

Church of St. Sebastian
May 11, 2014 — Fourth Sunday of Easter

Scheduled Masses For This Week

Saturday, May 10, Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Easter
 5:00 pm Richard Fisher
 -requested by Pat and Ike Norton

Sunday, May 11, Fourth Sunday of Easter
 9:00 am For all Mothers
 11:00 am Thomas H. Roberts, II
 -requested by his father Dennis J. Roberts II

Monday, May 12, Easter Weekday
 7:00 am Mass

Tuesday, May 13, Easter Weekday
 7:00 am Mass

Wednesday, May 14, Easter Weekday
 7:00 am Intentions of Dennis J, Roberts, II
 -recipient of the 2014 Lumen Gentium
 Award for Public Service

Thursday, May 15, Easter Weekday
 7:00 am Mass

Friday, May 16, Easter Weekday

Next Weekend Masses

Saturday, May 17, Vigil: Fifth Sunday of Easter
 5:00 pm Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. O'Donnell
 -requested by their family

Sunday, May 18, Fifth Sunday of Easter
 9:00 am For the Parishioners
 11:00 am Mass

Our Lady's Candle burns this week in memory of Rev. William C. O'Connell, as requested by Albert Terrano.

You can reserve the Our Lady's Candle by calling the rectory. Your intentions can be in thanksgiving, in memoriam, or for your private intention.

THIS WEEK AT ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH

Sunday	5/11 Religious Ed., Grades 6-8	10:00 am
	Religious Ed., Grade 9	6:30 pm
Mon.	5/12 Religious Ed., Grades 1-5	3:30 pm
Sat.	5/17 Confirmation	10:00 am

THE PASTOR'S CORNER

The Church celebrates the Fourth Sunday of Easter as Good Shepherd Sunday. While the other two years of the three year Sunday reading cycle stress the "Shepherd," this year the emphasis is on the "Gate."

Ever notice the gates on the East Side? Some are very inviting and quite beautiful; others are sterile and almost foreboding. It would be interesting to learn who lives behind them. We just may be very surprised on the incongruity between the owner and the gate! During my final days in Jerusalem, I took a walk with the purpose to capture some of the scenes behind opened gates (or doorways) in the Old City. Some of the scenes were very picturesque. Beautiful courtyards festooned with large potted plants almost invited you to walk in and rest, if but for a moment. The gates open and close...just as we hear in today's Gospel; "I am the **gate** for the sheep."

Jesus, the Gate, opens to all who are willing to come to Him. The sheep enter and go out through the Gate because they know they are given safe passage and safe pasture. The metaphor morphs then into the Shepherd image. But let's stick with the gate image a bit longer.

I wanted to send a picture to Jay Leno at the Tonight Show a number of years ago. It would be of the main gates to the *Gate of Heaven Cemetery* on the Wampanoag Trail in East Providence. On the right side as you entered the cemetery was a sign that read, "**Gates close at 5:30!**" But what if God calls me at 5:40, do I have to wait until morning to get through the Gate of Heaven? The great "Pearly Gates." Where did the name originate? Look up *Revelation 21:21* for your answer. You'll learn it has been our goal from the beginning of the Church. I'm willing to bet that no one wants to walk *out of those gates...only in!*

~ Enjoy this Easter Season
 Monsignor Darcy

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CONFIRMATION INVITATION

The Confirmation Class of 2014 invites the entire parish to join them as they receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, **May 17th at 10 am** from the Most Reverend Thomas J. Tobin, Bishop of Providence. We welcome Bishop Tobin on this pastoral visit to St. Sebastian's. Congratulations to our young adults as they complete their full initiation into the Catholic Church.

Our Confirmation Candidates are:

Morgan Elizabeth Andrade
Abigail Isabelle Brusso
Ariana Bernadette Callender
Austen Patrick Clark
Angela Clare Crenshaw
Alexander Isadore Donadio
Jeffrey Matthew Giguere
Gabriel Thomas Aquinas Ibarra
Samuel Moses the Black Martinez
Vittoria MaryAnn Monte
Spencer Christopher Penney
Christopher Anthony Tibbetts
Michael Patrick Walsh

ST. SEBASTIAN BOOK CLUB

The Parish Book Club will meet on Wednesday, May 21st at 7:30 pm in the Fr. Randall Room to discuss *My Son's Story* by Nadine Gordimer. Discussion is to be preceded by a light supper at 6:30 pm. All are welcome!

BABYSITTING AT THE 9:00 AM MASS

It's a great service for parents and the parish. Please be welcome to attend Mass while having your child in a secure environment with approved caregivers. They gather on the stage area in the Church Hall. If anyone would like to give a helping hand, please call Karin Schrott at 401-465-7444. The small team welcomes help.

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. ***Sue Hazard, Benita, Betty Mullaney, Chris, Michelle and Belle Calenda.***

2014 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. Your gift to the annual Catholic Charity Appeal makes a real difference in the lives of so many Rhode Islanders.

***Prayer Shawl
Ministry***



PRAYER SHAWL BLESSING

Hand-made prayer shawls for baptism and for the sick will be blessed at Mass next weekend. They are presented to the newly baptized, and to the sick at the Jeanne Jugan Residence in Pawtucket. Our thanks to the women of our parish who gather and pray for those who will receive these shawls, which are created with prayers and love. They will be blessed next weekend at all the Masses.

Happy Mother's Day
We love you!

**125th ANNIVERSARY OF THE
CATHEDRAL OF SS. PETER AND PAUL
GREAT MUSIC IN A GREAT SPACE**

In celebration of the 125th Anniversary of the Consecration of the Cathedral of Saints Peter & Paul, Providence, the Gregorian Concert Choir and Festival Orchestra will present a concert entitled *"Great Music in a Great Space"* on Saturday Evening, May 31, 2014 at 7:30 p. m. in the Cathedral. The concert, led by music director, Msgr. Anthony Mancini, is a retrospective celebration of 125 years of music in the Cathedral and will benefit Emmanuel House, a homeless shelter sponsored by the Diocese of Providence. Tickets are \$10 per person and may be obtained by calling the Cathedral Office at 331-2434. Tickets will also be available at the door on the evening of the performance. All are most cordially invited.

CATHEDRAL 125th ANNIVERSARY DVD

The diocesan Office of Communications has produced a DVD in celebration of the 125th Anniversary of the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul. The DVD contains segments describing the architecture, the beautiful music and pipe organ, the sacred vessels used for Liturgical services and much more. Please contact the Cathedral Office at 331-2434 to obtain a copy of the 125th Cathedral Anniversary DVD.