

**Church of St. Sebastian**  
**March 5, 2017 - First Sunday of Lent**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 4, VIGIL: FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

5:00 pm DR R JOHN FEELY, by Joan and Christopher Soper

**SUNDAY, MARCH 5, FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

9:00 am ANGELO & ANITA CALASCIBETTA

11:00 am FR. ANGELO D'AGOSTINO S.J.,M.D.  
 Servant of God, by Belle Calenda

**Monday, MARCH 6**

7:00 am MARY & ANGELO MORELLO  
 5:30 pm RICHARD & CONNIE MORELLO  
 6:00 pm Stations of the Cross

**Tuesday, MARCH 7**

7:00 am EDNA McLAUGHLIN & FAMILY, Bequest  
 7.25 am Novena Prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help  
 5:30 pm DONALD LOSARDO

**Wednesday, MARCH 8**

7:00 am FR. RAYMOND BEAULIEU  
 5:30 pm FR. CHARLES McDERMOTT

**Thursday, MARCH 9**

7:00 am FR. JAMES HYNES  
 5:30 pm INTENTIONS OF PARISHIONERS

**Friday, MARCH 10**

7:00 am SICK OF THE PARISH  
 5:30 pm VOCATIONS TO PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE

**SATURDAY, MARCH 11, VIGIL: SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

5:00 pm ROBERT CANUEL, 1st anniversary, by his family

**SUNDAY, MARCH 12, SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

9:00 am INTENTIONS OF PARISHIONERS  
 11:00 am FILIPPINI SISTERS

**My Dear Parishioners,**

Lent has started. I want to emphasize the different opportunities our parish is offering for your spiritual growth and development during this Lenten Season. Please do not feel like you have to attend each and every activity.

- Our parish is offering TWO daily Masses. The Masses will be celebrated at 7 am and 5:30 pm (Monday through Friday).
- On Monday evenings during Lent (March 6, 13, 20, 27, and April 3rd) the parish will pray the Stations of the Cross at 6 pm.
- On Monday April 10th Bishop Tobin will celebrate the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of Sts Peter and Paul at 5 pm. (No Mass of Stations of the Cross this evening because all priests are expected at the Cathedral.)
- The Magnificat Lenten Companion was distributed at all the Masses. Please find the time to pray the one page daily meditation.
- Rice Bowls were given out last weekend and are still available at each entranceway.
- On Saturday, March 25th, the parish has an exciting evening planned. Please mark your calendar and plan on attending the TALK by Kerry Weber.
- The Outreach Committee has opportunities for parishioners. The parish is sponsoring Sunday Sandwiches for Emmanuel House as well as a Lenten Project for the Diocesan Immigration and Refugee Office.

There are many opportunities for spiritual growth during this Lenten Season.

Have a great Lent!

**Mons. Montecalvo**

*Let us pray for the repose of the souls of  
**Edna McLaughlin and family**  
 whose love for our parish was shown in  
 a bequest to St. Sebastian Church.  
 We remember them in gratitude and offer  
 Tuesday's 7 am Masses  
 for them this week.  
 May they rest in the peace of the Lord.*

**Parish Meetings and Activities**

3/5	Religious Ed	10 am	Classrooms
3/6	Religious Ed	4 pm	Classrooms
	Stations of the Cross	6 pm	Church
3/7	Prayer Shawl Ministry	7 pm	Fr. Randall Rm
3/8	Bible Study	6:30 pm	Fr. Randall Rm

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### 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.

**All Fridays in Lent:** All who have reached their 14<sup>th</sup> year are bound to abstain totally from meat.

### MISSION COOPERATIVE APPEAL

Each year we have a Mission Cooperative Appeal through the Diocesan Mission Office. This year we have Sister Angelina Giramma, M.P.F. a member of the Religious Teachers Filippini who also have missionary Sisters throughout the world. Sister Angelina will be speaking on behalf of the Filippini missions at all the Masses on March 11th and 12th.

A second collection will be taken for this cause. If you choose to write a check, please make it payable to **St. Sebastian Church** and indicate on the memo line **MISSIONS**. Your prayers and generosity in support of the Filippini missions is gratefully appreciated.

### LENTEN PARISH MISSION

**SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 2017 6:00 PM.**

**RECEPTION TO FOLLOW**

***Mercy in the City: Doing God's work at Ungodly Hours***

We are called to lives that incorporate prayer and service, and sometimes that means early mornings, late nights, or long hours. America's executive editor Kerry Weber discusses her efforts to participate fully in city life and in the life of the Church while still maintaining her sanity. Drawing upon her book "Mercy in the City," she will offer her thoughts on how she tries to balance breadlines and deadlines, and describes how she finds a moment's rest in the city that never sleeps.

To make your reservation, please call the office at 751-0196 or email [office@stsebastianri.org](mailto:office@stsebastianri.org) no later than March 20th.

Please consider enrolling in Parish Giving, our electronic stewardship program for parish contributions. You can register online at [www.Parishgiving.org](http://www.Parishgiving.org) or on our parish website at [www.stsebastianri.org](http://www.stsebastianri.org).

### LENTEN PROJECT —

#### IMMIGRATION & REFUGEE SERVICES

The Community Outreach Committee will be collecting items during Lent for the Diocese of Providence's Immigration & Refugee Services to welcome refugee families who will be arriving in Rhode Island. (The items needed are toiletries (toilet paper, soap, toothpaste, shampoo etc.), cleaning supplies (mop, broom, waste basket, trash bags, etc.) baby products (diapers, bottles, powder, lotion, etc.) and school supplies (notebooks, pens/pencils, backpacks, etc.).

Kindly place the items in the bin located in the vestibule. Any questions, contact Karin Schrott at 401-465-7444 or [karinschrott@gmail.com](mailto:karinschrott@gmail.com).

Thank you for your kindness and support of our Lenten Projects.

## LENT 2017

### LENTEN SCHEDULE

**Weekday Mass: Monday through Friday at 7:00 am and 5:30 pm**

**Stations of the Cross - Mondays at 6:00 pm**

**Confessions – Saturdays at 4:00 - 4:45 pm**

**Rice Bowls are available in the vestibule**

**Lenten Parish Mission—March 25 at 6 pm**

**Communal Penance Service to be announced**

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. **Bartholomew Steib, Natalie Swift, Leah Davis, Frances Geary, Maureen Kenner, Sandy C., John Haddad, Bob, Sylvia L., and Bob K.**

### SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

**FEBRUARY 26, 2017**

# of Budget Envelopes Used This Week	88
# Online Giving	13
Contributions-Budgets and Checks	\$ 3,552.00
Online Contributions	\$ 521.00
Loose Contributions	\$ 434.00
Total Offertory	\$ 4,507.00

***A sincere thank you for your support!***