

Church of St. Sebastian
November 15, 2015 - 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scheduled Masses For This Week

Saturday, November 14, Vigil: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Sunday, November 15, 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Alice M. McElroy

11:00 am Intentions of Sylvia Loferski on the Occasion
 of her 90th Birthday

Monday, November 16, Weekday

7:00 am For the Intentions of Our Parishioners.

Tuesday, Nov. 17, St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious

7:00 am Mass

7:25 am Novena Prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Wednesday, November 18, Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Thursday, November 19, Weekday

7:00 am Eric Montecalvo

Friday, November 20, Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Next Weekend's Masses

Saturday, November 21, Vigil: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

5:00 pm Donnalee Wilson Geary, Memorial Mass

Sunday, November 22, Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

9:00 am Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Sebastian's

11:00 am Stephen Daniels, 3rd anniversary
 -requested by his family

12:30 pm Baptism - Golding

NEW CHURCH YEAR

November 29th, the First Sunday of Advent, begins the new Church Year.

We ask that all **Lectors** pick up their workbook in the Sacristy before November 29th; and **Parishioners** are invited to call the rectory with Mass intentions for the new Church Year.

*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
 Sunday's 9:00 am Mass for her this week.
 May she rest in the peace of the Lord.*

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 this weekend through November 29th. 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 this weekend, November 14-15 as the Outreach Committee prepares for this Christmas endeavor.

CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

Things get so busy during the Advent of Christmas season, so before time flies away from us and we do not plan any activity, the parish Social Committee is planning an Open House at the Rectory on December 13th, the Second Sunday of Advent, following the 11 am Mass. Mark your calendars! More information will follow next week, but for now we need about 20 people who are willing to bake their favorite Christmas goodies.

THIS WEEK AT ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH

Sunday	11/15	Rel. Ed., Grades 6-8	10:00 am
		Adult Choir	10:00 am
		Rel. Ed. , Grades 9-10	6:30 pm
Monday	11/16	Rel. Ed., Grades 1-5	4:00 pm
		Children's Choir	5:20 pm
Tuesday	11/17	Prayer Shawl Ministry	7:00 pm
Wednes.	11/18	Parish Book Club	7:00 pm
Sunday	11/22	Community Outreach Mtg	10:00 am

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1915 ~ Celebrating 100 Years of Faith ~ 2015

MY DEAR PARISHIONERS,

Concluding this week, in place of my column, I reproduce Fr. Randall's elegant homily which he delivered on October 17, 2015 at the 100th Anniversary Mass.

We have much to remember tonight, gratitude to our courageous and persistent founding pastor, Father Craig, who for twenty five years built up and formed this great parish. Gratitude to Monsignor Ferry who for the following twenty one years worked up and finished the plans of the church, convent, school and rectory that Fr. Craig and his trustees had begun. These two priests were like Moses, who "continued steadfast as if seeing the unseen." (Heb. 11:27)

Gratitude to Bishop Harkins, to the priests, to the parishioners living here in those dark days of 1915 and in those long days of the Great Depression and the Second World War, gratitude to those who had the courage and faith to form a community of hope, to sacrifice personal comfort for the good of their children, to build a church that would signal with bells and action that the Eternal word was made flesh, that Jesus has been raised from the dead. Gratitude to the good Sisters of Mercy and to the Sisters of the Congregation of Notre Dame who helped form our children in the Catholic way of life.

Gratitude to the parishioners of the past hundred years, who by their firm faith and sacrificial offerings turned the dream of Father Craig into a reality. Gratitude to the last seven clergy who pastured this parish in the Great Tradition. We pray and give thanks to all who lived in the awareness of the intersection of the timeless with time, aware that there is an the Holy Sacrament of the Altar the presence and skill of Jesus, who as "the wounded surgeon... plies the steel/That questions the distempered part," aware that there is in their priests the power to forgive sins, aware that there is a Communion of Saints, a communion of our past and present parishioners. A place where, as we read again in the Letter to the Hebrews, that at the altar we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses... by innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the first born who are enrolled in heaven, and to a judge who is God of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks more graciously than the blood of Abel.

The story of our parents and forebears is our story, their history our history, for "history is a pattern of timeless moments. "And their vision is our vision, their glory our hope tonight. Therefore, as this Letter commands, "Lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees ad make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed... Let brotherly love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality...Keep your life free from love of money and be content with what you have, for He has said: "I will never fail you nor forsake you." Therefore we can confidently say (now and always): The Lord is my helper, I will not be afraid." (Heb. 12: and following.)

Happy Anniversary to you people of God of St. Sebastian Parish! Happy celebration to you, past and present members of this Body of Christ that is the instrument of God's healing and salvation. Happy end to the thousands who were baptized and confirmed, who received the Bread of Life at this altar, to all who were married and developed their families here, and to all who prepared to meet their loving Father at their final anointing and sealing in the Holy Spirit. Happy Feast for all St. Sebastian People in heaven and on earth. Fare forward, O voyagers...In the end is my beginning." Amen.



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.

WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT **11/08/2015**

# of Budget Envelopes	87
Budgets and Checks	\$ 3,965.00
Loose Contributions	\$ 723.00
Total Weekly Offertory	\$ 4,688.00
Monthly Maintenance	\$ 1,258.00

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

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. ***Sylvia Loferski, Carl Robert Dahm, John Haddad, Bob, Bob K., and Deborah Bessette.***