

# Church of St. Sebastian

## November 1, 2015 - All Saints Day

### Scheduled Masses For This Week

- Saturday, October 31, Vigil: All Saints Day**  
 5:00 pm Louis Soper, 17th anniversary
- Sunday, November 1, All Saints Day**  
 9:00 am James J. Shanni  
 -requested by his family
- 11:00 am For all those buried from Saint Sebastian's this past year.
- Monday, November 2, the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed**  
 7:00 am Deceased Members of the Haddad family
- Tuesday, November 3, Weekday**  
 7:00 am Francis McCormick and Marjorie McCormick Pirolli  
 -requested by the McCormick family
- 7:25 am Novena Prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
- Wednesday, November 4, Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop**  
 7:00 am Sylvia Loferski, Her intentions/Mass of Healing
- Thursday, November 5, Weekday**  
 7:00 am Mass
- Friday, November 6, Weekday**  
 7:00 am Mass

### Next Weekend's Masses

- Saturday, November 7, Vigil: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 5:00 pm Peter Brian Lawrence, Memorial Mass
- Sunday, November 8, 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 9:00 am Ronald M. Verde, 24th anniversary  
 -requested by the Daly family
- 11:00 am Rose Conboy, 4th anniversary  
 -requested by son Tom and family.

#### PARISH WINTER COAT DRIVE

If you're cleaning out your closets, save any winter coats and bring them to the Parish Winter Coat Drive taking place during the month of November. Beginning November 7th there will be a coat rack in the vestibule for your donations through Thanksgiving Day. The coats collected will be delivered to and benefit the Rhode island Buy Nothing Day Winter Coat Exchange held the day after Thanksgiving.

#### EAST SIDE MARKETPLACE GROCERY RECEIPTS

St. Sebastian's receives 1% of the total amount that parishioners spend at Eastside Marketplace, but only if you turn in your receipts. The amount adds up quickly. This is a great way we as an entire parish can help the Outreach Committee. In the past we used the money to help fund our charitable outreach to St. Patrick's parish.

#### PARISH BOOK CLUB

The Parish Book Club will meet Wednesday, November 18th at 7 pm in the Fr. Randall Room to discuss The Story Teller by Mario Vargas Llosa. Please join us, new members are always welcome!

#### PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Parish Prayer Shawl Ministry meets on the first and third Tuesdays of the month. Upcoming dates are November 2nd and 16th, and December 8th and 22nd. If you are aware of someone who would benefit from receiving a prayer shawl, please call the rectory.

#### PARISH REGISTRATION FORMS

If you moved or if you have a new phone number please call the rectory to update your parish registration form. Or if you have not registered please see Msgr. Montecalvo for a registration form.

#### WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT 10/25/2015

# of Budget Envelopes	86
# Online Giving	10
Budgets and Checks	\$ 3,358.00
Loose Contributions	\$ 249.00
Online Giving	\$ 419.00
<b>Total Weekly Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 4,026.00</b>

*A sincere thank you for your support!*  
 Please remember St. Sebastian Church  
 In your Will and Estate

#### THIS WEEK AT ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH

Sunday	11/1	Rel. Ed., Grades 6-8	10:00 am
		Adult Choir	10:00 am
		Rel. Ed. , Grades 9-10	6:30 pm
Monday	11/2	Rel. Ed., Grades 1-5	4:00 pm
		Children's Choir	5:20 pm
Tuesday	11/3	Prayer Shawl Ministry	7:00 pm
Saturday	11/7	Coat Drive Begins	5:00 pm

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***MY DEAR PARISHIONERS,***

*For the next few weeks, in place of my column, I will reproduce Fr. Randall's elegant homily which he delivered on October 17, 2015 at the 100th Anniversary Mass.*

In the second of the Four Quartets Eliot attempts to sum up his life from World War I through World War II, (and to sum up our lives of the past century) "to recover what has been lost and found and lost again." "Old men," he concludes, "need to be explorers... Here and there does not matter.

We must be still and still moving  
Into another intensity  
For a further union, a deeper communion...  
In the end is my beginning."

Here, my friends, is a relief from the cruel materialism of our age. Here is a poetic way of saying what we know by faith, that our lives have meaning and value through the living presence of the Holy Spirit, through our final end of eternal life, the life promised in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. In that end beyond death is my beginning of the fullness of life with God and the saints. And what we leave behind in our lives of sacrifice and committed love is that "Which shall fructify in the lives of others. "And so the great poet of the last century urges us to "Fare forward, O voyagers," urges us "to apprehend/The point of the intersection of the timeless/With time," an occupation for the saint or rather

"something given  
And taken, in a lifetime's death in love,  
Ardour and selflessness and self-surrender."

Therefore he urges that we pray "the one barely prayable prayer" of the One Annunciation, holy Mary's response to the message of Angel Gabriel: "Be it done to me according to thy word."

What redeems our time, our century here at St. Sebastian Church, is the refining fire" of the Holy Spirit, the use of memory for liberation, a "liberation/From the future as well as the past," where all time is renewed, transfigured, in another pattern." Such is the center of Eliot's poem. We come to meaning by recall, by remembrance. Isn't that what we conclude when Jesus commands at the Last Supper "Do this in remembrance of me," an action each day at our altar where God meets man, where our community is nourished and our divisions healed, where the past becomes the present of our future with God.

**Our Lady's Candle** burns this week for Alex Calenda, requested by the Calenda family.

*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.*



Next weekend we will take up the collection for Monthly Maintenance. Please make checks payable to **St. Sebastian Church**. Thank you for your continued generosity.

**NOVEMBER: THE MONTH OF ALL SOULS**

We remember our faithful departed during the month of November. As the earth prepares for the sleep of winter, so our loved ones sleep awaiting the Resurrection. Families and friends have been invited to the 11 am Mass this Sunday, November 1st as the parish remembers all those buried from the parish Church this past year.

You may use the All Soul's Remembrance Envelope to list the names of those who will be remembered all through November. Their names will be in repose under the icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. You can return them in the regular Offertory collection basket.

**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 this month's Prayers for the Sick please call the rectory. **Carl Robert Dahm, John Haddad, Bob, Bob K., and Deborah Bessette.**