

Church of St. Sebastian
March 16, 2014 — Second Sunday of Lent

Scheduled Masses For This Week

Saturday, March 15, Vigil: Second Sunday of Lent

5:00 pm Anne M. Daniels, 8th anniversary
 -requested by her husband

Sunday, March 16, Second Sunday of Lent

9:00 am Peter Di Carlo, 1st anniversary
 -requested by Cummings family

11:00 am Denise Walker, birthday remembrance
 Anthony Macie
 -requested by Diane Patterson

Monday, March 17, Saint Patrick, bishop

7:00 am Mass

Tuesday, March 18, Lenten Weekday

7:00 am Belle Calenda, for a speedy recovery
 -requested by Sylvia Loferski and family

Wednesday, March 19, Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 am Mass

Thursday, March 20, Lenten Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Friday, March 21, Lenten Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Next Weekend Masses

Saturday, March 22, Vigil: Third Sunday of Lent

5:00 pm Mary Louise Calcagni
 -requested by her parish family

Sunday, March 23, Third Sunday of Lent

9:00 am For the People

11:00 am Joseph Cardillo, birthday remembrance
 -requested by his son and family

Our Lady's Candle is lit this week in memory of Anthony Pacheco in remembrance of his birthday; requested by his wife Cornelia.

WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

March 9, 2014

of Budget Envelopes Used This Week 79
Contributions-Budgets and Checks \$3,560.00
Loose Contributions \$ 663.00
Total Offertory \$4,223.00
Ash Wednesday \$ 949.00

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.

THE PASTOR'S CORNER

One thing we take for granted is light. With the change to Daylight Saving Time, the days are slowly getting longer. Inside and outside the home, we reset our timers and clocks to reflect the difference in daylight. Lighting experts are used to illumine our landscape, and most times in a very flattering way. There is a whole spectrum of warmth to the various lighting options in the marketplace (e.g. incandescent, CFL, LED, halogen, fluorescent, etc.). It all depends on the 'look' you're trying to achieve.

In the Christian Church, light has a significant symbolic value. The Great Easter Candle is blessed and enters the Church as the only light to pierce the darkness. The entire baptized congregation then receives and shares the Christ Light until it illumines every dark corner of the worship space.

Even in our relationships, we speak of "seeing someone in a *'different light.'*" A friendly casual conversation might change our preconceived perception of someone. This Transfiguration Gospel is the most dramatic change ever witnessed by human sight! Peter, James, and John saw Jesus in glory; without the veil of human flesh. The ultimate glory that will be accomplished in the Passion, Death, and Resurrection is previewed here... and what a preview it was! The Apostles wanted to remain in that glory... "*let us build three booths here, one for You, one for Moses (the Lawgiver) and one for Elijah (the Great Prophet).*"

In a few weeks, Fr. Paquette will be challenging us with the Lenten Mission. Bring your family and friends to the Lenten Mission to learn more about Catholic faith.

Finally, the opportunity to participate in the 2014 Catholic Charity Fund Appeal has begun. Join me in making a difference with a sacrificial gift. Whatever you prayerfully decide to give, do it not from your disposable money, but make a sacrifice.

~Have a blessed Lent.
 Msgr. Darcy

THIS WEEK AT ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH

Monday	3/17	Stations of the Cross	6:30 pm
Tuesday	3/18	Prayer Shawl Ministry	7:00 pm
Thurs.	3/20	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm

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2014 LUMEN GENTIUM AWARD RECIPIENT

I am very proud to announce that our parishioner, **DENNIS J. ROBERTS II**, has been chosen to receive the 2014 *LUMEN GENTIUM AWARD* for Public Service. Dennis will receive the reward on May 14th from Bishop Tobin at the awards dinner at Twin River, Lincoln. Congratulations, Denny, for your long and outstanding witness to the Church and our community. **CONGRATULATIONS!**

ONGOING FOOD DRIVE AND EASTSIDE MARKET PLACE RECEIPTS

The Outreach Committee asks that we be mindful of the hungry throughout the year, so please remember to bring a few items to Church each week and place them in the boxes near the choir loft stairs. Also, the Committee will be tallying **Eastside Market receipts** in June. Let's fill that receipt box near the food boxes. The Market gives us 1% toward Outreach charitable works from the grand total of our receipts.

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.

Glenn Maciel, Michael, Frances, Lauren, Yvette Wilburn, Maureen Kenner, Carol Anne Theroux, Nicole Ruffine, Amy, Beverly DiLello, Elizabeth Dugan, Deborah Bessette, Beatrice Calvo Crozier, James Mullaney, Mariella, Belle Calenda, and Ursula Shea.

The Parish Prayer Shawl Ministry meets this Tuesday, March 19th at 7:00 pm in the Fr. Randall Room. If you are aware of someone you feel would benefit from receiving a prayer shawl, please call the rectory.

2014 CATHOLIC CHARITY FUND APPEAL

A direct mailing has been sent out for the 2014 Catholic Charity. This change in the initial phase of the Appeal still registers your gift toward our parish goal of \$80,000. Gifts through payroll deduction with the United Way are also a possibility. Last year the parish raised over \$95K for the many charitable agencies funded by the Appeal. Thank you for your past support. **We will have the in-pew solicitation next weekend at all the Masses.**

LENT 2014

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 MISSION +++

Fr. Joseph Paquette
Sunday to Tuesday, March 30th -April 1st
at 7:00 pm

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 14th year are bound to abstain totally from meat.

REST IN PEACE: + SIDNEY R. AMYLN

The parish extends its prayers and sympathy to Ken and Debbie Amylon with the death of his father, Sidney. Sidney was buried on Wednesday of this past week. May he rest in the peace of the Risen Christ.

ANNUAL LENTEN SANDWICH DRIVE IN MARCH:

The Outreach Committee is seeking volunteers for our annual sandwich drive to benefit Crossroads RI. 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 Crossroads in time for lunch. Because soup kitchens are not open on Sundays, this may be the only meal of the day for the homeless men, women and children at Crossroads. 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.**