

Church of St. Sebastian
July 17, 2016 – 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scheduled Masses For This Week

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

5:00 pm Elizabeth F. Wardell
-requested by her daughter Marybeth

Sunday, July 17, 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Mass
11:00 am Evelyn Melloon Reilly, memorial Mass
-requested by Eileen & Bill O'Connell
2:30 pm Ruggieri Baptism

Monday, July 18, Weekday

7:00 am For an increase to vocations to priesthood and religious life

Tuesday, July 19, Weekday

7:00 am For the ill of the parish
7.25 am Novena Prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Wednesday, July 20, Weekday

7:00 am For the intentions of parishioners

Thursday, July 21, Weekday

7:00 am Mario Rollo, 34th anniversary
-requested by Rollo family

Friday, July 22, Saint Mary Magdalene

7:00 am John A.. O'Neill
-requested by his family

Next Weekend Masses

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

5:00 pm Evelyn Mastriano, anniversary remembrance
-requested by her family

Sunday, July 24, 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Natalie Swift, Mass of healing
- requested by Pamela Cummings
11:00 am Alex and Jenny Calenda, memorial anniversary
-requested by Belle Calenda



PRAY FOR . . .

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

MY DEAR PARISHIONERS,

As I mentioned in my homily last Sunday our nation needs a lot of prayers. So I would like to share a statement from Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz of Louisville, President, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

“The assassination of Dallas police officers last week was an act of unjustifiable evil. To all people of good will, let us beg for the strength to resist the hatred that blinds us to our common humanity. To my brothers and sisters in Christ, let us gather at the Cross of Jesus. Our Savior suffered at the hands of humanity's worst impulses, but He did not lose hope in us or in His heavenly father. Love overcomes evil.

The police are not a faceless enemy. They are sons and daughters offering their lives to protect their brothers and sisters. Jesus reminds us, "no one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends" (JN 15:13). So too, the suspects in crimes or routine traffic stops are not just a faceless threat. They are members of our family in need of assistance, protection and fairness. When compassion does not drive our response to the suffering of either, we have failed one another.

The need to place ever greater value on the life and dignity of all persons, regardless of their station in life, calls us to a moment of national reflection. In the days ahead, we will look toward additional ways of nurturing an open, honest and civil dialogue on issues of race relations, restorative justice, mental health, economic opportunity, and addressing the question of pervasive gun violence.

Let us pray for the comfort of everyone affected and that our national conversation will bear the good fruit of healing and peace. Let us pray that divisions that are tearing our nation apart may be bridge by our actions fostering unity.”

God bless.....

Monsignor Montecalvo

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25TH, 40TH, 50TH AND OVER -
WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Office of Marriage Preparation and Enrichment of the Diocese of Providence is sponsoring the 10th Annual Wedding Anniversary Celebration honoring couples of the Diocese of Providence who will be observing their 25th, 40th, 50th and Over wedding anniversaries in 2016.

The celebration will be held on *Sunday, September 25, 2016, 1:00 pm, at the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul, Providence.* It will include Mass, renewal of marriage vows, a personalized certificate for each couple and a reception for the couples and their families. Bishop Thomas Tobin will be the main celebrant and homilist.

Couples who would like to attend this event must register at **the Parish Office before WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24th.**

EASTSIDE MARKETPLACE RECEIPTS:

During the month of July, 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. Thank you.

CHARITABLE GIVING

Ordinary expenses continue even in the lazy summer months. Please, don't forget the parish if you are fortunate to relocate for the summer. The easiest way is through electronic giving. It helps stabilize our budget. It's easy, convenient, and safe. Take a serious look at it at: www.Parishgiving.org or call the rectory for more information.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl ministry will continue to meet through the summer. They will meet on the following Tuesdays: **July 19 and August 2, 16.** New members are always welcome at 7:00 pm in the Fr. Randall Room.

HOSPITAL VISITATION

Parishioners are encouraged to call the parish office if they or a family member would like a pastoral visit either at the hospital or nursing home by Msgr. Montecalvo. Hospitals no longer inform houses of worship of the admission of patients due to the laws protecting the right to privacy.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT
JULY 10, 2016

# of Budget Envelopes Used This Week	67
# Online Parish Giving	32
Contributions-Budgets and Checks	\$ 3,086.00
Online Parish Giving	\$ 3,368.00
Loose Contributions	\$ 457.00
Total Offertory	\$ 6,911.00
Youth Ministry	\$ 565.00

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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR BABYSITTING SERVICES
DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS

If any parishioner would like to volunteer one Sunday morning from 9 am to 10 am during the summer months (as most of our regular volunteers will be away during the summer), please contact Karin Schrott at karin.schrott@gmail.com or 401-465-7444 for more information. BCI checks are mandatory for all adults working with minors. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

DO YOU HAVE LEFTOVER
UNUSED CHRISTMAS CARDS?

The Outreach Committee is collecting unused Christmas cards for the Catholic chaplain at the ACI to distribute among the 1,000 men incarcerated there. Mother's Day, Father's Day, and blank cards also useful. Please NO birthday cards. If you have unused cards to donate please put them in the marked box in the church vestibule. Thank you.