

Church of St. Sebastian
November 12, 2017 - 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

SAT., NOV. 11, VIGIL: 32ND SUNDAY IN ORD. TIME

5:00 pm FOR THE SOULS OF THOSE BURIED
 FROM ST. SEBASTIAN'S THIS PAST YEAR

SUN., NOV. 12, 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 am MARCANGELO MONTECALVO, anniversary

11:00 am ALEX & JENNY CALENDIA, anniversary, req. by
 Belle Calenda

Monday, NOVEMBER 13, St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, virgin

7:00 am INTENTIONS OF PARISHIONERS

Tuesday, NOVEMBER 14

7:00 am THE SICK OF THE PARISH

7.25 am Novena Prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Wednesday, NOVEMBER 15

7:00 am ALICE McELROY, BEQUEST

Thursday, NOVEMBER 16

7:00 am FR. PAUL REYNOLDS

Friday, NOVEMBER 17, St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious

7:00 am INTENTIONS OF CELEBRANT

SAT., NOV. 18, VIGIL: 33RD SUNDAY IN ORD. TIME

5:00 pm REV. THOMAS CARNEVALE, 13th
 anniversary; and PHYLLIS PILKINGTON,
 2nd anniversary, req. by Donna Pilkington

SUN., NOV. 19, 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 am AMELIA LOUISE BONTELL McANDREW,
 month's mind, req. by her family

11:00 am ERIC MONTECALVO, anniversary

Parish Meetings and Activities			
11/12	Rel. Ed., Grades 6-9	10 am	Classrooms
11/13	Rel. Ed., Grades 1-5	4 pm	Classrooms
11/14	Bible Study Class	6:30 pm	Fr Randall Rm
11/16	Women's Morning of Recollection	9:30 am	Church

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Prayers are asked for these friends, family, and fellow parishioners. If you would like someone included in the Prayers for the Sick please call the rectory. **Diane C., Susan Porter, Natalie Swift, Leah Davis, Frances Geary, Sandy C., John Haddad, Bob, Sylvia L., Robert Calso, Bob K., and Kathy D'Amico.**

My dear parishioners,

Please read this year's Financial Report which is enclosed in this week's bulletin. If you have any questions please ask me and hopefully I will be able to give you a satisfying answer. If I can't, then I will find out the answer to questions. The Financial Report is a way I show faithful stewardship of the funds you donate to St. Sebastian's.

Looking ahead a year or so, and in preparation of the Diocese celebrating its 150th anniversary in 2022, Bishop Tobin announced a diocesan-wide capital campaign. The Campaign will begin in January 2018. Parishes will be divided into four groups. St. Sebastian's campaign will begin in January 2019. We are with the 3rd group of parishes.

"Grateful for God's Providence" is the theme and name of the campaign. Each parish will be assigned a goal. Of the monies raised, 60% will go to the Diocese for their use, and 40% will remain in the parish. We have not received our parish goal yet but it will be about 110% of our total parish annual budget.

The Diocese will allocate their monies raised to the Priests' Retirement Fund; the Education of Seminarians; the Cathedral roof; and Catholic Education.

The allocation and use of the 40% of the money raised that stays with St. Sebastian's will be determined by the Finance Council and various parish committees.

I am mentioning this Capital Campaign now because it has already started on the Diocesan level. From what I understand there are a number of meetings taking place and some parishioners of St. Sebastian's might have already been approached to be major donors to this campaign. I encourage you to be as generous as possible but please ask that your donation to the campaign be credited to St. Sebastian's parish goal. This will help St. Sebastian's achieve its goal and direct more funds to be used for our parish needs. Also, I would like to know who in the parish is being contacted directly by the Diocese. Please let me know. Thank you.

--Monsignor Montecalvo

*Let us pray for the repose of the soul of Alice McElroy
 whose love for our parish was shown in a
 bequest to St. Sebastian Church.
 We remember her in gratitude and offer
 Wednesday's 7 am Mass for her this week.
 May she rest in the peace of the Lord.*

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PRAYER SHAWL BLESSING

Hand-made prayer shawls for the sick and blankets for the newly baptized will be blessed at Mass next weekend. The shawls will be presented to the sick at RI Veteran's Home in Bristol. Our thanks to the women of our parish who gather to make these shawls and blankets which are created with prayers and love.

The Parish Prayer Shawl Ministry meets on the first and third Tuesdays of the month and always welcomes new members. The next session is Tuesday November 21st. If you are aware of someone who would benefit from receiving a prayer shawl, please call the rectory.

Mary Brennan, our parish secretary, is out of the office until November 27th. I try to be in the office as much as possible during Office Hours: **Mon, Tues, Thurs: 9:00 am to 2:00 pm and Wednesday: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.** If I am in the rectory I will answer the phone. Thank you. **Monsignor Montecalvo**

COMMUNITY OUTREACH: HOLIDAY OPPORTUNITIES

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 Rhode Island Buy Nothing Day Winter 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 Mary House Meal Kitchen and Pantry at St. Patrick's Church in Providence. At the time of year in which we give thanks for our many blessings, St. Sebastian Parish remembers those who are hungry in our annual Thanksgiving Food Collection drive to take place beginning the weekend of 11/11 – 12 through November 26th. 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 sheets in the vestibule as the Outreach Committee prepares for this Christmas endeavor

2018 Mass Book is available to schedule Mass intentions for the upcoming year. Per Diocesan policy, Stipends for weekday Masses is \$20 and the Stipend for weekend and Holy Day Masses is \$25. Please note the updated Stipend amount.

The Pizza Party/Ice Cream Social was a huge success last weekend. To those who helped with set-up, serving, and clean-up, I am most grateful and appreciative of all your hard work. God Bless You.

DAILY ROSARY: Start your day in quiet prayer. Please join fellow parishioners in contemplation as we pray The Rosary, Monday through Friday at 6:40 am, before daily Mass.

Next week's collection for the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development** (CCHD) needs your help. CCHD was founded to end the cycle of poverty in the United States by funding organizations that help individuals help themselves. With the tradition of improving education, housing situations, and community economic development, CCHD continues to make a positive impact in communities nationwide. Your contribution will defend human dignity and reach out to those living on the margins. Please give to the CCHD collection. Please make checks payable to St. Sebastian Church.

The **Monthly Morning Recollection for Women** will be held at St. Sebastian's this Thursday, November 16th, from 9:30 am to 12 noon, including Holy Mass (open to all) at 11:30 am. A Recollection is an opportunity to spend some time with Our Lord in quiet prayer. The format includes two meditations given by a priest of Opus Dei and a talk given by a layperson. The priest is available to hear confessions between meditations and after Holy Mass. The spiritual and doctrinal formation of the mornings are entrusted to Opus Dei, a personal prelature of the Catholic Church.

WEEKLY PARISH FINANCES NOVEMBER 5, 2017

Contributions at Mass	\$ 5,216.00
Online Parish Giving	\$ 2,502.00
Total Weekly Contributions	\$ 7,718.00
Weekly Expenses	\$ 9,562.00
Monthly Maintenance	\$ 1,212.00
All Saints Day	\$ 413.00

A sincere thank you for your continued support!

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.