

Church of St. Sebastian
March 30, 2014 — Fourth Sunday of Lent

Scheduled Masses For This Week

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

Monday, March 31, Lenten Weekday
 7:00 am For the People

Tuesday, April 1, Lenten Weekday
 7:00 am Mass

Wednesday, April 2, Lenten Weekday
 7:00 am Mass

Thursday, April 3, Lenten Weekday
 7:00 am Mass

Friday, April 4, Lenten Weekday
 7:00 am Mass

Next Weekend Masses

Saturday, April 5, Vigil: Fifth Sunday of Lent
 5:00 pm Zola and Francis Ventre
 -requested by Cynthia Ventre-Hewitt and family

Sunday, April 6, Fifth Sunday of Lent
 9:00 am For the People

11:00 am Mass

Our Lady's Candle this week is for prayers for Belle Calenda's recovery and safe return to Providence, requested by Karin Schrott and Rita Watson.

THIS WEEK AT ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH

Sunday	3/30	Religious Ed., Grades 6-8	10:00 am
		Religious Ed., Grades 9-10	6:30 pm
		Lenten Mission	7:00 pm
Monday	3/31	Religious Ed., Grades 1-5	3:30 pm
		Stations of the Cross	6:30 pm
		Lenten Mission	7:00 pm
Tuesday	4/1	Lenten Mission	7:00 pm
Thurs.	4/3	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm

THE PASTOR'S CORNER

I invite everyone to come to the Lenten Mission preached by Fr. Paquette. I'll be covering his Masses this weekend at St. Maria Goretti Parish. We gather at 7 pm on this Sunday to Tuesday. Please make an effort to come...it'd be great to see a full Church!

The gift of sight is one was often times taken for granted until it is challenged, weakened, or lost. I was pondering with my nephew this week what are the dream images of a person born blind, as in today's Gospel. It's an interesting question on the anatomical/psychological level. In terms of faith, we journey toward the Light, who is Jesus the Christ. We share our Christ light every day, or in some cases, we shade it from sight. It's a rich symbol on the Christian journey epitomized at the Great Easter Vigil. *Plan on joining us at 8 PM on Holy Saturday, the holiest night of the Church Year.*

The spiritual side of Lent is also accompanied by temporalities that are important on another level. Here are some of the highlights:

Last Sunday I shared with the Outreach Committee some good news! Our chairlift to the Church Hall will be installed by Easter! A Stannah[®] Chairlift has been digitally measured for the cost of \$14,129. The great Oktoberfest fundraising effort led by Karen Schrott and Rita Watson has been augmented by some "silent donors." *Many thanks to Karin, Rita and all who are making this REALLY happen!*

I also had a walk-through with the Providence Fire Department of the Church for a fire inspection based on the latest city regulations. One defunct emergency light fixture needs to be replaced immediately. There are always additional upgrades and property concerns that need to be corrected. This week it was the old, leaking faucets in the Church kitchen. As soon as the weather breaks, the front sidewalk to the rectory needs to be replaced. When that happens, minor but important masonry repairs will be done on the Church fieldstone wall, caulking along the heated ramp, and also some lawn reseeding. It's spring...which means tending repairs! Keep that in mind with the Monthly Maintenance Collection.

Enjoy the week, and be holy!
 ~ Monsignor Darcy ~

WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

March 23, 2014

of Budget Envelopes Used This Week 83
Contributions-Budgets and Checks \$3,596.00
Loose Contributions \$ 432.00
Total Offertory \$4,028.00
 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.

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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 taking place this weekend and next. Envelopes are in the pews for those who wish to donate cash or check, but donations of food continue to be collected at the back of the church. Many thanks to all for their support for the hungry.

2014 CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL

Thank you to everyone who made a sacrificial gift to the Catholic Charity Appeal last weekend. If you were unable to make a commitment last weekend, please consider doing so as the Appeal continues. **We are now at \$31K of our \$80K goal.** Your gift to the annual Catholic Charity Appeal makes a real difference in the lives of so many Rhode Islanders.

Consider this from St. Sebastian's in 2013:

NUMBER OF DONORS = 162

AVERAGE GIFT TO MEET GOAL = \$444.44

PARISH GOAL=\$82,000

AMOUNT RAISED = \$94,799.73

The "Knit in Prayer" Prayer Shawl Ministry is celebrating the completion of our second year and we're happy to say that we've made and donated over 100 prayer shawls, including Baptism blankets. Past, present, and future members of the Knit in Prayer Ministry are invited to join us at a self-pay luncheon at the Wine and Cheese Restaurant, 1861 Smith Street, North Providence, on Wednesday, April 23rd at 12 noon. Call Pat Capece, 274-8623, or Elaine Kehoe, 273-4259, by Wednesday, April 16th to make a reservation.

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.

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.

2014 LENTEN MISSION: "CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP"

Fr. Joe Paquette, retired pastor of St. Teresa Parish, Pawtucket, will preach the Lenten Parish Mission this Sunday, Monday and Tuesday 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 NEXT SUNDAY AT 6:30PM

The parish penance service will be held next 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."*

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.

+++ HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE +++

Morning Mass Mon, Tues, Wed, at 7:00 am
Holy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7 pm
Good Friday - Stations of the Cross at 3 pm
Good Friday - Liturgy of the Passion at 7 pm
Holy Saturday - **THE GREAT VIGIL at 8 PM**
EASTER SUNDAY- Masses at 9 and 11 am