibule before each Mass. Thank you in advance for your generous contributions. Ms. Marie

On the first Sunday of every month please join us for **COFFEE & CRAFTS** after the 9 am Mass in the Church Hall. All are welcome. Scheduled Crafts: March 6th - Dream Catchers (stained glass), April 3rd - Pictures for Elderly Housing , May 1st - Outside Activity (weather permits) All ages welcome for crafts! If you have ideas for future crafts, please contact Grace Dugan - dugan@dugancustomjewelers.com

CHILDREN'S CHOIR DATES: Sunday, March 6th, 9 am Mass; Easter Sunday, March 27th, 9 am Mass; Sunday, April 3rd at 11 am Mass with Adult Choir.

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. *Frances Geary, Susan Elliott, Mary Shea, Maureen Kenner, Sandy C., Sylvia Loferski, Carl Robert Dahm, John Haddad, Bob, and Bob K.*