

Church of St. Sebastian
January 29, 2017 - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28, VIGIL: FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 pm NANCY BLOOR, by Mary Cappelli

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORD. TIME

9:00 am INTENTIONS OF PARISHIONERS

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

Monday, JANUARY 30

7:00 am FR. ANDREW FARINA

Tuesday, JANUARY 31, St. John Bosco, Priest

7:00 am FR. PAT ROTONDI

7.25 am Novena Prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Wednesday, FEBRUARY 1

7:00 am PAUL NADEAU

Thursday, FEBRUARY 2, The Presentation of the Lord

7:00 am INCREASE OF VOCATIONS TO PRIESTHOOD

First Friday, FEBRUARY 3

7:00 am INTENTIONS OF CELEBRANT

5:30 pm Mass

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



CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL

Some of you have already received a first mailing from the Office of the Catholic Charity Appeal. Just for your information I recently received a letter from the Secretariat for Planning and Financial Services.

The Diocese would like to raise our parish's goal from \$78,822 to \$90,000. Last year our parish raised \$99,402.

I have asked the Diocese to keep our goal at the 2016 goal. I will keep you informed.

My Dear Parishioners,

In the Church's Liturgical Year this Sunday we are celebrating the 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time. The readings for Ordinary Time are divided into three cycles. We are in Cycle A. During Cycle A the Church presents to us the Gospel according to Matthew.

The Gospel of St Matthew is divided into 7 major sections. These seven major sections are :

1. The Birth and Infancy of Jesus (Chapter 1 through Chapter 2)
2. The Kingdom of Heaven is Proclaimed (Chapter through Chapter 7)
3. The Kingdom of God is Preached (Chapter 8 through Chapter 10) Jesus performs 10 miracles
4. The Mystery of the Kingdom of Heaven (Chapter 11 through Chapter 13:52)
5. The Church, the First Fruits of the Kingdom of Heaven (Chapter 13:53 through Chapter 18)
6. The Approaching Advent of the Kingdom of Heaven (Chapter 19 through Chapter 25)
7. Passion and Resurrection (Chapter 26 through Chapter 28)

This week and for the entire month of February we will be hearing Gospel readings from the 2nd section of Matthew's Gospel, the Kingdom of Heaven is Proclaimed. Lent begins of 1 March 2017.

Next week I will share more information on St. Matthew's Gospel.

Have a great week....

Mons. Montecalvo

Candle Lights in the Rectory

Some of you may think we forgot to take the candles out of the rectory windows but I decided to keep them lit until The Feast of The Presentation of the Child Jesus in the temple. The Church celebrates that feast on February 2nd. The church blesses candles on that feast so I feel it is appropriate to keep the candles until that feast.

Besides, I like the way the rectory looks with candles in each window!

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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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.**

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 is the Collection for the **Church in Latin America!** Please prayerfully consider supporting this collection, which strengthens the faith of our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean. Your support is bringing the faith to people in remote villages who would otherwise not have access to church programs and outreach. Share your faith! Support the second collection. To learn more, please visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.

Parish Meetings and Activities

1/29	Religious Ed	10 am	Classrooms
1/30	Religious Ed	4 pm	Classrooms
2/1	Bible Study	6:30 pm	Fr. Randall Rm
2/3	First Friday Masses	7 am 5:30 pm	Church

SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT **JANUARY 22, 2017**

# of Budget Envelopes Used This Week	106
# Online Giving	13
Contributions-Budgets and Checks	\$ 4,735.00
Online Contributions	\$ 585.00
Loose Contributions	\$ 562.00
Total Offertory	\$ 5,882.00

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.

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.

Complimentary copies of **Rhode Island Catholic** — the diocese’s national award-winning newspaper — are available near the entrance of the church this week as the paper launches its annual February Subscription Drive. If you don’t already receive Rhode Island Catholic, or would like to renew your subscription, or perhaps even purchase one as a gift for a friend or loved one, there are three ways this year to have the news you won’t find anywhere else delivered to your home each week. To subscribe for a year of weekly in-home delivery for \$30, place the specially marked Subscription Drive weekly parish budget envelope into the collection basket; visit www.thericatholic.com/subscribe.html to purchase or renew a subscription with a credit or debit card; or call the newspaper’s Circulation Desk at 272-1010 to subscribe by phone.



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.

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.**