

Church of St. Sebastian
July 27, 2014 — Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scheduled Masses For This Week

Saturday, July 26, Vigil: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm For the Parishioners

Sunday, July 27, 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Dena DiMarcantonio

- requested by Albert and Allen

11:00 am Mass

Monday, July 28, Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Tuesday, July 29, Saint Martha

7:00 am Mass

Wednesday, July 30, Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Thursday, July 31, Saint Ignatius of Loyola

7:00 am Mass

Friday, August 1, Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

7:00 am Mass

Next Weekend Masses

Saturday, August 2, Vigil: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm Mass

Sunday, August 3, 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am For the Parishioners

11:00 am Mass

WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

July 20, 2014

# of Budgets and Checks Received	77
Contributions-Budgets and Checks	\$5,123.00
Loose Contributions	\$ 526.00
Total Offertory	\$5,649.00

As summer continues, our parish charitable giving needs to be maintained. 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. You can register online on our website www.stsebastianri.org.

THE PASTOR'S CORNER

A man discovered a beautiful cloisonné jar at an antique store. He purchased it, brought it home, and began cleaning it. As he rubbed, low and behold, a genie appeared. The genie told him that one wish would be granted. The man thought and then said; 'I always wanted women to find me attractive, generous and someone they always wanted with them. Is that possible?' The genie replied, 'Yes.' The man became a VISA CARD!"

From commercial questions like, "What's in your wallet?" to unspoken desires to win the grand prize of the lottery, one of life's questions is: What do you want? King Solomon gave his answer in today's reading from 1 Kings. He asked for an understanding heart, and his requested pleased the Lord. The Parables of the Kingdom continue this week and speak about hidden things: treasures, pearls, items found in a drag net. "What will make me truly happy?" Or better yet, especially with the proliferation of online dating services, "Who will make me truly happy?" Now that for many is a million dollar question!

Obviously in the Christian tradition, the only answer is the Lord alone. Paul's powerful Letter to the Romans, Chapter 8, answers this question for the believer. According to God's plan, we, the baptized, have been **called, justified and glorified** by Christ. In other words, we have been invited to be saints, those who live forever in the presence of God.

Our daily actions reflect our answer to the question. Who will make me truly and completely happy? The answer isn't in a genie bottle, in a field, in an oyster, or in a net. At Communion time, THE answer is already in your hand!

Enjoy the week and pray for peace in the Holy Land.

Monsignor Darcy

MONTHLY PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Names of friends, family, and fellow parishioners for whom prayers are asked will be listed monthly. If you would like a person included in next month's Prayers for the Sick please call the rectory. **Peter Pizzarello, Maureen, Caroline, Deborah Bessette, Sue Hazard, Benita, Betty Mullaney, Maureen, Sue, Theresa, and Michelle.**

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2014 HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE CANCELLED

As I mentioned last week at Mass, the pilgrimage of October 20th to 30th to the Holy Land is cancelled due to the extensive unrest. We pray for the peace of the Bible lands.

**LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR -
PAWSOX FAMILY FUN DAY**

Sunday, August 3rd—PawSox vs. Columbus Clippers
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

**CELEBRATE 15 YEARS OF SUMMER THEATER
AT BISHOP HENDRICKEN**

As a way of celebrating 15 years of educational summer theater, **Summer Stage at Bishop Hendricken** presents **Back to Before: Celebrating 15 Summers of Family, Faith and Fun**. Performances are July 31 - August 2 at 7 pm, and August 3 at 2 pm in the Dr. Daniel S. Harrop Theater at Bishop Hendricken High School. Tickets are \$12 for Students and Seniors, and \$15 for Adults. Tickets can be purchased online at www.hendricken.com/arts/boxoffice or by calling the Box Office at 401-739-3450 ext. 172. come join the celebration!

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.

WITH SYMPATHY - ROBERT A. BELANGER

The parish offers its sincere sympathy to Dave Belanger, our emergency maintenance and chef for our parish events, at the death of his father **Robert A. Belanger**. Mr. Belanger died quietly in his sleep surrounded by his family. Our prayers to Dave at this time of loss. You can send your condolences to the parish.

SAVE THE DATE ...SAVE THE DATE

OUR 100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Initial plans are underway to prepare for the **100th ANNIVERSARY** of our parish on Saturday, **October 17, 2015**. The Saturday evening Mass will be followed by dinner and dancing at the Wannamoisett Country Club in Rumford. **One table is already reserved!!** Several committees will be formed soon to coordinate this historic event in our parish history. There will be more news as we move forward, in the meantime dig out those old photo albums of yours and share any pictures you may have of the parish. We will digitize them and return the originals to you.

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. Darcy. Hospitals no longer inform houses of worship of the admission of patients due to the laws protecting the right to privacy.

PARISH BOOK CLUB SUMMER READING

The Parish Book Club has adjourned for the summer months. Our summer reading is **Goldfinch** by Donna Tartt. Enjoy your reading!

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Parish Prayer Shawl Ministry continues to meet the first and third Tuesday of each month throughout the summer at 7 pm in the Fr. Randall Room. If you are aware of someone who would benefit from receiving a prayer shawl, please call the rectory.