

Church of St. Sebastian

March 27, 2016 - Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Scheduled Masses For This Week

Saturday, March 26, Holy Saturday

7:15 pm Solemn Easter Vigil

Sunday, March 27, Easter Sunday

9:00 am For All Parishioners

11:00 am For All Parishioners

Monday, March 28, Monday within the Octave of Easter

7:00 am Mass

Tuesday, March 29, Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

7:00 am Mass

7:25 am Novena Prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Wednesday, March 30, Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

7:00 am Mass

Thursday, March 31, Thursday within the Octave of Easter

7:00 am Mass

Friday, April 1, Friday within the Octave of Easter

7:00 am Rose Montecalvo, anniversary
-requested by her grandson

Next Weekend Masses

Saturday, April 2, Vigil: Divine Mercy Sunday

5:00 pm Zola Ventre, 4th anniversary
-requested by daughter Cynthia and family

Sunday, April 3, Divine Mercy Sunday

9:00 am Intentions of Parishioners

11:00 am Margaret Ogle
-requested by John and Mary Cappelli



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Rev. Msgr. Carlo F. Montecalvo, Pastor

My Dear Parishioners,

Happy Easter to all of you. Jesus is risen, Alleluia!

On this Easter Sunday morning I thought I would share with you a grave concern, not only of the United States Catholic Bishops' Conference but a grace concern of the entire Catholic Church and the Christ community throughout the world.



Stop the Christian Genocide

The slaughter of innocent Christians and other minorities who are targeted specifically for religious reasons is a modern genocide in the Middle East. A crime against humanity. And the destruction of the ancient Christian presence in that region is at stake.

You can help. Please add your name to the witness.

Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz is asking every person of faith to sign the online petition at www.stopthechristiangenocide.org. Right now, the State Department is considering a resolution to declare these relentless atrocities by their rightful name: "genocide." Bipartisan support is growing, but time is short. The decision is expected within days.

The people of God must speak up for our brothers and sisters in the Middle East. As a people of faith, we must convince the U.S. Department of State to include Christians in any formal declaration of "genocide."

With each passing day, the roll of modern martyrs grows. While we rejoice in their ultimate victory over death through the power of Jesus' love, we must also help our fellow Christians carry the Cross of persecution and, as much as possible, help relieve their suffering. By doing so, the Middle East and the world will be made safer for people of every faith to live in peace.

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.

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Confirmation and First Communion Dates

**Confirmation: Thursday, May 5th
at 6:00 pm**

Most Reverend Robert C. Evans, D.D., J.C.L.

**First Communion: Sunday, May 15th
at the 9:00 am Mass**

All parishioners are invited to these Masses and to the receptions following to celebrate and show our support.



EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS

Parishioners and friends wishing to donate Easter flowers in memory of your loved ones can use the envelopes provided in the vestibule or in your monthly budgets.

We ask that you please print their names legibly for inclusion in our memorial list. Their names will also be included in our Masses during the entire Easter season.



On the first Sunday of every month please join us for **COFFEE & CRAFTS**

after the 9 am Mass in the Church Hall.

April 3rd - Pictures for Elderly Housing

May 1st - Outside Activity (weather permits)

All ages welcome for crafts! If you have ideas for future crafts, please contact Grace Dugan dugan@dugancustomjewelers.com

WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

Due to an early deadline, the collection information is not available at the time.

A sincere thank you for your support!

**Please remember
St. Sebastian Parish
in your Will and Estate**

THE CHILDREN'S CHOIR sings on Easter Sunday, March 27th at the 9 am Mass; and Sunday, April 3rd at the 11 am Mass with the Adult Choir.

BABYSITTING DURING THE 9:00 AM MASS is growing...like the children! It would be very helpful to have a few more adults with 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.*

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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.

Frances Geary, Mary Shea, Maureen Kenner, Sandy C., Sylvia Loferski, Carl Robert Dahm, John Haddad, Bob, and Bob K.

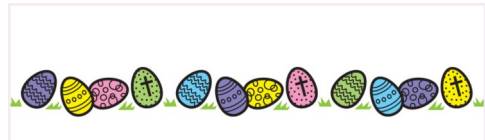
CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL

Thank you to everyone who has made a sacrificial gift to the Catholic Charity Appeal. If you have not yet made a commitment, please consider doing so as the Appeal continues. **We are now at \$58K of our \$80K goal.** Your gift to the annual Catholic Charity Appeal makes a real difference in the lives of so many Rhode Islanders.

Keep the faith and the memories alive. Remember a loved one with a gift to St. Sebastian Church. For more information about **MEMORIAL DONATIONS AND LEGACY GIVING**, please contact Rev. Msgr. Carlo F. Montecalvo at 401-751-0196 or Andrea Krupp, Director of the Catholic Foundation of Rhode Island, 401-277-2121

A PARISH THANK YOU!

Thank you to Mr. Cooper, the choir, our cantors, and Emily Johnston and Annie Lagace for their musical talent. You made Holy Week and Easter so very special for us all.



EASTER EGG HUNT AFTER THE 9:00 AM MASS!

The annual Easter Egg Hunt takes place on both church lawns after today's 9:00 am Mass. All children through 5th Grade are invited to join this fun event. **WEATHER PERMITTING!!**