

Church of St. Sebastian
July 17, 2011—Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scheduled Masses For This Week

Saturday, July 16, Vigil: 16th Sunday in Ord. Time

5:00 pm For the Parishioners

Sunday, July 17, 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Charles and Barbara Rogers, wedding anniversary remembrance
-requested by their family

11:00 am Elizabeth F. Wardell
-requested by her daughter Mary Beth

Monday, July 18, Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Tuesday, July 19, Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Wednesday, July 20, Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Thursday, July 21, Saint Lawrence of Brindisi, priest and doctor of the Church

7:00 am Mass

Friday, July 22, Saint Mary Magdalene

7:00 am Mass

Next Weekend Masses

Saturday, July 23, Vigil: 17th Sunday in Ord. Time

5:00 pm Eleanor and Virginia Rohr, birthday remembrance

Sunday, July 24, 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Agnes Walentukonis, 2nd anniversary
-requested by her son Allen and Albert

11:00 am Dorothy Ricci, 6th anniversary

“Some seed fell among the thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it. “ Sometimes, as much as we love each other it seems like the thorns of our life are choking our marriage and family. Take time to kill the thorns by taking time for your Sacramental marriage. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends in New England are July 27-29 and September 16-18. For more information call Ralph and Jane Becker at 1-800-710-WWME or visit our website at www.wwme.org

THE PASTOR'S CORNER

Patience is a virtue. Patience is the ability to keep control over the impulse that rises suddenly when something disagreeable happens. It is not just disregard of or indifference to life's daily irritations or upsetting incidents, but a real control of self, of one's feelings and impulses. On the contrary, impatience is the lack of self-control, and leads to other and greater faults. It can easily grow into anger, irritability, harsh words, unpleasantness towards others, etc. Many a serious quarrel starts with impatience over little annoyances or inconveniences.

As in today's Gospel, we have an impulse just to pull out the weeds. We don't want to wait for the mustard seed to grow, and we certainly can't be bothered in the heat of the summer to wait for yeast to leaven dough. Impatience then, and today.

Home and rectory repairs can try our patience. “Why can't they show up on time (if at all!)? Isn't there a less expensive way to do this? Forget, it, I'll just let it be!” Sound familiar?

God is incredibly patient about things eternal. Our angst, testiness, disappointments, and setbacks are, in the light of eternity, rather insignificant. Today's Gospel helps us put things into perspective whether it is our prayer life, our families, our ministry, or in the ordinary things of life. So, looking in the mirror, I can only respond: “Relax, Monsignor, take a deep breath. Things will move along and things will be fine.”

Remember, “The Kingdom of God is like....”

Take a breath, and have a good week!

Msgr. Darcy

MORNINGS OF RECOLLECTION FOR WOMEN

The Monthly Morning Recollection for Women will be held at St. Sebastian's this Thursday, July 21st from 10:00 am to 12:15 pm, including Holy Mass at 11:45 am. A Recollection is an opportunity to spend some time with Our Lord in quiet prayer. The format includes two meditations given by a priest of Opus Dei and a talk given by a layperson. The priest is available to hear confessions between meditations and after Holy Mass. The spiritual and doctrinal formation of the mornings are entrusted to Opus Dei, a personal prelature of the Catholic Church.

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WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

July 9/10, 2011

# of Budget Envelopes Used	58
Contributions-Budgets and Checks	\$ 2,251
Loose Contributions	\$ 545
Total Offertory	\$ 2,796
Youth Ministry	\$ 613

As we begin the summer, our parish charitable giving needs to be maintained. **Last summer our checking account at one point was at \$7.00.**

Please remember our joint stewardship responsibility to support the parish during the summer. You may consider Parish Giving, our electronic stewardship program for parish contributions. Even I could set it up! You can register online at www.Parishgiving.com

“AND WITH YOUR SPIRIT”

We’ll be learning more about the *new* edition of the Roman Missal. The very first thing that will jump out immediately is: **“And with your Spirit.”**

Why has the response *et cum spiritu tuo* been translated as *and with your spirit*? The retranslation was necessary because it is a more correct rendering of *et cum spiritu tuo*. Recent scholarship has recognized the need for a more precise translation capable of expressing the full meaning of the Latin text.

Where does this dialogue come from? The response *et cum spiritu tuo* is found in the Liturgies of both East and West, from the earliest days of the Church. One of the first instances of its use is found in the *Traditio Apostolica* of Saint Hippolytus, composed in Greek around AD 215.

What does the priest mean when he says to the congregation: “The Lord be with you”? By greeting the people with the words “The Lord be with you,” the priest expresses his desire that the dynamic activity of God’s spirit be given to the people of God, enabling them to do the work of transforming the world that God has entrusted to them.

OUR LADY’S CANDLE

This week Our Lady’s Candle burns in memory of Robert Godfrey, as requested by Susan Elliott.

PARISH BOOK CLUB

Summer reading: The Brothers Karamozov, by Fyodor Dostoyevski

NEW PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri. 10 AM – 2 PM
Wednesday 10 AM - 4 PM

MISSION CO-OP NEXT WEEKEND

We welcome next weekend Sr. Gertrude Mensah who will speak on behalf of the ministry of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Cluny. Please be prayerful and generous towards their missionary work.

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

PAWSOX FAMILY FUN DAY

SUNDAY, JULY 31, 2011—PAWSOX VS LOUISVILLE BATS

All you can eat BBQ at 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. Game starts at 1:05 pm.

Join us for a fun-filled day at McCoy Stadium. Starting with an all you can eat BBQ including hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken, salads, potato chips, ice cream, lemonade, and then—let’s not forget—baseball fun!

Donation \$25 for adults, \$15 for children under 12. All proceeds to benefit the Little Sisters of the Poor.

To purchase tickets, send a check to Little Sisters of the Poor, Jeanne Jugan Residence, 964 Main St, Pawtucket, RI 02860

Or call 401-305-4001. Credit cards accepted.

You could throw the first pitch! One lucky person who purchases a ticket to the Little Sisters of the Poor BBQ, and who is in attendance that day, will throw out the first pitch of the game. The winning ticket will be drawn during the pre-game BBQ.

Please keep our fellow parishioners and friends in your thoughts and prayers:

Maureen Baker, Bob R., Mary P., and Carmella Cardillo.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Registrations for Religious Education Classes will be taking place throughout the summer. The registration forms may be found on our website: www.stsebastianri.org Please download the form you will need and send it along with the registration fee to 67 Cole Avenue, Providence, RI 02906. Attn: Ms. Marie. New registrations must be accompanied by a copy of the student’s Baptismal Certificate only if the student was not baptized here at St. Sebastian’s. You will use the re-registration form only for students who are returning to Religious Education classes. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at msmarie06.stseb@gmail.com and I will get back to you. Thank you.