

Church of St. Sebastian
March 9, 2014 — First Sunday of Lent

Scheduled Masses For This Week

Saturday, March 8, Vigil: First Sunday of Lent
5:00 pm Mario Lizarraga, anniversary remembrance
-requested by his children and grandchildren

Sunday, March 9, First Sunday of Lent
9:00 am Mass
11:00 am For the People

Monday, March 10, Lenten Weekday
7:00 am Mass

Tuesday, March 11, Lenten Weekday
7:00 am Mass

Wednesday, March 12, Lenten Weekday
7:00 am Mass

Thursday, March 13, Lenten Weekday
7:00 am Mass

Friday, March 14, Lenten Weekday
7:00 am George F. Johnson

Next Weekend Masses

Saturday, March 15, Vigil: Second Sunday of Lent
5:00 pm Anne M. Daniels, 8th anniversary
-requested by her husband

Sunday, March 16, Second Sunday of Lent
9:00 am Peter Di Carlo, 1st anniversary
-requested by Cummings family

11:00 am Denise Walker, birthday remembrance
Anthony Macie
-requested by Diane Patterson

Please keep our fellow parishioners and friends in your thoughts and prayers: Michael, Frances, Lauren, Yvette Wilburn, Maureen Kenner, Jane Martin, Carol Anne Theroux, Nicole Ruffine, Amy, Beverly DiLello, Elizabeth Dugan, Deborah Bessette, Beatrice Calvo Crozier, James Mullaney, Mariella, Belle Calenda, and Ursula Shea. *Please contact the rectory if you would like to add a person to our prayers.*

WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT
March 1, 2014

# of Budget Envelopes Used This Week	98
Contributions-Budgets and Checks	\$4,126.00
Loose Contributions	\$ 421.00
Total Offertory	\$4,537.00
Monthly Maintenance	\$1,916.00

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 PASTOR'S CORNER

The Book of Genesis, written while the Jews were in exile in Babylon, presents a cosmology (*an explanation in non-scientific terms*) of the very beginnings of the human race. Today we have the story of the **FALL**, that initial act of disobedience by Adam and Eve. Their sin eventually led to the act of obedience of Christ. His obedience has set us free from eternal slavery to sin and death.

The every will or desire to “obey” is rooted in faith. The high point of St. Paul’s theology cites this very fact in Romans 1:5; to believe in the command to believe the Gospel **IS** to bring about the obedience of faith. Paul further explains this is today’s second reading: “*through the obedience of the one (Jesus), the many will be made righteous*”

My journey to the Monastery of Temptation in Jericho, built into the cliff of the rock, makes this Gospel just come alive. The 40 pilgrims to the Holy Land in October will see this site. Here the Lord was tempted, but never doubted. He always remained the faithful Son of the Father.



We have begun Lent with acts of intense prayer, fasting, and sacrifice. What’s our plan for Lent as we proceed to Easter? Daily Mass, attending the Stations of the Cross, private prayer (read Psalm 139 daily), and acts of sacrifice that helps us be mindful of the poor... we do all this with the Lord.

Lent isn’t a time to be glum...rather to be hopeful. Work to be holy and we will be surprised what can happen through God’s gift of the Spirit.

~A blessed Lent to all.

Msgr. Darcy

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ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARISH PARTY
SATURDAY, MARCH 15TH FROM 6—9 PM
 is the date for a great ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY. A traditional corned beef dinner and Irish Bread will be served. Some typical Irish "refreshments" will be available at a cash bar. Live entertainment provided by one of Rhode Island's up and coming groups; *The Jesse Liam Band*.

Tickets: \$20 per person. All are welcome!

Name: _____

Number of Tickets: _____

**RETURN THIS FORM TO THE RECTORY
 WITH YOUR RESERVATION CHECK.**

2014 CATHOLIC CHARITY FUND APPEAL

A direct mailing has been sent out for the 2014 Catholic Charity. This change in the initial phase of the Appeal still registers your gift toward our parish goal of \$80,000. Gifts through payroll deduction with the United Way is also a possibility. Last year the parish raised over \$95K for the many charitable agencies funded by the Appeal. Thank you for your past support. As I mentioned last week, *we keep giving as if to the Lord until the need is gone!*

Our Lady's Candle is lit this week in memory of Dr. Daniel Calenda in remembrance of his birthday; requested by Belle.

THIS WEEK AT ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH

Sunday	3/9	Religious Ed., Grades 6-8	10:00 am
		Religious Ed., Grades 9-10	6:30 pm
Monday	3/10	Religious Ed., Grades 1-4	3:30 pm
		Stations of the Cross	6:30 pm
Wed.	3/12	Parish Book Club	7:30 pm
Thurs.	3/13	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm

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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**

ST. SEBASTIAN BOOK CLUB

The Parish Book Club will meet this Wednesday, March 12th at 7:30 pm in the Fr. Randall Room to discuss The Painted Veil by W. Somerset Maugham. All are welcome.

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.**

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.