

Church of St. Sebastian
July 21, 2013 — Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scheduled Masses For This Week

Saturday, July 20, Vigil: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm Evelyn Mastriano, 1st anniversary
-requested by her family

Sunday, July 21, Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am For the Parishioners

11:00 am Special Intention
-Joseph & Kathleen Moniz

Monday, July 22, Saint Mary Magdalene

7:00 am Mario E. Rollo
-requested by Michael & Jane Rollo

Tuesday, July 23, Weekday

7:00 am Margaret Hetherman
-requested by Pat and Sal Annarummo

Wednesday, July 24, Weekday

7:00 am Dorothy Ricci, 14th anniversary

Thursday, July 25, Saint James, Apostle

7:00 am Mass

Friday, July 26, Saint Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 am Anna Boni, 20th anniversary
-requested by the Boni Family

Next Weekend Masses

Saturday, July 27, Vigil: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm For the Parishioners

Sunday, July 28, Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Mass

11:00 am Mass

*Let us pray for the repose of the soul of
Dorothy Ricci*

*whose love for our parish was shown in a
bequest to St. Sebastian Church.*

*We remember her in gratitude and offer
Wednesday's 7:00 am Mass for her this week.*

May she rest in the peace of the Lord.

Our Lady's Candle is lit this week in memory of
Jenny Calenda, 39th anniversary -requested by the
Daniel Calenda Family.

THE PASTOR'S CORNER

Writers often contrast the active and passive spiritual life. The active life is usually described as practicing the corporal works of mercy, and the passive life is presented as contemplative prayer (i.e., monastic life). Actually, the spiritual life is not a question of *either/or* but rather *both/and*. All of us need to have a prayer life as we engage the world; and the monk and nun need to practice charity within the walls of the cloister. Even the great St. Benedict, the Father of Western Monasticism, selected as the motto of the Order, *Ora et Labora*; Prayer and Work.

Hospitality should be a sterling quality in our Christian lives. Receiving others as we would Christ reflects the depth to which faith has permeated our everyday life. Last week we heard what it means to be neighbor; this week we glance at the spiritual balance within. As a pastor, priest, brother, and friend, I quietly observe when someone is in a "dry period" in their lives. Unspoken tell tale signs slowly surface: absence, awkward silence, modified behaviors, and even the admission of something like, "Gee, I'm just not praying anymore." The listener in this scenario needs to be present and patient. The other person (like Martha) may be very anxious about many things which are not connecting them to Christ. Even preparing for sabbatical, I need to pray and listen to what the Lord is saying and revealing to me even now. Extended periods of solitude await, there will be purifying silence in very holy places.

Speaking of hospitality, next Saturday evening is the Parish Cookout after the 5 PM Mass. If you plan attend please sign the list at the front doors of the Church for food preparation. ***Be sure to bring a lawn chair or blanket on which to sit as there will not be tables and chairs outdoors.*** This is the third gathering and to date about 70 have signed up! All we need is seasonable weather. (FYI- The present temperature in Jerusalem and Tiberius has been fairly consistent dry 90-100°!)

See you at the cookout!
Msgr. Darcy

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WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

July 14, 2013

# of Budget Envelopes Used This Week	72
Contributions-Budgets and Checks	\$3594.00
Loose Contributions	\$ 298.00
Total Offertory	\$3892.00
Youth Ministry Collection	\$ 812.00

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.

COLUMBIAN FATHERS' FESTIVAL & BAZAAR 2013

Place: 65 Ferry Road, Bristol, RI 02809

Date & Time: Sunday, July 28th 12 Noon-6 PM

Yard Sale, Games of Chance, Children's Games, Bingo - Raffles: \$1,500 top prize, plus \$500, \$250, \$100 & hourly cash awards

BBQ, Steak Dinner, Chowder & Clam Cakes

Free Parking and Free admission

PARISH BOOK CLUB SUMMER READING

The Parish Book Club has adjourned for the summer months. Our summer reading is *Bring Up the Bodies* by Hilary Mantel. Enjoy your reading!

SUMMER BABYSITTING AT THE 9:00 AM MASS

Volunteers will continue the *Baby Sitting Service* during the 9 AM Mass throughout the summer. It's a great service for parents and the parish. Please be welcome to attend Mass while having your child in a secure environment with approved caregivers. They gather on the stage area in the Church Hall. If anyone would like to give a helping hand, please call Karin Schrott at (401) 465-7444.

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

Carol Anne Theroux, Nicole Ruffine, Dick Beaupre, Beverly DiLello, Elizabeth Dugan, Deborah Bessette, Beatrice Calvo Crozier, James Shanni, John Edwards, James Mullaney, Vilma O'Connor, Mariella, Amy, Ursula Shea, and David Carlos White.

Please contact the rectory if you would like to add a person to our prayers.

PARISH SUMMER COOKOUT

Our summer cookout and sabbatical farewell for Monsignor as he prepares for the Holy Land will be next **Saturday July 27th** after the 5:00 pm Mass. Usual summer fare will be offered.



Suggested donation is \$5 each. Bring a lawn chair, and enjoy a summer evening on the lawn. More information is provided on the **sign-up** board in the front hallway. Join us!

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

PAWSOX FAMILY FUN DAY

Sunday, July 28th—PawSox vs Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs

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

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

To purchase tickets, call 401-305-4001 or order online at www.littlesistersofthepoorpawtucket.org

PARISH SUMMER SUPPORT REMINDER

With our busy summer schedules about to begin, a reminder that the expenses of the parish also continue during this time. We have made such wonderful progress with our finances. Please continue your weekly support, or take a moment to enroll in our convenient electronic giving program (www.ParishGiving.org) to assist your weekly charitable parish support. Be safe; and enjoy the summer.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl ministry will continue to meet through the summer. They will meet on the following Tuesdays: **August 6, 20.**

New members are always welcome at 7:00 pm in the Fr. Randall Room.

COULD YOU ASSIST AS A SERVER AT MASS?

We are in need of servers at weekend Mass. I do want to thank our faithful servers who you see nearly every week. I encourage parents to speak to their children about serving at the altar. With my scheduled sabbatical in August, I would like the visiting priests to have the ordinary assistance of servers at the weekend Mass. Adults, married couples, father/son, mother/daughters are welcome to the ministry. Two (just two) training sessions will be coordinated. If you are interested in assisting, please call the rectory this week. Thanks to those who responded!