

Church of St. Sebastian
May 31, 2015 - The Most Holy Trinity

Scheduled Masses For This Week

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 M. Rachel Sousa Baxter
-requested by Edward and Gail Higgins Fogarty

Monday, June 1, Saint Justin, Martyr
7:00 am Mass

Tuesday, June 2, Weekday
7:00 am Mass

**Wednesday, June 3, Saint Charles Lwanga and
Companions, Martyrs**

7:00 am Mass

Thursday, June 4, Weekday

7:00 am Robert P. Arrigan
-requested by Pat and Sal Annarummo

Friday, June 5, Saint Boniface, Bishop and Martyr
7:00 am Mass

Next Weekend's Masses

**Saturday, June 6, Vigil: The Most Holy Body and
Blood of Christ**
5:00 pm Mass

**Sunday, June 7, The Most Holy Body and Blood of
Christ**
9:00 am Mass
11:00 am For the People

*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 24, 2015

# of Budget Envelopes Used This Week	85
Contributions-Budgets and Checks	\$ 3,745.00
Loose Contributions	\$ 484.00
Total Offertory	\$ 4,229.00
Haitian Project Our School	\$ 993.00

THE PASTOR'S CORNER

My parents are awaiting the resurrection at St. Patrick's Cemetery in Fall River. Atop a granite wall as you enter the front gate; there is an imposing bronze sculpture of a circle within a triangle. Its meaning is striking. The doctrine of the Trinity comes first from the story of Jesus' baptism, where the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are each uniquely present. Jesus himself stated the doctrine in the Great Commission (Matt. 28:19), *Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.* The triangle symbolizes the Trinity, and the circle, because it has no beginning or end, symbolizes eternity. It is used most often as a reference to God.



We may not think of its ontological significance, but we do acknowledge its being every day of our lives. The Most Holy Trinity is the ultimate reality! God is the ultimate reality we will meet at the moment of our death. We mention the Godhead at the beginning of Mass, at the conclusion of most prayers, and with the Glory be to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; the one God who is revealed in Three Persons. Listen to our prayers today... they are full of the Trinitarian formula!!

Chrism, a mixture of olive and balsam, is blessed by the Bishop at the Chrism Mass during Holy Week. Chrism is used for three sacraments: Baptism, Priesthood Ordination, and Confirmation. Why? These sacraments bind us to a Person of the Trinity in a unique fashion. In Baptism we are sealed as a child of the Father. At his ordination, the priest is configured to the High Priesthood of Jesus, the Son. At Confirmation, the fullness of the Spirit is offered to the candidates. Altars, churches and chapels are signed with chrism setting thus indicating that they are set apart as used for a holy action (consecrated) for sacred purpose. We, too, have been set apart for a sacred purpose. We are to worship God in this life, and be with God forever in eternity. Pretty heady stuff!

*May God bless you today, the Father, the Son, and
the Holy Spirit, Amen.*

~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 offered 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!**

**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.

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.**



**2015
CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL**
Supporting the work of the Church

2015 CHARITY APPEAL ENDING ON JUNE 14TH

The 2015 Catholic Charity Appeal is ending on June 14. If you intend to make a charitable contribution, kindly return your donation in a separate envelope and return it to the rectory as soon as possible. I wish to thank the parishioners who have made a gift thus far.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Parish Prayer Shawl Ministry meets this Tuesday evening at 7 pm in the Fr. Randall Room and will continue to meet on the first and third Tuesday of each month throughout the summer. If you are aware of someone who would benefit from receiving a prayer shawl, please call the rectory.

SOLES4SOULS DRIVE

Soles4Souls is an international nonprofit that advances its anti-poverty mission by collecting new and used shoes from individuals, schools, faith-based institutions, civic organizations and corporate partners. The shoes are distributed via free direct donations to people in need and by provisioning qualified micro-enterprise programs designed to create jobs for people in poor and disadvantaged communities. They have worked in 127 countries and all 50 states. **The Community Outreach Committee will be collecting new shoes – any type; children and adults during the month of June.** Shoes should be tied together by the laces or if dress shoes, bound with an elastic band and left in the vestibule. As always, thank you for your support of Outreach Program.

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!