

Church of St. Sebastian
March 23, 2014 — Third Sunday of Lent

Scheduled Masses For This Week

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

Monday, March 24, Lenten Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Tuesday, March 25, The Annunciation of the Lord

7:00 am Mass

Wednesday, March 26, Lenten Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Thursday, March 27, Lenten Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Friday, March 28, Lenten Weekday

7:00 am Mass

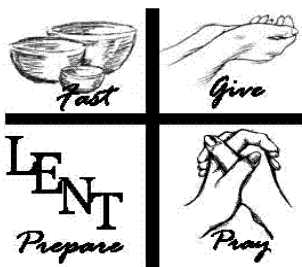
Next Weekend Masses

Saturday, March 29, Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Lent

5:00 pm Joan Andrews, 6th anniversary
 -requested by Jonathan and Regina Andrews

Sunday, March 30, Fourth Sunday of Lent

9:00 am James J. Shanni, 1st anniversary
 -requested by his family
 11:00 am Francis and Jean Abair
 -requested by Nicole Robertson



WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

March 16, 2014

of Budget Envelopes Used This Week 81
 Contributions-Budgets and Checks \$3,717.00
 Loose Contributions \$ 463.00
 Total Offertory \$4,180.00

Please consider enrolling in *Parish Giving*, our electronic stewardship program for parish contributions. You can register online at www.Parishgiving.org or www.stsebastianri.org.

The Sunday Gospels of Lent are wonderful meditations for our lives during this penitential season. The Gospel of John uses water with the woman at the well as a symbol for the gift of life in Christ. In a culture that still is very concerned about living (flowing) water, the Sea of Galilee is the only source. The Jordan River waters the entire county of Israel/Palestine. Its journey ends at the Dead Sea. It is "dead" because there is no outlet...thus it is stagnant with no significant life within...except tourists and those taking mud baths!

The parish is still receiving and welcoming new parishioners and families. For some it's the reason of the "Pope Francis Facto, for others it's due to our hospitality and welcoming community, and for others it is a return to God and the Church. In 2013, 34 families or individuals joined the parish. Whatever the draw or attraction is, our parish life in Christ is the central goal of our Christian lives. Like the woman at the well, we, too, ask for that Christ, the Living Water, to refresh us.

The St. Patrick Day Celebration had 96 people attending (and other supporting it even if unable to attend). The live music by the Jesse Liam Band was a great hit...and they will come back! Special thanks you's for the excellent meal prepared by Dave Belanger assisted by Joe Carter, Ms. Marie, Sheila Jarvis, Judy Presnol, Richard Cardillo, Jaime Carrera and our Confirmation candidates. Great job one and all! There are more events coming...and new faces enjoying them. Possibly *Diez de Mayo!*

Next Sunday we will have the in-pew solicitation for the Catholic Charity Fund Appeal. Our goal for this year is **\$80K**. With everyone making a **truly sacrificial gift** as if to Christ Himself, there will be no difficulty. It will be the only in-pew request for the Charity Drive. Direct solicitation is taking place via the mail. There is always the possibility of request letters and our gift crossing in the mail. Our patience with the diocesan office will be needed in some cases. It will be correct in Christian charity! I thank you for your help and participation in this most important effort off our Church to help meet the needs of so many.

~Monsignor Darcy

Our Lady's Candle is lit this week in memory of Helen V. Lawlor in remembrance of her birthday; requested by her daughters Patricia and Regina.

THIS WEEK AT ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH

Sunday	3/23	Outreach Committee Meeting	10:00 am
Monday	3/24	Stations of the Cross	6:30 pm
Thurs.	3/27	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm

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EASTER FOOD COLLECTION

The Outreach Committee thanks parishioners for their ongoing contributions of food for the hungry in our community. All donations go to Mary House at St. Patrick Church in Providence. Please remember those who are hungry in our annual Easter Food Collection drive to take place over the weekends of March 29th and April 5th. Envelopes will be in the pews for those who wish to donate cash or check but donations of food will also continue to be collected at the back of the church. Many thanks to all for their support for the hungry.

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

A SPECIAL WORD OF THANKS

Thank you to Mark Russell from McBride's Irish Pub in Wayland Square for donating the Irish beers and liquors to the St. Patrick Night. Also, to the parishioner who donated Jameson's for Irish Coffee... "Top of the morn to you, too!"

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.

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.

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.**

LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES

2014 LENTEN MISSION: "CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP"

Fr. Joe Paquette, our parish Administrator during my sabbatical, will preach the Lenten Parish Mission on March 30 - April 1 at 7:00 pm. The theme of the mission is **"The Call to Discipleship."** Please make an effort to attend this central part of our parish Lenten program.

PARISH PENANCE SERVICE

The parish penance service will be held on Sunday, April 6th at 6:30 pm. Msgr. Darcy and two other priests will be available for the Sacrament of Penance (Confession) in preparation for Easter. In the words of Jesus Himself: *"Be not afraid! I came that you may have life and have it to the full."*

ST. SEBASTIAN BOOK CLUB

The Parish Book Club will meet Wednesday, April 23rd at 7:30 pm in the Fr. Randall Room to discuss Mariette in Ecstasy by Ron Hanson. All are welcome.