

Church of St. Sebastian
June 8, 2014 — Pentecost Sunday

Scheduled Masses For This Week

Saturday, June 7 Vigil: Pentecost Sunday

5:00 pm For the Parishioners

Sunday, June 8, Pentecost Sunday

9:00 am Paul Giannini

-requested by his wife Ann

11:00 am Beatrice Calvo Crozier

-requested by Mary Cappelli

Monday, June 9, Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Tuesday, June 10, Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Wednesday, June 11, Saint Barnabas, Apostle

7:00 am Mass

Thursday, June 12, Weekday

7:00 am Mass

**Friday, June 13, Saint Anthony of Padua, Priest
and Doctor of the Church**

7:00 am Mass

Next Weekend Masses

Saturday, June 14 Vigil: The Most Holy Trinity

5:00 pm John A. McGreavy

-requested by his family

Sunday, June 15, The Most Holy Trinity

9:00 am For all Fathers

11:00 am For all Parishioners

WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

June 1, 2014

# of Budget Envelopes Used This Week	89
Contributions-Budgets and Checks	\$4,309.00
Loose Contributions	\$ 385.00
Total Offertory	\$4,694.00
Monthly Maintenance	\$1,363.00
Ascension Thursday	\$ 518.00

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. *Sue Hazard, Benita, Betty Mullaney, Maureen, Sue, Theresa, Chris, Michelle and Belle Calenda.*

THE PASTOR'S CORNER

THE GREAT FIFTY DAYS! Evening Prayer on Pentecost brings an end to the celebration of Easter this year. In the British breviary, the official daily prayer book of the Church, the season ends with these words: "*So ends Eastertide.*" Indeed it does, Alleluia!



This photo of the Pope celebrating Mass in the Upper Room provided the occasion for some brilliant reflections. Here are a few samples of them: "*From here she (the Church) set out, with the broken bread in her hands, the wounds of Christ before her eyes, and the Spirit of love in her heart.*" Speaking of what flowed into the hearts of the Apostles and Mary as a result of Pentecost, he continues: "*All the saints drew from this source; (the Upper Room) and hence the great river of the Church's holiness continues to flow: from the Heart of Christ, from the Eucharist and from the Holy Spirit.*"

The 40 pilgrims to the Holy Land in October will pray in this very place. Whether or not one has the opportunity to visit the Upper Room, all have received and carry the gifts of God's Spirit within them. As Bishop Mulvee used to say during Confirmation, "All I can do is offer to you the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Whether or not you use the gifts will be known only by God, and you." The seven gifts of the Spirit are to be used in our unique lived experience with Him: *Wisdom, Counsel, Understanding, Knowledge, Fortitude, Piety, Fear of the Lord.* Pray for the grace to use these gifts in our daily lives.

"Come Holy Spirit, and, renew the face of the earth."

~A Blessed Pentecost to all!

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. 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.

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.
And kindle in them the fire of your love.
Send forth you Spirit and they shall be created.
And you will renew the face of the earth.

Lord, by the light of the Holy Spirit
you have taught the hearts of your faithful.
In the same Spirit help us to relish what is right
and always rejoice in your consolation.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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.

END OF THE FISCAL YEAR: BRIDGE THE DEFICIT

The Finance Council met this 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. A letter presenting our financial position will be mailed next week.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Parish Prayer Shawl Ministry continues to meet 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.

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!

BABYSITTING AT THE 9:00 AM MASS

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. The small team welcomes help.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE NEWS

THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE MEETS THIS MORNING, JUNE 8TH, AT 10:00 AM IN THE CHURCH HALL. ALL ARE WELCOME!

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.