

Church of St. Sebastian
July 28, 2013 — Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scheduled Masses For This Week

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

5:00 pm John P. Lynch, 10th anniversary
-requested by his family

Sunday, July 28, Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am For the Parishioners

11:00 am Mass

Monday, July 29, Saint Martha

7:00 am Mass

Tuesday, July 30, Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Wednesday, July 31, Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

7:00 am Lucia Annarummo
-requested by Pat and Sal Annarummo

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

7:00 am Mass

Friday, August 2, Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Next Weekend Masses

Saturday, August 3, Vigil: Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm For the Parishioners

Sunday, August 4, Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Mavis Claire Young
-requested by Clark and Kay Phillip

11:00 am Special Intention
-requested by Joseph and Kathleen Moniz

Our Lady's Candle is lit this week in memory of John P. Lynch, 10th anniversary as requested by his family.

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!

THE PASTOR'S CORNER

The Scriptures serve as **the** guide book to Israel/Palestine. Where were Sodom and Gomorrah located? What was the behavior that provoked such a response by the God of Israel? Some concerns are unknown even from the text. However, the bartering of Abraham and the Lord is quite profound. The whittling down to finding just ten righteous people nuances the complete discrepancy of the residents. It was only Lot, his wife, and his two daughters who were saved from the total destruction. Not ten, not five, but only four people were saved. Four! Lot's wife looked back to see what was happening, and was turned into a pillar of salt. To this day, the tall mineral deposits visible in the Dead Sea are called "Lot's Wife." Hopefully, you'll see it on the blog. (www.msgrdarcy.org)

Abraham was persevering in his intense dialogue with God in the first reading. Jesus teaches the disciples on perseverance in this passage from St. Luke. One noteworthy insight into the Gospel of Luke is his use of the argument from *'lesser to greater.'* "If you with all your sins know how to give your children good things, **how much more** will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him." As I've mentioned many times in this column, God notices our fidelity and our Christian perseverance especially when things are either confusing or unclear. We are asked to remain faithful to God, to our loved ones, and to ourselves.

Preparing to depart for almost four months entails getting things ready for the parish, family/friends and me. My two spiritual guides are being consulted this week. Admittedly, there is some healthy anxiety about going to a country where I am familiar with the country, but not with either Modern Hebrew or Arabic. Nineteen years have passed since my last visit (1994). But what is the message of the readings this week? Perseverance and fidelity; I pray for both.

We pray for each other as departure approaches. I hope those who have computers will follow the journey. I have to honestly share with you, you are in very good hands. Have no fear: you will be impressed with Fr. Paquette and Fr. Luke! Trust me; I did secure the very best to care for all of you while I am renewed in spirit.

With prayers and joy, always;
~ Msgr. Darcy



Church of St. Sebastian

July 28, 2013 — Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

OUR PRAYERS OF SUPPORT

The parish extends our prayers and sympathy to Rita Watson with the death of her mother, Clara Esposito. Monsignor celebrated her funeral Mass at St. Mary Parish, Brookline, MA on Thursday. Our prayers, Rita, at this time of loss. May your mother rest in peace.

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.

SABBATICAL UPDATES

You can follow Msgr. Darcy's sabbatical on the blog. Register at www.msgrdarcy.org to receive regular postings from Jerusalem and throughout Israel. A **Twitter** account has been set up. The address is @msgrdarcy.

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

Next week our diocese will take up the Peter's Pence Collection which provides the Holy Father with the funds he needs to carry out his most important charitable works. The proceeds benefit the most disadvantaged victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Through your generosity we can cast the peace of Christ upon the world.

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

PAWSOX FAMILY FUN DAY – **TODAY**

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 underway, a reminder that the expenses of the parish also continue during these summer months. 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 continue to 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.

COLUMBIAN FATHERS'

FESTIVAL & BAZAAR 2013 - **TODAY**

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

WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

July 21, 2013

# of Budget Envelopes Used This Week	61
Contributions-Budgets and Checks	\$2,733.00
Loose Contributions	\$ 511.00
Total Offertory	\$3,144.00

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.

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.