

Church of St. Sebastian
June 12, 2011—Pentecost Sunday

Scheduled Masses For This Week

Saturday, June 11, Vigil: Pentecost Sunday

5:00 pm Eddie Xavier
-requested by Lee Wilburn

Sunday, June 12, Pentecost Sunday

9:00 am For the Parishioners
11:00 am Stanley Kabala, Jr., 1st anniversary
-requested by his son James

Monday, June 13, Saint Anthony of Padua

7:00 am Ben Milam
-requested by the Landry family

Tuesday, June 14, Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Wednesday, June 15, Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Thursday, June 16, Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Friday, June 17, Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Next Weekend Masses

Saturday, June 18, Vigil: The Most Holy Trinity

5:00 pm Michael and Catherine Nagle, anniversary
-requested by their family

Sunday, June 19, The Most Holy Trinity

9:00 am For the Parishioners
11:00 am Mass

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

Rosemary Wynne, Maureen Baker, Bob R., Mary P., and Carmella Cardillo.

As a small parish of under 450 families, each and every parishioner's financial support of St. Sebastian's is vital.

One suggested way to determine your own appropriate contribution is for each adult in your family to contribute one hour's wage into the collection basket each week.

Thank you very much for your continued support of St. Sebastian's.

THE PASTOR'S CORNER

"And they were filled with the Holy Spirit..." This graphic description of that first Pentecost sent the Apostles into the world to bring the message of Jesus to all. This very festive day (with so many wearing red!) highlights the fire of the Spirit energizing the Church.

Many years ago while teaching religious education as a seminarian, a student asked me what the Spirit of God is like. It was a windy Fall day. I brought the student to the window and asked him to tell me what he saw outside. "Nothing...there's nothing going on in the school yard." My response, "Look again." He then mentioned there were leaves blowing around. "Well, the Spirit of God is like that. You may not 'see' it, but you can see what it does. You know when the Spirit is present, and you know then it is absent."

Parish life is similar to this analogy. You know when a parish is dead, or sleeping, or like us, awakening! People have heard and now come and see. Couples are preparing for marriage, parents are calling for baptism. Parishioners are coming to talk about life, faith, concerns, and wanting to be part of our new life.

Speaking of that, we welcome back to the parish Msgr. Bobby Benson. As of print time, I have not met him, but both our retired pastors have spoken so highly of him. There is information about an opportunity to meet him at a Saturday potluck supper on June 18th. Details are in today's bulletin. His presence with us today provides me the joy of attending my nephew's graduation.

To all our parishioners, visitors, and friends, a blessed Pentecost. Use the Gifts of the Spirit and change your world!

Sincerely in Christ,
Msgr. Darcy

**WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT
June 4/5, 2011**

# of Budget Envelopes Used	70
Contributions-Budgets and Checks	\$ 3,638
Loose Contributions	\$ 555
Total Offertory	\$ 4,193
Monthly Maintenance	\$ 1,632
Feast of the Ascension	\$ 402

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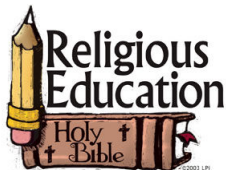


SUMMER PARISH GIVING

As we begin the summer, our parish charitable giving needs to be maintained. **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

THANK YOU, AMY

Amy Mastalerz has been chairing the parish Outreach Committee since 2000. Her strong faith and leadership has directed our many projects to assist the poor and needy in the area and beyond. *On behalf of our entire parish, we thank you Amy for your faithful service to others.* Harriet Kazarian and Mary Ellen Fain have kindly agreed to co-chair the Committee beginning in July. They have our enthusiastic and grateful support in the year ahead!! Thanks Amy, Harriet, and Mary Ellen and the entire committee for their great ministry.



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.



EASTSIDE MARKETPLACE RECEIPTS

Community Outreach is preparing to tally Eastside Marketplace this Saturday. **Please bring in any receipts you have at home and place them in the marked box in the vestibule.** We'll get 1% of the total back and use that money for one of the many good causes our parish supports. We will be meeting on **Saturday, June 18th** at 10 am in the Fr. Randall Room to count the receipts, all are welcome! Adding machines with printout tape are especially needed. The meeting usually lasts until at least 12 noon, our goal is to add everything on that day. If you can only come for part of the morning, please do! We'll have coffee and donuts! Thank you!

NEW PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Being July 1, parish office hours will change. Mary Brennan, the Parish Secretary, will be available as follows:

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri. 10 AM – 2 PM
Wednesday 10 AM – 4 PM

MSGR. BOBBY BENSON

Msgr. Bobby Benson, from Ghana, who has lived at St. Sebastian's on several occasions starting in 1996, will be visiting us again in June, and assisting Msgr. Darcy with Masses.

Msgr. Bobby has been continuing his pastoral work with HIV/AIDS sufferers and their families in Koforidua. His many projects include the Youth Alive program which educates young Ghanaians about HIV/AIDS, and planning for the building of a hospice to accommodate patients.

On Saturday, June 18th, after the 5 pm Mass, we will host a potluck supper for Msgr. Bobby. A recent graduate of his Youth Alive program, who is living in Boston, will speak about the program, and Msgr. Bobby will update us on his work. Please sign up in the vestibule to join us on June 18th, or call Trinki Brueckner at 245-9954