

**Church of St. Sebastian**  
**March 12, 2017 - Second Sunday of Lent**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 11, VIGIL: SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

5:00 pm ROBERT CANUEL, 1st anniversary, by his family

**SUNDAY, MARCH 12, SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

9:00 am INTENTIONS OF PARISHIONERS

11:00 am FILIPPINI SISTERS

**Monday, MARCH 13**

7:00 am OLIVIO MARINI

5:30 pm SICK OF THE PARISH

6:00 pm Stations of the Cross

**Tuesday, MARCH 14**

7:00 am MICHAEL KOVACK , 1st anniversary, by Thelma Montecalvo

7.25 am Novena Prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

5:30 pm JENNY & CHARLES LOSARDO

**Wednesday, MARCH 15**

7:00 am GEORGE F JOHNSON, 18th anniversary BEQUEST

5:30 pm MARCO & MADELEINE CARROLO

**Thursday, MARCH 16**

7:00 am TOMOKO TAKASE, by Msgr. Montecalvo

5:30 pm PIETRO & ANNA SPILLARE

**Friday, MARCH 17**

7:00 am INCREASE VOCATIONS TO PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE

5:30 pm Mass

**SATURDAY, MARCH 18, VIGIL: THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

5:00 pm RIK GOBEILLE, 2nd anniversary, by his family

**SUNDAY, MARCH 19, THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

9:00 am Mass

11:00 am Mass

**My Dear Parishioners,**

**2017 Catholic Charity Appeal  
 "Faith and Good Works"**

- ⇒ Because of you and your generosity to the annual Appeal, over 11,767 students and their families are served through the Catholic School Office. Thank you for your gift.
- ⇒ At the Saint Martin de Porres Center in Providence, 9,680 elders and low-income families are served annually. Thank you for your gift to the Catholic Charity Appeal.
- ⇒ Your support of the Catholic Charity Appeal will enable the Interfaith Community Dire Emergency Fund to continue to serve 29,500 clients annually. Thank you!
- ⇒ Through your support of the Catholic Charity Appeal, 732 youth attended 8 multi-parish gathered thematic retreats from over 66 different parishes. Thank you for your generosity.
- ⇒ Your support of the Catholic Charity Appeal helps 2,000 deaf and hard of hearing, 2,500 developmentally disabled and 800 blind individuals. Thank you for your generous gift!
- ⇒ Your gift to the annual Appeal impacts the lives of 19,016 children and youth as well as 2,271 volunteer catechists and aides through the Office of Evangelization and Faith Formation. Thank you for your generosity!
- ⇒ Your donation to the Catholic Charity Appeal impacts the lives of over 704 children who attended the Mother of Hope Camp in Chepachet. Thank you for your generous gift.

Case Statement for the Catholic Charity Appeal

The Catholic Charity Appeal is the main source of support for our diocesan agencies providing for the physical, educational, and spiritual needs of Rhode Islanders each year.

It is our responsibility to ensure that these agencies and programs have the resources available to help our brothers and sisters in need.

**Mons. Montecalvo**

*Let us pray for the repose of the soul of  
**George F. Johnson**  
 whose love for our parish was shown in  
 a bequest to St. Sebastian Church.  
 We remember him in gratitude and offer  
 Wednesday's 7 am Mass  
 for him this week.  
 May he rest in the peace of the Lord.*

**Parish Meetings and Activities**

3/12	NO Religious Ed		
	Community Outreach	10 am	Church Hall
3/13	NO Religious Ed		
	Stations of the Cross	6 pm	Church
3/15	Bible Study	6:30 pm	Fr. Randall Rm

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**LENT 2017**

**LENTEN SCHEDULE**

**Weekday Mass: Monday through Friday at  
7:00 am and 5:30 pm**

**Stations of the Cross - Mondays at 6:00 pm**

**Confessions – Saturdays at 4:00 - 4:45 pm**

**Rice Bowls are available in the vestibule**

**Lenten Parish Mission—March 25 at 6 pm**

**Communal Penance Service to be announced**

**Lenten Dispensation**

This year, St. Patrick's Day (March 17) falls on a Friday during Lent. On this specific occasion, in light of the festive nature of the day, Bishop Tobin hereby dispenses Catholics in the Diocese of Providence from the disciplines of fast and abstinence that are normally required on the Fridays of Lent.

