

**Church of St. Sebastian**  
**March 1, 2015 - Second Sunday of Lent**

**Scheduled Masses For This Week**

**Saturday, February 28, Vigil: Second Sunday of Lent**  
5:00 pm For our Parishioners

**Sunday, March 1, Second Sunday of Lent**  
9:00 am Brianna Houle, month's mind  
-requested by Marie Brito

11:00 am Rev. Angelo D'Agostino, MJSD  
-requested by Belle Calenda

**Monday, March 2, Lenten Weekday**  
7:00 am Mass

**Tuesday, March 3, Lenten Weekday**  
7:00 am Mass

**Wednesday, March 4, Lenten Weekday**  
7:00 am Mass

**Thursday, March 5, Lenten Weekday**  
7:00 am Mass

**Friday, March 6, Lenten Weekday**  
7:00 am Mass

**Next Weekend Masses**

**Saturday, March 7, Vigil: Third Sunday of Lent**  
5:00 pm Edna McLaughlin and family

**Sunday, March 8, Third Sunday of Lent**  
9:00 am Anne M. Daniels, 9th anniversary  
-requested by her husband Ralph

11:00 am Raymond and Dorothy Higgins, wedding  
anniversary remembrance  
-requested by their daughter Gail Fogarty Higgins

*Have you considered having Mass offered for a deceased or living family member? Call the office to reserve your intention. The offering is \$20.*



**DAYS OF FAST AND ABSTINENCE**

**Weekdays of Lent:**

There is no obligation to fast. However, voluntary acts of self-denial are recommended.

**Ash Wednesday and Good Friday**

These are days of **FAST and ABSTINENCE from meat**. There is a limit of one full meal on these days for all between the ages of 18-59 inclusive.

**Days of Abstinence (All Fridays in Lent)** All who have reached their 14<sup>th</sup> year are bound to abstain totally from meat.

***THE PASTOR'S CORNER***

This Second Sunday of Lent highlights the Transfiguration. St. Pope John-Paul II named the event as the Fourth Luminous Mystery of the rosary. The other Luminous Mysteries are: 1- the Baptism of Jesus, 2- the Wedding Feast at Cana, 3- the Proclamation of the Kingdom, and 4- the Institution of the Holy Eucharist. They focus on the major events in the public ministry of Jesus. The rosary continues to be the most Catholic of devotions. Pray the mysteries daily.

The transformative ministry of the Outreach Committee currently is organizing the ***March Sandwich Drive***. Details are in this bulletin. It's yet another opportunity to feed the poor and homeless in Providence. Thanks to all who will participate in this endeavor. The sign up for this very successful Lenten project is in the front vestibule of the Church.

On the Church maintenance front, two bids were received for replacing the downspouts. I have asked for a final consultation with one of them. It will take 5-7 weeks for custom fabrication. Tell the neighborhood: "**They will NOT be copper!**" Luckily the Fr. Randall Room ceiling has not worsened and the ice dams have released. Pray for a slow thaw for all our sake!

The St. Patrick Day Party is set for Saturday, March 21 after the 5 PM Mass. Like last year, my friends Jack and Jesse Gauthier will be providing live music. This father/son team, ***Jesse Jacks'Son***, ([www.jesseliam.com](http://www.jesseliam.com)) sings all throughout Rhode Island. Please spread the news with your families and friends. **We'd love to have 100 people to celebrate the official end of the winter 2015!**

Finally, I word of thanks and appreciation to Dave Belanger who is remains for faithful to clearing our Church steps and walkways in-between he major snow storms of the winter. His diligence makes our passing safe and easy. Thank you, Dave, for remaining a part of our parish community.

~ A Blessed Lenten Week to All

Monsignor Darcy

***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. ***Jim P., John Haddad, Deborah Bessette, M. Rachel, and Carmella Cardillo.***

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**SAINT PATRICK'S DAY**  
 SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 6-9 PM  
 Live music provided again by Jesse Jack'son

Reservations required by March 18<sup>th</sup> \$25 /person

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

# of Tickets: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Corned beef n' cabbage, Irish Bread,  
 and 'Holy Water!'**

**JOIN US TO CELEBRATE SPRING!!!**

The **Parish Prayer Shawl Ministry** will meet this month on Tuesday, March 3rd and Tuesday, March 17th at 7:00 pm in the Fr. Randall Room. These beautiful shawls surround others with the prayers of our parish. Can you help with this ministry here at the church or maybe even at home? If so, please contact Pat Capece (274-8632) or Elaine Kehoe (273-4259). If you are aware of someone you feel would benefit from receiving a prayer shawl, please call the rectory.

The **Parish Book Club** meets Wednesday, March 4th at 7:00 pm in the Fr. Randall Room to discuss **A Prayer for Owen Meany** by John Irving.

**Children's Choir beginning in March**

For Children 5 years and up, Rehearsals are held Mondays from 5:00 to 5:30 pm in the church basement. March rehearsal dates are March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30. Questions: marisarozek@gmail.com



**THIS WEEK AT ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH**

Sun.	3/1	Religious Ed., Grades 6-8	10:00 am
		Religious Ed., Grades 9-10	6:30 pm
Mon.	3/2	Religious Ed., Grades 1-5	3:30 pm
		Children's Choir Rehearsal	5:00 pm
		Stations of the Cross	6:30 pm
Tues.	3/3	Prayer Shawl Ministry	7:00 pm
Wed.	3/4	Parish Book Club	7:00 pm
Thur.	3/5	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm

**ANNUAL LENTEN SANDWICH DRIVE IN MARCH:**

The Outreach Committee is seeking volunteers for our annual sandwich drive to benefit Emmanuel House. Each Sunday in March we ask parishioners to make 10 hearty sandwiches and bring them to church before the 11 am Mass. An Outreach member will deliver them to Emmanuel House in time for lunch. Feel free to add fruit, chips, cookies or other snacks to your donation. Sign-up sheets are in the vestibule with additional details. This is an excellent Lenten family project.

**LENT 2015**

**LENTEN SCHEDULE**

**Daily Mass Monday - Friday at 7:00 am**  
**Stations of the Cross - Mondays at 6:30 pm**  
**Confessions - Saturdays at 4:00 - 4:45 pm**

**Rice Bowls are available in the vestibule.**

**+++ PARISH LENTEN MISSION +++**  
**To Be Announced**



**2015 CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL**

***"Faith and Good Works"***

The start of the 2015 Catholic Charity Appeal is fast approaching. Our parish goal is again **\$79,822**.

Your gift to the 2015 Appeal reaches out to countless people in need throughout our diocese. No matter where you turn, you find someone who will benefit from your kindness.

Please give generously to the 2015 Catholic Charity Appeal.

**WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT**

**February 22, 2015**

**# of Budget Envelopes Used This Week 90**  
**Contributions-Budgets and Checks \$ 5,125.00**  
**Loose Contributions \$ 633.00**  
**Total Offertory \$ 5,758.00**

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**.