

Church of St. Sebastian
March 10, 2013 — Fourth Sunday of Lent

Scheduled Masses For This Week

Saturday, March 9, Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Lent
5:00 pm For the people

Sunday, March 10, Fourth Sunday of Lent

9:00 am Mary Claire Young
-requested by Clark and Kay Phillip

11:00 am Geraldine Washburn, month's mind
-requested by Sean and Mary Brennan

Monday, March 11, Lenten Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Tuesday, March 12, Lenten Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Wednesday, March 13, Lenten Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Thursday, March 14, Lenten Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Friday, March 15, Lenten Weekday

7:00 am George F. Johnson, 14th anniversary

Next Weekend Masses

Saturday, March 16, Vigil: Fifth Sunday of Lent

5:00 pm Anne M. Daniels, 7th anniversary
-requested by her husband Ralph

Sunday, March 17, Fifth Sunday of Lent

9:00 am Julian Zekan, 1st anniversary
-requested by his niece

11:00 am Denise Walker, month's mind

-requested by Joseph and Kathleen Moniz



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

Nicole Ruffine, Anastasia Beaupre, Beverly DiLello, Kathy McCaughey, Deborah Bessette, Beatrice Calvo Crozier, James Shanni, Vilma O'Connor, Mariella, and Amy.

Please contact the rectory if you would like to add a person to our prayers.

The Pastor's Corner

As of this writing on Tuesday, the Cardinal-electors have arrived at the Vatican in preparation to fulfill their weighty and solemn responsibilities to prepare for a Papal election. The Universal Church joins them in prayer for the Holy Spirit's inspiration and guidance. *Veni Creator Spiritus; Come Holy Spirit.*

Today's beautiful Lucan presentation of the Prodigal Son has captured the heart, soul, and paint brush of many throughout the ages. Rembrandt's version of the "Prodigal Son" is well known. The restless son returns home and the *prodigal* father receives him. As *prodigal* means exorbitant, overwhelming, and extravagant, the parable really highlights the abundance of the Father's mercy. The father's love and forgiveness is "over-the-top!" Long did he wait for his son to come home. Long does God wait for us also to come home! Lent provides a most gracious opportunity to us. Be reconciled to Him, to others, and to yourself. Come home for Easter!

We welcome this weekend Mr. John Barry, Secretary for Social Ministry in the Diocese of Providence. John has labored long and hard for the poor and those in genuine human need among us. He knows first-hand the difficulties of life that some of our brothers and sisters face. He also knows the success stories that resulted from our active and generous participation in the Catholic Charity Fund Appeal. **Our parish goal remains the same as last year, \$82K.** Your prayerful generosity is once again sought. It's amazing how a pledge, spread over 10 months, can help us reach goal again this year. (*The Catholic Charity of RI* can be designated through United Way philanthropies.) After John's presentation, we'll have an opportunity to indicate our personal support with the in-pew solicitation. The Lenten backdrop is a timely way to evaluate what we may be willing to sacrifice for our brothers and sister in need. Whatever we decide to give, let it come honestly from the heart.

Parishioners have commented how moved they were seeing five candidates for full initiation into the faith. Each has received Christian baptism, and, due to God's action in their lives, they have asked to be received into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. Keep them in your prayers over these next few weeks.

Just eleven more days to Spring! Bulbs are poking up in front of the Church. Easter must be near.

Pray for the Church!
Monsignor Darcy

COLD AND FLU PRECAUTIONS

Until the cold and flu season subsides, **please refrain from shaking hands at the Rite of Peace.** If you are sick, you are dispensed from the Sunday Mass obligation.

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GROWING BABYSITTING SERVICE
AT THE 9:00 AM MASS

Babysitting during the 9:00 am Mass is growing...like the children! Two more adults stepped forward to help. Are there any more for this great service for the worshipping community? Please contact Karin Schrott at kschrott@verizon.net or 401-465-7444 for more information. *BCI checks are mandatory for all adults working with minors.*

ANNUAL MARCH SANDWICH DRIVE

The **Annual Sandwich Drive** to benefit Crossroads RI continues. Each Sunday in March, we ask parishioners to make 10 hearty sandwiches and bring them to church before the 11:00 am Mass. An Outreach Member will deliver them to Crossroads in time for lunch. This is an excellent Lenten family project. Sign up at the doors of the Church...and thanks.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Parish Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet this month on Tuesday, Tuesday, March 19th 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.

ST. SEBASTIAN BOOK CLUB

The Parish Book Club will meet Wednesday, April 17th to discuss After This by Alice McDermott, and on May 15th to discuss At Last by Edward St. Aubyn.

WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

February 24, 2013

of Budget Envelopes Used This Week 96
 Contributions-Budgets and Checks \$6,287
 Loose Contributions \$ 402
 Total Offertory \$6,689

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.



THE YEAR OF FAITH

“Come, Holy Spirit, provide your Church with a new Shepherd who has the heart and love of Christ. Amen.”

SAVE THE DATE: SUNDAY, APRIL 14TH

The newly formed Chamber Choir will have their premiere concert at St. Sebastian’s on April 14th at 3:00 pm. Tickets will be available next weekend. General admission \$12; Seniors (60 and over) \$10; and Students \$7.

St. Patrick’s Day Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner
 to benefit Little Sisters of the Poor/ Jeanne Jugan Residence
 at The Wharf Tavern

215 Water Street, Warren, RI 02885

Thursday, March 14th

11:30 am to 9:00 pm

Pot of Gold Raffle & Irish Entertainment

\$15 adults/\$7.50 children under 12

Purchase tickets at www.littlesistersofthepoorpawtucket.org

Or at Jeanne Jugan Residence

964 Main St., Pawtucket RI 02860

For more info call 401-793-4314 or email

pwdevelopment@littlesistersofthepoor.org

THIS WEEK AT ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH

Sun.	3/10	NO Religious Ed.	
Mon.	3/11	NO Religious Ed.	
		Stations of the Cross	6:30 pm
Thurs.	3/14	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm

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

DAYS OF FAST AND ABSTINENCE

Weekdays of Lent:

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

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