

Church of St. Sebastian
March 3, 2013 — Third Sunday of Lent

Scheduled Masses For This Week

- Saturday, March 2, Vigil: Third Sunday of Lent**
5:00 pm Peggy Corrigan
-requested by Carol and Vincent Ferraioli
- Sunday, March 3, Third Sunday of Lent**
9:00 am Theresa Evangelista, 4th anniversary
-requested by her family
11:00 am Mary Alice and Colleen Mullaney
- Monday, March 4, Lenten Weekday**
7:00 am For the people
- Tuesday, March 5, Lenten Weekday**
7:00 am Mass
- Wednesday, March 6, Lenten Weekday**
7:00 am Mass
- Thursday, March 7, Lenten Weekday**
7:00 am Edna McLaughlin
- Friday, March 8, Lenten Weekday**
7:00 am John, Julie, and Mary McLaughlin

Next Weekend Masses

- Saturday, March 9, Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Lent**
5:00 pm For the people
- Sunday, March 10, Fourth 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

*Let us pray for the repose of the souls of
Edna McLaughlin and family
whose love for our parish was shown in a
bequest at the time of her death.
We remember them in gratitude and offer
Thursday and Friday's 7:00 am Mass
for them this week.
May they rest in the peace of the Lord.*

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

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

Two important events in Church history occurred last week: we witnessed the end of the papacy of Pope Benedict XVI, and we celebrated our 2013 Parish Lenten Mission with Fr. Tom Hoar. Both events provided the opportunity to see God's love working in the Church. As we continue the journey, a friend said to me last week, "*We walk by faith, and not by sight...*" (2 Cor. 5:7). Pope Benedict will now be addressed as "His Holiness, Benedict XVI, Pope-Emeritus." Trusting that the Holy Spirit will provide us with the Universal Shepherd we need for this post-modern age, like the Apostles gathered in the Upper Room after the Ascension of the Lord...for now, we wait *and* pray.

This weekend we support with prayer our five baptized brothers and sisters from other Christian Churches who will be received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. They are: **Kenneth Amylon, Michelle Barrett, David Groce, Peter Huarmatuck, and Heidi Ravina.** They will be presented to the parish today at the 11 AM Mass. As they prepare for reception, we keep them in our prayers. May the Lord bring to completion what He has begun in you. Welcome!

Our Lenten journey includes outreach to the homeless and hungry with the March Sandwich Drive. Details are in the bulletin. We needed more sign-up lists due to your wonderful response! Feeding the hungry in this way can be a beautiful family experience. Sign up, and thank you.

Next weekend, Mr. John Barry, Diocesan Secretary for Social Ministry, will be with us to share with us the work that is made possible through the Catholic Charity Fund Appeal. John has been on the front-lines of the whole spectrum of causes that impact the very sustenance of people: right to life, hunger, homelessness, prisons, rehabilitation, hospital ministry, elder and nursing care, and end of life issues. **Our parish goal is \$82K.** Last year with the same goal, we contributed **\$85K** to the ministries of Catholic Charities. We will begin the parish phase in a few weeks. As we contemplate the giving of alms as a Lenten discipline, please consider even a small monthly pledge to increase our support of the Appeal. On behalf of the faces that we will never see or the names will never know that are helped in time of need, I thank you in their name for your response as if to Christ Himself.

To all a blessed Lent.
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! 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. Thank you, Karin, Lori, Jane, Marie, and Rita for volunteering in the program. *BCI checks are mandatory for all adults working with minors.*

REST IN PEACE, DIANE!

We support with our prayers, Lori (our cantor at the 5:00 pm and 11:00 am Masses) and Diane (who sings in the choir) at the death of their sister Denise. Our prayers are with you at this time of mourning. May Diane rest in peace and await you in the Kingdom.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Parish Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet this month on Tuesday, March 5th and 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, March 6th at 7:30 pm in the Fr. Randall Room to discuss Ethan Frome by Edith Wharton; on 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
Chamber Choir concert at 3:00 pm.
More news soon

ANNUAL MARCH SANDWICH DRIVE

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. This is an excellent Lenten family project.

THIS WEEK AT ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH

Sun.	3/3	Religious Ed., Grades 6-8	10:00 am
		Religious Ed., Grades 9-10	6:30 pm
Mon.	3/4	Religious Ed., Grades 1-5	3:30 pm
		Stations of the Cross	6:30 pm
Tues.	3/5	Prayer Shawl Ministry	7:00 pm
Wed.	3/6	Parish Book Club	7:30 pm
Thurs.	3/7	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.