

**Church of St. Sebastian**  
**November 3, 2013 — Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Scheduled Masses For This Week**

**Saturday, November 9, Vigil: Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5:00 pm Anita Guarino, 1st anniversary  
 -requested by her family

**Sunday, November 10, Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 am For the People

11:00 am Mass

**Monday, November 11, Veteran's Day**

*~~Holiday Schedule~~*

9:00 am Mass

**Tuesday, November 12, Saint Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr**

7:00 am Mass

**Wednesday, November 13, Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin**

7:00 am Mass

**Thursday, November 14, Weekday**

7:00 am Mass

**Friday, November 15, Weekday**

7:00 am Mass

**Next Weekend Masses**

**Saturday, November 16, Vigil: Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5:00 pm Rev. Thomas Carnevale, anniversary  
 -requested by Donna Pilkington

**Sunday, November 17, Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 am Mass

11:00 am For the People



***THIS WEEK AT ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH***

Mon.	11/11	Veteran's Day Mass	9:00 am
		Religious Ed., Grades 1-5	3:30 pm

**The Miracle of Life**

***He is not God of the dead, but of the living...***  
*Luke 20:38*

God gives, gives, and gives *life*. It's life so pure, so powerful, that death itself couldn't hold Christ in the grave. He burst the lock of the tomb. Sometimes it seems our whole Christian existence is intended simply to teach our every molecule that life, not death, is the victor.

We need help in learning this because death's power seems total, its victory inexorable. One year ago, we buried a young man so full of life it seemed impossible we should stand by his grave. How could we stand there and still claim the God of the living? How could we not, if we belonged to Christ?

In Maccabees, a mother and seven sons have faith so strong it takes them beyond the grave. We need their witness, and each other's. He is God of the living, and his Church is a living testimony that God is Lord. In surrendering our lives to him—and the lives of those we love so dearly—we receive life that never fades.

*Lord, where there is death, work your miracle of life.*  
 Mary Marrocco.



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

Maureen Kenner, Carol Anne Theroux, Nicole Ruffine, Beverly DiLello, Elizabeth Dugan, Deborah Bessette, Beatrice Calvo Crozier, James Mullaney, Mariella, Amy, and Ursula Shea.

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

Our Lady's Candle is lit this week for Alexander M. Calenda, requested by his daughter-in-law Belle Calenda.

**SABBATICAL UPDATES**

Remember to follow Msgr. Darcy's "Jerusalem Journey: Life in the Holy Land" on his blog, [www.msgrdarcy.org](http://www.msgrdarcy.org). Monsignor also has a Twitter account, user name @msgrdarcy.

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**COMMUNITY OUTREACH NEWS**

**CHAIR LIFT PROJECT**

We continue to receive donations for the Chair Lift Project. We are now at \$7,500. Thank you for your generosity. If you would like to support this project and help us reach our goal of \$18,000, please send your donation to the rectory or put it in the collection basket. Also, if you have any fundraising ideas you would like to share to help us reach our goal, please feel free to contact Karin Schrott (401-465-7444) or Rita Watson (617-733-7869.)

**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. There is a coat rack in the vestibule for your donations **through Thanksgiving Day**. The coats collected will be delivered to and benefit the Buy Nothing Coat Exchange, held the day after Thanksgiving.

**THANKSGIVING COLLECTION**

The Outreach Committee thanks parishioners for their ongoing contributions of food for the hungry in our community. All donations go to the Saint Vincent de Paul Food Pantry of Holy Name Church in Providence. At this time of year in which we give thanks for our many blessings, Saint Sebastian Parish remembers those who are hungry in an annual Thanksgiving Food Collection drive to take place over the weekends of November 16th and November 23rd. Envelopes will be in the pews for those who wish to donate cash or check, but donations of food will also continue to be collected at the back of the church. Many thanks to all for their support for the hungry.

**EMBRACE A FAMILY**

We continue our parish tradition of making Christmas a reality for those not as blessed as we are. If you would like to "Embrace a Family" this holiday season, please add your contact information to the sign-up sheet in the vestibule as the Outreach Committee prepares for this Christmas endeavor.



**WE EVEN SUPPLY THE YARN AND NEEDLES!**

**The Parish Prayer Shawl Ministry** meets twice per month at 7:00 pm in the Fr. Randall Room where we make prayer shawls and small Baptism Blankets. We recently received a couple of large donations of yarn for the shawls for which we are very grateful. Call Pat Capece 274-8632 or Elaine Kehoe 273-4259 with ideas or questions. Our next scheduled get-together will be Tuesday November 9th, and Tuesday December 3rd and 17th. See you there!

**KEEP THE HEAT ON**

Bishop Tobin has recently launched the Annual "Keep the Heat On" campaign, a program that helps struggling families with heating assistance who have exhausted all other public and private means to keep their families warm during the winter months. Since 2005 your generous support has provided more than \$1.7 million in assistance to more than 6,500 Rhode Island households in need.

The Our Lady of Fatima Council Knights of Columbus is holding a fundraising dinner for "Keep the Heat On" at the Hall at 157 Gano Street, Saturday, November 23rd from 6:00 pm to 9:00pm. FREE meal with \$25 or more donation to this worthwhile cause. Attendees are also asked to bring canned food products to be left at a local food pantry for the needy for Thanksgiving.

If you cannot attend the dinner and would like to make a donation to the program and give the gift of heat, please send a check to Keep the Heat On, One Cathedral Square, Providence, RI 02903 or visit [www.heatri.com](http://www.heatri.com) and use the secure web server for credit card donations.

**PARISH BOOK CLUB** will meet on Wednesday, November 20th at 7:30 pm to discuss Intruder in the Dust by William Faulkner. All are welcome.

**WHILE MONSIGNOR DARCY IS AWAY WE ASK THAT ALL CALLS TO THE RECTORY BE MADE DURING OFFICE HOURS ONLY.**

**OFFICE HOURS ARE: MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY, AND FRIDAY FROM 10:00 AM TO 2:00 PM; AND WEDNESDAY FROM 10:00 AM TO 4:00 PM. Thank you for your assistance.**

**WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT**

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# of Budget Envelopes Used This Week	74
Contributions-Budgets and Checks	\$5,182.00
Loose Contributions	\$1,256.00
Total Offertory	\$6,438.00
Monthly Maintenance	\$1,645.00
All Saints Day	\$ 377.00

Please consider enrolling in Parish Giving, our electronic stewardship program for parish contributions. You can register online at [www.Parishgiving.org](http://www.Parishgiving.org) or on our parish website at [www.stsebastianri.org](http://www.stsebastianri.org).