

Church of St. Sebastian
July 24, 2011—Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scheduled Masses For This Week

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

Monday, July 25, Saint James

7:00 am Seabury Waring
-requested by Sal and Pat Annarummo

Tuesday, July 26, Saint Joachim and Saint Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 am Anna Boni, 18th anniversary
-requested by the Boni family

Wednesday, July 27, Weekday

7:00 am Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, July 28, Weekday

7:00 am Souls in Purgatory

Friday, July 29, Saint Martha

7:00 am Mr. and Mrs. William Moreau
-requested by their family

Next Weekend Masses

Saturday, July 30, Vigil: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm Mass

Sunday, July 31, 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am For the People

11:00 am Mass

MORNINGS OF RECOLLECTION FOR WOMEN

The Monthly Morning Recollection for Women will be held at St. Sebastian's this Thursday, July 28th 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.

THE PASTOR'S CORNER

The Gospel today concludes the Parables of the Kingdom in Matthew 13. My honest one-year appraisal of St. Sebastian's is that it, too, truly is "a pearl of great price." Not only have I been blessed with a wonderful parish, but also with a beautiful Church, too! YOU are the pearl... found and cherished!

We had a great summer evening last Saturday with 72 parishioners and friends gathering for the simple cook out. Reports are it's another "keeper" as a parish summer activity. Thanks to everyone who helped out, especially to Dave Belanger from the parish staff who coordinated everything as well as Clarke Phillips and Bob Salmani who loaned us their grills.

You'll notice that the front of the Church is now lit at night. Soft, energy-efficient lighting illumines the Church from dusk to midnight. The lights were in the garage for years; there was wiring already present; so the new lights were mounted *off* the ground and onto the back of the sign in front of the Church.

As I mentioned a few weeks ago, the parish will need to come together to support major necessary replacement of the entire rectory roof, dormer siding, gutters, downspouts, fascia, soffits, and energy-efficient windows. A friend has taken close-up photos of the extensive damage. The photos are graphic and tell the story. Contractors are submitting bids on the project. Due to the scope of the work, approval and funding must be obtained from the Diocesan Building Commission and Vicar for Planning and Financial Services. I will keep you well informed of the ongoing dialogue and discussions.

I will be away from the parish for beginning on Tuesday. Fr. Michael Najim, our Vocation Director, will offer Mass during the week and next weekend.

Enjoy the week.

Msgr. Darcy



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WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

July 16/17, 2011

# of Budget Envelopes Used	47
Contributions-Budgets and Checks	\$ 2,380
Loose Contributions	\$ 636
Total Offertory	\$ 3,016

Our parish charitable giving needs to be maintained during the summer months. **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

OUR LADY'S CANDLE

This week Our Lady's Candle burns in remembrance of the 15th anniversary of the passing of Domenic DiMarcantonio, requested by Albert and Allen.

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

WELCOME TO THE FAITH

Mackenzie Thomas Hope Baker, daughter of Joe and Rebecca Baker, and **Mary Catherine Lea**, daughter of Jason and Catherine Lea, were baptized last Sunday. Congratulations, girls, and welcome to the Church.

"WHEN WE DEPART:" CHURCH ETIQUETTE

At the end of Mass, kindly raise the kneelers, return the hymnals to the pew racks, **and please take home the parish bulletin.**



"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.

Columban Fathers' Festival and Bazaar

Columban Fathers, 65 Ferry Road, Bristol, RI
Sunday, July 31st, 12 noon to 6:00 pm

Games of chance. Children's games. Prizes. Raffles. Chicken BBQ. Chowder and Clam Cakes. Bingo. Fun for the whole family. Free parking. Free admission.

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.