

Church of St. Sebastian
June 23, 2013 — Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scheduled Masses For This Week

Saturday, June 22, Vigil: Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm Mass

Sunday, June 23, Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Mass

11:00 am For the Parishioners

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

7:00 am Eleanor Zexter, 2nd anniversary
-requested by Eileen Koshgarian

Tuesday, June 25, Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Wednesday, June 26, Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Thursday, June 27, Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Friday, June 28, Saint Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr

7:00 am Mass

Next Weekend Masses

Saturday, June 29, Vigil: Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm Joseph Mastriano, birthday remembrance
-requested by his family

Sunday, June 30, Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am For the Parishioners

11:00 am Mass

TEACHING HOOPS SUMMER CAMP

St. Raphael's Academy is hosting a basketball camp for boys entering fourth through tenth grade. They stress confidence, teamwork, effort and sportsmanship which are important ingredients in achieving success not only on the court but also with family, school and life.

When; July 8th –12th

Hours: 8:30 am– 3:30 pm \$185 fee

If interested or have any questions, please contact Bill Black, Camp Director at 401 575-8849 or via email at www.teachinghoops@yahoo.com

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

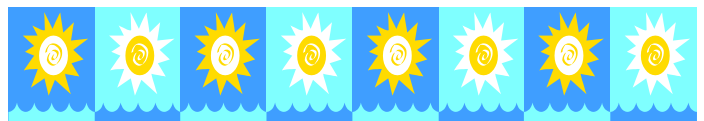
The question is asked eventually in collegiate seminars, by people in the press, and by our family and friends: "But...what do **you** think; what do **you** say?" I was recently at a gathering and was getting some 'push back' on some weighty Church teachings and/or discipline. I politely responded that our Christian life is not rooted in how we feel about Jesus and the Church; I wanted to know what truth they *knew* of Him, the history of the issues, and the impact on the authentic defined teaching of the Church. Faith is not based on feelings!

Jesus did ask the Apostles what others were saying about him. He then asked them: "*Who do **you** say that I am?*" The account in Matthew sets up the teaching on the Primacy of Peter (e.g. "no mere man has told you this...I declare that you are Peter and on this rock I shall build my Church...") (Matt. 16:18). So then, why the rebuke of Jesus toward Peter? If Peter answered correctly, why then the put down?

Commentators mention that the perception of the Apostles about the Messiah at this point was very incomplete. Expectations were high for a Messiah who would be a political liberator. The correct appreciation of the Messiah (the Anointed One) is apparent to us. This Lucan version omits Peter's reaction to Jesus' announcement of his suffering which then leads up to the rebuke. Luke's presentation always concentrates on his major theme throughout the Gospel: the qualities of being a true disciple. One writer opines that there is a resemblance here to the Emmaus story (Lk. 24: 19-26); what people said about Jesus, their dashed hopes that Jesus would set them free, and then Jesus teaching them that the Messiah had to suffer, die and rise....whereupon they recognized Him!

Like everything in the Gospels, the gift and the time for our radical response to Jesus has now come to us. As we attempt to present Jesus to the world today, do we find Him merely in the warm nice feelings; or the raw reality that following Him will mean rejection, death...AND then new life.

Enjoy the journey...with Him.
Monsignor Darcy



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PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl ministry will continue to meet through the summer. They will meet on the following Tuesdays: **July 2, 16 and August 6, 20.** New members are always welcome at 7:00 pm in the Fr. Randall Room.

WE MADE IT.....ALL \$92K!! WOW!!

THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF 2013 CATHOLIC CHARITY FUND APPEAL. YOUR KINDNESS SUPPORTS THE 29 AGENCIES OF OUR DIOCESAN CATHOLIC OUTREACH TO THE POOR AND NEEDY .



LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

PAWSOX FAMILY FUN DAY

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



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.

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

Carol Anne Theroux, Nicole Ruffine, Dick Beaupre, Beverly DiLello, Elizabeth Dugan, Kathy McCaughey, 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.

PARISH SUMMER COOKOUT

Our summer cookout and sabbatical farewell for Monsignor as he prepares for the Holy Land will be on **Saturday July 27th** after the 5:00 pm Mass. Usual summer fare will be offered.



Suggested donation is \$5 each. Bring a lawn chair, and enjoy a summer evening on the lawn. More information is provided on the sign-up board in the front hallway. Join us!

COULD YOU ASSIST AS A SERVER AT MASS?

We are in need of servers at weekend Mass. I do want to thank our faithful servers who you see nearly every week. I encourage parents to speak to their children about serving at the altar. With my scheduled sabbatical in August, I would like the visiting priests to have the ordinary assistance of servers at the weekend Mass. Adults, married couples, father/son, mother/daughters are welcome to the ministry. The two (just two) training sessions will be coordinated. If you are interested in assisting, please call the rectory this week. Thanks to those who responded!

WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

June 16, 2013

# of Budget Envelopes Used This Week	66
Contributions-Budgets and Checks	\$3,253.00
Loose Contributions	\$ 501.00
Total Offertory	\$3,754.00
Mission Co-Op	\$2,076.00

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.

PARISH SUMMER SUPPORT REMINDER

With our busy summer schedules about to begin, a reminder that the expenses of the parish also continue during this time. 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 enjoy the summer.