Catholics who take advantage of this dispensation are reminded that, in maintaining the penitential spirit of the Lenten Season, some other form of penance, prayer, or charitable work should be substituted at an appropriate time.

As we celebrate the Feast of St. Patrick, a great bishop and missionary of the Church, we should be mindful of the spiritual nature of the day. Let us resolve to imitate St. Patrick's faith, holiness, and apostolic zeal in our daily lives.

Prayers are asked for these friends, family, and fellow parishioners. If you would like someone included in the Prayers for the Sick please call the rectory. *Bartholomew Steib, Natalie Swift, Leah Davis, Frances Geary, Maureen Kenner, Sandy C., John Haddad, Bob, Sylvia L., and Bob K.*

**LENTEN PARISH MISSION**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 2017 6:00 PM.**

**RECEPTION TO FOLLOW**

***Mercy in the City: Doing God's work at Ungodly Hours***

We are called to lives that incorporate prayer and service, and sometimes that means early mornings, late nights, or long hours. America's executive editor Kerry Weber discusses her efforts to participate fully in city life and in the life of the Church while still maintaining her sanity. Drawing upon her book "Mercy in the City," she will offer her thoughts on how she tries to balance breadlines and deadlines, and describes how she finds a moment's rest in the city that never sleeps.

To make your reservation, please call the office at 751-0196 or email [office@stsebastianri.org](mailto:office@stsebastianri.org) no later than March 20th.

**LENTEN PROJECT —**

**IMMIGRATION & REFUGEE SERVICES**

The Community Outreach Committee will be collecting items during Lent for the Diocese of Providence's Immigration & Refugee Services to welcome refugee families who will be arriving in Rhode Island. (The items needed are toiletries (toilet paper, soap, toothpaste, shampoo etc.), cleaning supplies (mop, broom, waste basket, trash bags, etc.) baby products (diapers, bottles, powder, lotion, etc.) and school supplies (notebooks, pens/pencils, backpacks, etc.).

Kindly place the items in the bin located in the vestibule. Any questions, contact Karin Schrott at 401-465-7444 or [karinschrott@gmail.com](mailto:karinschrott@gmail.com).

Thank you for your kindness and support of our Lenten Projects.

**Next week, March 18/19 we will  
hold our in-pew solicitation for the  
2017 Catholic Charity Fund.**

**HAVE YOU MOVED?**

If you have a new address, changed phone numbers, or have moved into or out of the Parish, please contact the Parish Office so we may update your information.

Also, if you donate through Parish Giving and have not yet filled out our parish registration form, please contact the parish office so we may add you to our rolls. Thank You.

**SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT**

**MARCH 5, 2017**

<b># of Budget Envelopes Used This Week</b>	<b>89</b>
<b># Online Giving</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>Contributions-Budgets and Checks</b>	<b>\$ 4,774.00</b>
<b>Online Contributions</b>	<b>\$ 3,055.00</b>
<b>Loose Contributions</b>	<b>\$ 404.00</b>
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 8,233.00</b>
<b>Monthly Maintenance</b>	<b>\$ 1,569.00</b>
<b>Ash Wednesday</b>	<b>\$ 1,051.00</b>

***A sincere thank you for your support!***

Please consider enrolling in Parish Giving, our electronic stewardship program for parish contributions. You can register online at [www.Parishgiving.org](http://www.Parishgiving.org) or on our parish website at [www.stsebastianri.org](http://www.stsebastianri.org).