

Church of St. Sebastian
July 23, 2017 - 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

SAT., JULY 22, VIGIL: 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 pm EVELYN MASTRIANO, anniversary
remembrance, req. by her family

SUN., JULY 23, 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 am ANGELINA ANTONUCCI, birthday
remembrance

11:00 am Mass

Monday, JULY 24

7:00 am Dorothy Ricci, 18th anniversary, BEQUEST

Tuesday, JULY 25, Saint James, Apostle

7:00 am Mass

7.25 am Novena Prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Wednesday, JULY 26

7:00 am Saints Joachim and Anne, parents of the Blessed
Virgin Mary

7;00 am Mass

Thursday, JULY 27

7:00 am Mass

Friday, JULY 28

7:00 am JOHN A O'NEILL, JR, req. by his family

SAT., JULY 29, VIGIL: 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 pm JAMES & ELEANOR BIANCHI, anniversary,
and MARIA E ROLLO, req. by Michael
and Jane Rollo

SUN., JULY 30, 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 am Mass

11:00 am Mass

My dear parishioners,

Why do I wear a cassock? The following are not my thoughts but I would share them with you.

(Part 3) "May it quickly show traces of wear and tear on the knees and shoulders, signs of your prayer and bearing other people's burdens. May it not show such signs on the behind and elbows, indicators that you have sat down a lot or elbowed your way through the crowd.

First and foremost, love the Church who has given it to you. And love Jesus, who has offered you the Church and who has offered you to the Church, for which I am myself so grateful to Him.

Remember that passengers on a bus or on the metro believe they have more right to take a seat than a priest. Frankly speaking, it is immaterial whether they are right or not. What matters is that even when people hate you, they must not hate God.

More and more people will look at you; after all, your cassock gives you a lot of visibility. It also intimidates, and there will be fewer people brave enough to criticize you. This does not mean, however, that there will be no grounds for criticism.

Remember that your cassock is not the packaging of a completed product. The Lord has clothed you in it to mercifully hide your inadequacies and deficiencies.

Now that you know this, blessed are you if you behave accordingly (John 13:17)."

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Monsignor Montecalvo

*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
Monday's 7:00 am Mass for her this week.
May she rest in the peace of the Lord.*

MONTHLY PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: 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.
Susan Porter, Fr. Almonte, Natalie Swift, Leah Davis, Frances Geary, Sandy C., John Haddad, Bob, Sylvia L., and Bob K.

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OUTREACH COMMITTEE PROJECTS

The Outreach Committee asks that we be mindful of the hungry throughout the coming summer season. Non-perishable foods are needed year round; so remember to bring a few items to Church each week and place them in the boxes near the choir loft stairs.

Also, please remember to continue to bring in your Eastside Marketplace grocery receipts and leave them in the marked box in the vestibule throughout the summer. The parish receives 1% of the total, which is then donated to worthy causes. Thank you.

WEEKLY PARISH FINANCES

JULY 16, 2017

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| Contributions at Mass | \$ 3,196.00 |
| Online Contributions | \$ 3,578.00 |
| Total Offertory | \$ 6,774.00 |
| Expenses This Week | \$ 6,427.00 |

A sincere thank you for your support!

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.

Catholic School Parents

If your child(ren) attend a Catholic School and if they are in grades K through 8, please speak with Monsignor Montecalvo. The best way to communicate attendance at a Catholic School is through email. My personal email is mcfm1973@live.com. Please use this personal email address to send me the following information.

Name(s) of child(ren)

What grade(s) they are entering

What Catholic School they are attending.

The Diocese assesses our parish a percentage of our annual income for Catholic Schools throughout the Diocese. The parish is allowed to use some of the assessment to help parishioners who have children in Catholic Elementary Schools. The Parish Council and I would like to help your children attend Catholic schools through scholarships.

Please email me the above information.

25TH, 40TH, 50TH AND OVER -

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Office of Marriage Preparation and Enrichment of the Diocese of Providence is sponsoring the Annual Wedding Anniversary Celebration honoring couples of the Diocese of Providence who will be observing their 25th, 40th, 50th and Over wedding anniversaries in 2017.

The celebration will be held on ***Sunday, OCTOBER 15, 2017, 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 contact the Parish Office for the registration form which must be completed and submitted to **the Parish Office before Friday, SEPTEMBER 8TH.**

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Parish Prayer Shawl Ministry will continue to meet through the summer (sometimes outside!) Dates are every-other Tuesday evening at 7 pm; July 25th and August 1st and August 15th. in the Fr. Randall Room. New members are *always* welcome. Also, if you are aware of someone who would benefit from receiving a prayer shawl, please call the rectory.

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROJECT —
IMMIGRATION & REFUGEE SERVICES**

The Community Outreach Committee will be collecting items throughout the year for the Diocese of Providence's Immigration & Refugee Services to welcome refugee families who will be arriving in Rhode Island.

Items needed are: **toiletries** (toilet paper, soap, toothpaste, shampoo etc.); **cleaning supplies** (mop, broom, waste basket, trash bags, etc.); **baby products** (diapers, bottles, powder, lotion, etc.); and **school supplies** (notebooks, pens/pencils, backpacks, etc).

Kindly place the items in the bin located in the vestibule. Any questions, contact Karin Schrott at 401-465-7444 or karinschrott@gmail.com.

Thank you for your kindness and support.