

Church of St. Sebastian
May 24, 2015 - Pentecost Sunday of Easter

Scheduled Masses For This Week

Saturday, May 23, Vigil: Pentecost Sunday

5:00 pm Ernest Ardente
-requested by his wife, Marilyn

Sunday, May 24, Pentecost Sunday

9:00 am For the People

11:00 am Special Intention

Monday, May 25, Weekday

~~*Holiday Mass Schedule*~~ *Memorial Day*~~

9:00 am Mass

Tuesday, May 26, Saint Philip Neri, Priest

7:00 am Mass

Wednesday, May 27, Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Thursday, May 28, Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Friday, May 29, Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Next Weekend's Masses

Saturday, May 30, Vigil: The Most Holy Trinity

5:00 pm For the People

Sunday, May 31, The Most Holy Trinity

9:00 am Mass

11:00 am Mass



The new prayers for the Creed and the Gloria are located on the inside front and back covers of the hymnals.

WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

May 17, 2015

# of Budget Envelopes Used This Week	92
Contributions-Budgets and Checks	\$ 4,282.00
Loose Contributions	\$ 347.00
Total Offertory	\$ 4,629.00
Ascension Thursday	\$ 577.00

THE PASTOR'S CORNER

Pentecost the so-called birthday of the Church, emboldened the Apostles to proclaim the Resurrection. Today, some **1.2 billion people**, yes, that's billion, profess their faith in the Catholic Church established by Christ. Facebook claims 1.44 billion active monthly users as of March 2015!

What was *Pentecost*? For the Jews, it commemorates the giving of the Law on Mt. Sinai. It is celebrated 50 days after Passover. For the Christians, it commemorates the outpouring of the Spirit on the Apostles and Mary ten days after the return of the Lord to glory. The Acts of the Apostles highlights that numinous event. Fired-up (as it were!) with the very Spirit of Jesus, they broke out of their timidity and proclaimed their faith in the Risen Christ. They literally died for that faith. The Church needs bold witnesses to the faith. The Lord is counting on you and me to make a difference in the world.

The downspouts are replaced (well, all but two), the consultant was here for the extensive tower examination and I am awaiting the consultation report. Actually, I'm holding my breath...but more facts when they are available.

We will need some parishioners to serve as the invitation committee for the 100th anniversary. Please call Mary Brennan at the rectory if you are willing to address invitation envelopes later this summer. They will probably go out at the end of August or early September. **If you know of someone who would like to be a part of our celebration, please call or email the rectory with their name and address.**

Finally, the traditional Prayer to the Holy Spirit is a most fitting way to conclude this Easter Season and my final one among you. I pray that we all be renewed in the weeks, months and years ahead and that we always rejoice in the gift of our Catholic faith as we, too, renew our families in His love.

"Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit, and they shall be created, and You shall renew the face of the earth. Amen! Alleluia!"

So ends the Easter Season, 2015

With thanks and gratitude for five year among you,

Monsignor Darcy

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PLANS FOR MSGR. DARCY'S FAREWELL

Monsignor has asked to have a **final Parish Cook-out on Saturday June 13th, after the 5:00 pm Mass**. The usual summer fare will be offer: hot dogs, hamburgers, chili con carne, baked beans, pasta salad, Dijon potato salad, watermelon, strawberry shortcake! **Bring a lawn chair or blanket! The sign-up is in the front vestibule of the Church. Join us in thanking Monsignor for his five years of ministry among us!**

WELCOME TO BRENDAN RYAN

Brendan Ryan, a seminarian assigned to the North American College, Rome in September, will be living at St. Sebastian's for the next several weeks. While here he will have a four week internship at the diocesan Social Ministry Office. Brendan is a member of Our Lady, Star of the Sea Parish in Narragansett. Welcome, Brendan, to our parish community as part of your major seminary formation.

MEMORIAL DAY MASS

The morning Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 am on Monday, May 25th.

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. ***Jim P., John Haddad, Peter Pizzarello, Deborah Bessette, Bill T, Carmella Cardillo, Maureen Kenner, Henry Berenson, and Kathy O.***

DIAPER DRIVE

During the month of May, in observance of Mother's Day, the Community Outreach Committee is holding a "**Diaper Drive**" to benefit the Little Flower Home in Tiverton, RI. The Little Flower Home, serving Rhode Island and Southern Massachusetts, provides comfortable private room(s) in shared apartments or shared homes for pregnant women and their children at no cost for women that are in need, dealing with domestic violence, or under undue pressure. **We are collecting NEWBORN, Size 1 and Size 2 DIAPERS, and SCENTED BABY WIPES.** You may leave your donations in **the vestibule** during the month of May. As always, the Community Outreach Committee would like to thank you for your continued support and generosity.

PARISH BOOK CLUB SUMMER READING

The Parish Book Club has adjourned for the summer months. Our summer reading is An American Tragedy by Theodore Dreiser which we will discuss at our meeting on September 16th at 7 pm in the Father Randall Room. Happy Summer!

CHURCH OF SAINT SEBASTIAN
100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

On **October 17th, 2015**, we will be celebrating the 100th anniversary of St. Sebastian Parish! The 5 pm Mass will be celebrated by the Most Reverend Salvatore Matano, Bishop of Rochester, and Rev. Robert Randall, homilist. A dinner dance will follow at Wannamoisett Country Club in Rumford.

Reservations are now being accepted. Come join the celebration!



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.

The 2015 Catholic Charity Appeal is coming to a close. We'd like to complete the parish phase by the end of May. Please return your donation to the rectory by that time. Thank you for your continued generosity.