

Church of St. Sebastian
June 22, 2014 — The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Scheduled Masses For This Week

Saturday, June 21 Vigil: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

5:00 pm For the Parishioners

Sunday, June 22 The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

9:00 am Mass

11:00 am Mass

Monday, June 23, Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Tuesday, June 24, The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

7:00 am Mass

Wednesday, June 25, Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Thursday, June 26, Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Friday, June 27, The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

7:00 am Mass

Next Weekend Masses

Saturday, June 28 Vigil: Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

5:00 pm Edward Cigolle, 30th anniversary
-requested by Deb and Ken Amylon

Sunday, June 29, Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

9:00 am For the Parishioners

11:00 am Mass

WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

June 15, 2014

# of Budget Envelopes Used This Week	77
Contributions-Budgets and Checks	\$3,847.00
Loose Contributions	\$ 326.00
Total Offertory	\$4,173.00

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. *Caroline, Deborah Bessette, Sue Hazard, Benita, Betty Mullaney, Maureen, Sue, Theresa, Chris, and Michelle.*

THE PASTOR'S CORNER

Many think that the New Testament was written chronologically, that is the Gospel of Matthew was written first, and the Book of Revelation was written last. *Au contraire!* St. Paul died about 65 A.D. His letters, which pre-date the Gospels, comprise a major component of our Christian faith. Today's short passage from First Corinthians is part of the very first description of the Eucharist celebrated by the early Church. Its importance gives us pause. Today's Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ makes us conscious of the invitation given to us to share in the very life of Christ.

When we worthily receive the Eucharist, we become what we eat. It may sound rather banal, but our receiving the Holy Eucharist is our genuine participation in the mystery of Christ. We become one with Him at Communion, and also one with each other! The mystery of this Presence is that all of us, women and men alike, bring Christ into the world as did Mary, the Mother of Jesus, at the nativity. We, like her, become Christ-bearers as the Lord leaves this Church within us. That is why we spend time in prayer after receiving Communion. We should savor the moment of being one with Christ Jesus. This is our faith.

This grace of transformation is the work of our entire Christian lives. From the day of baptism until that day when we see the Lord "face to face, the grace, power, and love which is the Eucharist is alive within us *provided* that we are a worthy tabernacle (dwelling place) for the Lord to reside. The Eucharist is the central mystery of our Catholic lives for we believe and celebrate that we participate in the total Sacrifice of Christ in an unbloody but real manner. Thus one title for this mystery is *The Real Presence*.

On this Corpus Christi Sunday, the parish is growing in holiness and strength. As individuals and as faith community, we live our lives as a total thanksgiving (*eucharistia* in Greek) to the Father, who send us the Son for our salvation. Pause and give thanks during this Eucharist!

Enjoy the week,
~Monsignor Darcy

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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.

“END OF THE FISCAL YEAR: BRIDGE THE DEFICIT”

The Finance Council met last week to review the current and proposed budgets for the parish. Their recommendation is to request everyone to help Bridge the Deficit of **\$17,563** in **ordinary weekly contributions** to balance our parish budget by June 30th. Thank you for your loyalty to the parish.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

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

DIOCESE OF PROVIDENCE: 125 YEARS OLD

The Diocese of Providence will celebrate 125 Years on June 29 at 1 PM on the Solemnity of SS. Peter and Paul at the Cathedral Church at 1 pm. All parishioners are welcome to join the most festive Mass celebrated by Bishop Tobin and all of the bishops residing in Rhode Island. All are welcome to participate in this historic occasion for the Diocese of Providence.

MARY HOUSE - ST. PATRICK'S SOCIAL SERVICE MINISTRY in Providence, is in need of volunteers for their soup kitchen on Mondays from 3:30 to 5:30 pm. Also, volunteers are needed for Mary House's 5th Annual Health Fair on Monday, June 30th. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Janice Luongo at 274-6286 or

SUMMER PARISH GIVING:
OUR ONLINE STEWARDSHIP

As we begin the summer, 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.

VACATION TIME

Monsignor will be on vacation from June 20-30. Priest coverage has been arranged for the usual parish Masses. For ordinary parish business, please call Mary Brennan, the parish secretary, Monday to Friday from 9-4 at 751-0196.

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.

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!