

Church of St. Sebastian

June 7, 2015 - The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Scheduled Masses For This Week

Saturday, June 6, Vigil: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

5:00 pm Mass

Sunday, June 7, The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

9:00 am Mass

11:00 am For the People

Monday, June 8, Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Tuesday, June 9, Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Wednesday, June 10, Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Thursday, June 11, Saint Barnabas, Apostle

7:00 am Mass

Friday, June 12, The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

7:00 am Mass

Next Weekend's Masses

Saturday, June 13, Vigil: Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm Thomas H. Roberts, II, 3rd anniversary
-requested by his father, Dennis J. Roberts

Sunday, June 14, Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am For the People

11:00 am Mass

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. *JH, Jim P., John Haddad, Peter Pizzarello, Deborah Bessette, Bill T, Carmella Cardillo, Maureen Kenner, Henry Berenson, and Kathy O.*

WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

May 24, 2015

# of Budget Envelopes Used This Week	84
Contributions-Budgets and Checks	\$ 4,997.00
Loose Contributions	\$ 502.00
Total Offertory	\$ 5,499.00

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 the Letter to the Hebrews emphasizes the central element of sacrifice in our worship. The Mass was for centuries called "*The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.*" Today's Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ makes us conscious of the once and for all sacrifice of Christ on Good Friday. The Eucharist remembers that sacrifice in an unbloody way "until He comes again."

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 (God's love) transforms our entire Christian lives. It is transforming and slowly growing our parish, people are returning to the faith here at St. Sebastian's. How wonderful for me to meet with parents preparing for baptism and those couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage. The Body is growing in holiness and strength. As individuals and as a community, we offer thanks to God even as you and I are preparing for a Passover in our parish life: my assignment to St. Margaret's and Msgr. Carlo Montecalvo coming as your new pastor. Jesus, however, remains the same; today, tomorrow and forever in the Holy Eucharist. Receive Him worthily and with devotion.

~ Have a blessed week!

Monsignor Darcy

The new prayers for the Creed and the Gloria are located on the inside front and back covers of the hymnals.

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MSGR. DARCY'S FAREWELL

Monsignor's farewell Parish Cook-out will be **THIS Saturday, June 13th**, after the 5:00 pm Mass. The usual summer fare will be offered hot dogs, pulled pork, chili con carne, baked beans, pasta salad, Dijon potato salad, watermelon, strawberry shortcake! **Bring a lawn chair or blanket! The sign-up is in the front vestibule of the Church. Join us in thanking Monsignor for his five years of ministry among us!**



2015
CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL
Supporting the work of the Church

2015 CHARITY APPEAL ENDING ON JUNE 14TH

The 2015 Catholic Charity Appeal is ending on June 14. If you intend to make a charitable contribution, kindly return your donation in a separate envelope and return it to the rectory as soon as possible. I wish to thank the parishioners who have made a gift thus far.

SOLES4SOULS DRIVE

Soles4Souls is an international nonprofit that advances its anti-poverty mission by collecting **new and used** shoes from individuals, schools, faith-based institutions, civic organizations and corporate partners. The shoes are distributed via free direct donations to people in need and by provisioning qualified micro-enterprise programs designed to create jobs for people in poor and disadvantaged communities. They have worked in 127 countries and all 50 states. **The Community Outreach Committee will be collecting shoes—any type; children and adults during the month of June.** Shoes should be tied together by the laces or if dress shoes, bound with an elastic band and left in the vestibule. As always, thank you for your support of Outreach Program.

PARISH GIVING: OUR ONLINE STEWARDSHIP

For those interested in online giving, an easy and efficient way to support the parish on a weekly basis, log onto www.parishgiving.org. It's quick, easy, and secure.

PARISH BOOK CLUB SUMMER READING

The Parish Book Club has adjourned for the summer months. Our summer reading is *An American Tragedy* by Theodore Dreiser which we will discuss at our meeting on September 16th at 7 pm in the Father Randall Room. Happy Summer!

CHURCH OF SAINT SEBASTIAN
100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

On **October 17th, 2015**, we will be celebrating the 100th anniversary of St. Sebastian Parish! The 5 pm Mass will be celebrated by the Most Reverend Salvatore Matano, Bishop of Rochester, and Rev. Robert Randall, homilist. A dinner dance will follow at Wannamoisett Country Club in Rumford.

Reservations are now being accepted. Come join the celebration!

A Reminder Concerning Eulogies at Funerals

The Priests and faithful of the Diocese of Providence are reminded that the liturgical law of the Church clearly prohibits the presentation of eulogies at a Catholic Funeral Mass at any time during the Mass. The law does allow for the presentation of brief "words of remembrance" to be offered by one individual following the closing prayer of the Mass and before the Final Commendation.

The decision to allow or not allow "words of remembrance" belongs solely to the pastor who is responsible for the oversight of the liturgy in his parish. The pastor must ensure that if "words of remembrance" are to be presented that they be appropriate and in keeping with the sacred nature of the Mass, both in length and in content. If the pastor cannot do so, then the "words of remembrance" must be omitted.