

Church of St. Sebastian
February 5, 2017 - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, VIGIL: FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 pm CHARLES F ROGERS SR, anniversary

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 am INTENTIONS OF PARISHIONERS

11:00 am PATRICIA DOMENICO, by Susan Elliott

Monday, FEBRUARY 6, Saint Peter Miki and Companions, Martyrs

7:00 am FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD

Tuesday, FEBRUARY 7

7:00 am FR. WILLIAM LAWLESS

7.25 am Novena Prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Wednesday, FEBRUARY 8

7:00 am FR RUSSELL PAGE

Thursday, FEBRUARY 9

7:00 am FOR SICK OF THE PARISH

Friday, FEBRUARY 10, Saint Scholastica, Virgin

7:00 am INTENTIONS OF CELEBRANT

5:30 pm Mass

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, VIGIL: SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 pm Mass

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 am Mass

11:00 am URSULA SHEA, 2nd anniversary by her family



CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL

The Catholic Charity Appeal is the main source of support for our diocesan agencies providing for the physical, educational, and spiritual needs of Rhode Islanders each year. It is our responsibility to ensure that these agencies and programs have the resources available to help our brothers and sisters in need.

My Dear Parishioners,

More information on St. Matthew's Gospel:

The position of the Gospel according to Matthew as the first of the four gospels in the New Testament reflects both the view that it was the first to be written, a view that goes back to the late second century A.D., and the esteem in which it was held by the church; no other Gospel was so frequently quoted in the noncanonical literature of earliest Christianity. Although the majority of scholars now reject the opinion about the time of its composition, the high estimation of this work remains. The reason for that becomes clear upon study of the way in which Matthew presents his story of Jesus, the demands of Christian discipleship, and the breaking-in of the new and final age through the ministry but particularly through the death and resurrection of Jesus.

In Mt 4:12 Matthew begins his account of the ministry of Jesus, introducing it by the preparatory preaching of John the Baptist (Mt 3:1-12), the baptism of Jesus that culminates in God's proclaiming him his "beloved Son" (Mt 3:13-17), and the temptation in which he proves his true sonship by his victory over the devil's attempt to deflect him from the way of obedience to the Father (Mt 4:1-11). The central message of Jesus' preaching is the coming of the kingdom of heaven and the need for repentance, a complete change of heart and conduct, on the part of those who are to receive this great gift of God (Mt 4:17). Galilee is the setting for most of his ministry; he leaves there for Judea only in Mt 19:1, and his ministry in Jerusalem, the goal of his journey, is limited to a few days (Mt 21:1-25:46).

Just some thoughts about St. Matthew's Gospel! Have a great week!

Monsignor Montecalvo

A Gentle Reminder

If you donate to St. Sebastian's by check please be sure your checks are made payable to St. Sebastian Church. This includes checks for food drives and all special collections. Our bank will not deposit any check that is not made out to St. Sebastian Church. Thank you!

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

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PARISH PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY meets the first and third Tuesday each month at 7:00 pm in the Fr. Randall Room to make prayer shawls and small Baptism Blankets. Our next scheduled get-together is this **Tuesday February 7th**. Call Pat Capece 274-8632 with ideas or questions. **WE EVEN SUPPLY THE YARN AND NEEDLES!**

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.

Rhode Island Catholic's annual February Subscription Campaign is underway. To receive or renew a year of in-home delivery of the diocese's national award-winning weekly newspaper for \$30, place the specially marked Subscription Drive weekly parish budget envelope into the collection basket, visit www.thericatholic.com or call 272-1100.

COFFEE AND CRAFTS TODAY
Sunday February 5th after the 9 am Mass.
Valentines for Veterans
 Taking place in the church basement.
 Please join us in thanking our **Servicemen and Servicewomen.**

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.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT
JANUARY 29, 2017

# of Budget Envelopes Used This Week	87
# Online Giving	36
Contributions-Budgets and Checks	\$ 3,690.00
Online Contributions	\$ 1,208.00
Loose Contributions	\$ 493.00
Total Offertory	\$ 5,391.00
Church in Latin America	\$ 791.00

A sincere thank you for your support!

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED
AT RHODE ISLAND HOSPITAL

If you are an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist, we are in need of your help at Rhode Island Hospital to administer Holy Communion to the Catholic patients. You may choose the day and time of your ministry. Training is held at the hospital. If you feel called to a ministry of compassion and comfort to our ill brothers and sisters, please call Caroline Vierra at 401- 444 – 7644.

The ELMHURST ALUMNI ASSOCIATION invites you to a **DAY OF RECOLLECTION**, Saturday February 11, 2017 from 10 am to 2 pm with Monsignor Montecalvo. Registration and coffee at 9:30 am. Brown bag lunch (Bring your own). Guests are welcome! Free will donation. RSVP with phone number and or email to Mary L Gardiner, President, 884-6222 or marylgardiner@aol.com or elmhurst.aa@gmail.com

THE PARISH BOOK CLUB will meet on Tuesday, February 28 at 7 pm in the Fr. Randall Room to discuss Go Tell it on the Mountain by James Baldwin. Join us!



THIS WEEKEND the Religious Education Program is sponsoring a Bake Sale for Bishop Tobin's "Keep the Heat On" program. All parishioners are invited to participate by baking goods and/or buying goods for the event. CCD parents and students will be in the Vestibule after all Masses that weekend. Thank you for your support.

Parish Meetings and Activities			
2/5	Religious Ed	10 am	Classrooms
2/6	Religious Ed	4 pm	Classrooms
2/7	Prayer Shawl	7 pm	Fr. Randall Rm
2/8	Bible Study	6:30 pm	Fr. Randall Rm
2/11	Day of Recollection	10 am	Church

TODAY'S SECOND COLLECTION IS OUR MONTHLY MAINTENANCE COLLECTION