

Church of St. Sebastian
May 19, 2013 — Pentecost Sunday

Scheduled Masses For This Week

- Saturday, May 18, Vigil: Pentecost Sunday**
 5:00 pm Mass
- Sunday, May 19, Pentecost Sunday**
 9:00 am For the people
 11:00 am Garry Presnol, 1st anniversary
 -requested by his family
- Monday, May 20, Weekday**
 7:00 am Anne Catalano
 -requested by John Corrigan
- Tuesday, May 21, Weekday**
 7:00 am Special Intention
 -requested by Joe and Kathleen Moniz
- Wednesday, May 22, Weekday**
 7:00 am Mass
- Thursday, May 23, Weekday**
 7:00 am Mass
- Friday, May 24, Weekday**
 7:00 am Mass

Next Weekend Masses

- Saturday, May 25, Vigil: The Most Holy Trinity**
 5:00 pm For the People
- Sunday, May 26, The Most Holy Trinity**
 9:00 am Mass
 11:00 am Thomas H. Roberts II, 1st anniversary
 -requested by his father Dennis J. Roberts II



THIS WEEK AT ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH

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| Sun. | 5/19 | Community Outreach Meeting | 10:00 am |
| Tues. | 5/21 | Prayer Shawl Ministry | 7:00 pm |

The Pastor's Corner

A common greeting among friends is, "What's new?" On this Pentecost Sunday, the Church was brand new! "And they were filled with the Holy Spirit..." This graphic description of that first Pentecost sent the Apostles into the world to bring the message of the Risen Jesus to all. This festive day highlights the fire of the Spirit energizing the Church in a new evangelization.

What's new? Let's see. Couples are preparing for marriage, parents are calling for baptism. Parishioners are coming to talk about life, faith, family concerns, and wanting to be part of our parish. Parish life is easy to assess. You know when a parish is sleeping/dead, or like us, awakening! People have heard about us, and now they want to "come and see" (John 1:46).

My plans for an exciting sabbatical in Jerusalem (where Pentecost happened) are progressing. Even as a deacon in 1979, my very earliest ministerial hopes were to have extended time at two New Testament sites. They are now in place. To have an extended time to walk to the villages by the Sea of Galilee, and to retreat atop Mount Tabor (site of the Transfiguration) now await. Courses on Jerusalem archeology and St. Paul are being selected at the famous *École Biblique et Archeologique Française* (see the web site www.EBAF.edu), and a sabbatical BlogSpot is in the works. So, as we can see, *many things are new and being re-energized at the invitation of the Spirit.*

While the parish does quiet down in the summer months, life continues. We'll plan another summer cookout, consider an *Oktoberfest* (we'll need committees!), and you'll adjust to a few new faces for Masses during my three months away from mid-August to Thanksgiving. Serving the Lord continues, and always will under the guidance of the Spirit.

As I mentioned last week, we thank Caroline Calcagni and LJ Gasbarro for their hosting the Wine Tasting last Saturday. Their efforts netted over \$10K for parish use. Appreciation to those who supported or attended the event...numbers *were* much lower than in the past. Admittedly, it is a busy time of year. We'll see.

Finally, you'd notice some new city repairs on the sidewalks. It's great news especially after two parishioners broke arms/wrists since Ash Wednesday. So, again, what's new? I can go on, but I've run out of space! A blessed Pentecost to all!

Peace be with you!
 ~Monsignor Darcy

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***HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS AND
PRIESTHOOD ORDINATIONS***

On the eve of ordinations to the priesthood, please join the ordinandi for a Holy Hour for Vocations on **Friday, May 31, 2013** at 7:00 pm at the Church of St. Augustine, 639 Mt. Pleasant Avenue, Providence. The Most Reverend Robert C. Evans, D.D., J.C.L., Auxiliary Bishop of Providence, will preside and Rev. Timothy D. Reilly, Chancellor of the Diocese of Providence will be the homilist. Please join us in prayer for priestly vocations.

On **Saturday, June 1, 2013**, Rev. Mr. Scott J. Carpentier and Rev. Mr. Thomas J. Woodhouse will be ordained to the priesthood at the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul at 10:00 am with the Most Reverend Thomas J. Tobin, D.D., Bishop of Providence, presiding. All are welcome.

CATHOLIC CHARITY FUND APPEAL: FINAL PUSH

The parish phase of the Charity Drive will be coming to a close within a few weeks. **We're closing in...the goal of \$82K is in sight.** As St. Paul writes, "I continue toward the goal for the prize!" (Phil. 3:14). Last year we reached \$84K! Consider a gift; and know you are helping someone in the name of Christ.

WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

May 12, 2013

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| # of Budget Envelopes Used This Week | 74 |
| Contributions-Budgets and Checks | \$4,450 |
| Loose Contributions | \$ 642 |
| Total Offertory | \$5,092 |
| Ascension Thursday | \$ 562 |

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.

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

Carol Anne Theroux, Nicole Ruffine, Dick Beaupre, Beverly DiLello, Kathy McCaughey, Deborah Bessette, Beatrice Calvo Crozier, James Shanni, Vilma O'Connor, Mariella, Amy, Ursula Shea, and David Carlos White.

Please contact the rectory if you would like to add a person to our prayers.

PRAYER SHAWL BLESSING

Hand-made prayer shawls for baptism and for the sick will be blessed at Mass this weekend. They are presented to the newly baptized, and to the sick at Mt. St. Rita Health Care Center in Cumberland. 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.

COULD YOU ASSIST AS A SERVER AT MASS?

We are in need of servers at weekend Mass. I do want to thank our faithful servers who you see nearly every week. I encourage parents to speak to their children about serving at the altar. With my scheduled sabbatical in August, I would like the visiting priests to have the ordinary assistance of servers at the weekend Mass. Adults, married couples, father/son, mother/daughters are welcome to the ministry. Two (just two) training sessions will be coordinated. If you are interested in assisting, please call the rectory this week.

St. Mary Academy - Bay View, an independent Catholic school for girls, Pre-K through Grade 12 has openings for the 2013-2014 school year in their Early Childhood Program and in Grades 5 and 6. To learn more about the Sprouts (3 yr. olds), Blossoms (4 yr. olds), Kindergarten and other programs, or to register, please call Jan Cooney, Director of Admissions at 401-434-0113 ext. 150 or go online to www.bayviewacademy.org.

EASTSIDE MARKETPLACE RECEIPTS

Please remember to bring in your Eastside Marketplace grocery receipts and leave them in the marked box in the vestibule. Outreach Committee members will be tallying all receipts on Saturday June 15th. The parish receives 1% of the total, which is then donated to worthy causes. Thank you.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH COMMITTEE

The next meeting of the Community Outreach Committee will be held **THIS** Sunday, May 19th at 10:00 am in the church hall. All are invited!