

Church of St. Sebastian
January 22, 2017 - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JAN. 21, VIGIL: 3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 pm MARY LOU CALCAGNI, 3rd anniversary by her husband and family

SUNDAY, JAN. 22, 3RD SUNDAY IN ORD. TIME

9:00 am Mass

11:00 am DR. JOSEPH LOFERSKI, 20th ann. by his wife Sylvia and children

Monday, JANUARY 23, Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

7:00 am Mass

Tuesday, JANUARY 24, St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

7:00 am Mass

7.25 am Novena Prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Wednesday, JANUARY 25, The Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle

7:00 am Mass

Thursday, JANUARY 26, Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops

7:00 am DONALD ROHR, 2nd anniversary, BEQUEST

Friday, JANUARY 27

7:00 am VINCENT AND JEAN MAGUIRE, BEQUEST

SATURDAY, JAN. 28, VIGIL: 4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 pm NANCY BLOOR, by Mary Cappelli

SUNDAY, JAN. 29, 4TH SUNDAY IN ORD. TIME

9:00 am Mass

11:00 am JOANNE COIA, 1st anniversary by her children and their families

Let us pray for the repose of the souls of Donald Rohr and Vincent & Jean Maguire whose love for our parish was shown in Bequests to St. Sebastian Church. We remember them in gratitude and offer Thursday and Friday's 7 am Masses for them this week. May they rest in the peace of the Lord.

My Dear Parishioners,

What do we know about the CATACOMBS OF SAINT SEBASTIAN?

This cemetery, named after the martyr St. Sebastian, who is buried here, was originally called "ad catacumbas". According to the widely acknowledged explanation, the name signifies "near the hollows", because of the mines of tuff located in this area. The name was later used generally to indicate all subterranean Christian cemeteries.

Another ancient name of the cemetery was "Apostolic Memorial" (Memoria Apostolorum). The name derives from the liturgical celebrations, dedicated to the Apostles Peter and Paul, which took place here for a limited period in the first centuries.

From the first century, the site had been intensely exploited and constructed upon. The caves and the tunnels of the mines were used for pagan and Christian rectangular wall tombs (loculi), as well smaller tombs (colombari) used to house urns. At least two residential buildings were constructed above ground, especially noted for their interior wall painting decorations.

Around the middle of the second century, a cave-in occurred, and in the square which was constructed above ground, three mausoleums were built, respectively belonging to Clodius Hermes, the Innocentes and "sub Ascia". Later this area was again covered over and a portico enclosed by a wall (triclia) was built. Along the wall, hundreds of graffiti writings, dedicated to Peter and Paul, have been deciphered. Around the year 258, the religious celebrations commemorating the two Apostles were transferred to the site, and the emperor Constantine (306-337) had a grandiose circiform basilica constructed in the honor of the Apostles. Meanwhile, the catacomb had been developing underground from the third century. As it is well known from archeological and literary sources, the martyrs Sebastian and Eutychius were buried here..

Have a great week,

Mons. Montecalvo

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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Annual Potluck Supper—January 28th

In honor of St. Sebastian, whose Feast Day is January 20th, all parishioners are invited to a Potluck Supper in the Church Hall **this coming Saturday, January 28th at 6:00 pm. Sign up sheets are in the vestibule.** Please join us for this annual event as we wish Dave Belanger well and thank him for all his hard work and dedication to Saint Sebastian's over the years.

AREA SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES—JANUARY 29TH

St. Pius V School, 49 Elmhurst Avenue, Providence, invites you to its Open House from 11:30 am to 1:30pm.

St. Margaret School, 42 Bishop Avenue, Rumford, invites you to its Open House from 1 –3 pm

St. Augustine School, 635 Mount Pleasant Avenue, Providence, will be hosting Open House on both Sunday, January 29th from noon to 1:30 pm, and Tuesday, January 31st from 9:30 am to 11 am.

St. Luke School, 10 Waldron Drive, Barrington, will hold an Open House from 12:30 to 2:00 pm.

St. Mary Academy-Bay View, 3070 Pawtucket Avenue Riverside is hosting an Open House for Lower and Middle School Schools at 12 Noon.

HAT AND MITTEN TREE

You are invited to decorate the tree in the vestibule with new Hats, Mittens, Gloves, and Scarves, for women, men, and children through the month of January. All proceeds will be distributed to the Mary House at St. Patrick Church. Thank you for your generous spirit and kindness.



Next week, we will take up the **Collection for the Church in Latin America**. Please prayerfully consider supporting this collection, which assists programs that strengthen the faith in Latin America and the Caribbean. Your gifts help share the faith by providing lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, as well as other programs.

Parish Meetings and Activities

1/22	Religious Ed	10 am	Classrooms
1/23	Religious Ed	4 pm	Classrooms
1/25	Bible Study	6:30 pm	Fr. Randall Rm
1/28	Potluck Dinner	6 pm	Church Hall



Bake Sale

On the weekend of February 4th & 5th 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.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT
JANUARY 15, 2017

# of Budget Envelopes Used This Week	79
# Online Giving	16
Contributions-Budgets and Checks	\$ 3,220.00
Online Contributions	\$ 885.00
Loose Contributions	\$ 431.00
Total Offertory	\$ 4,536.00

A sincere thank you for your support!

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.

COFFEE AND CRAFTS,

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.