

Church of St. Sebastian
November 16, 2014 — Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scheduled Masses For This Week

Saturday, November 15, Vigil: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm Alice McElroy, 3rd anniversary

Sunday, Nov. 16, 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Thomas Mager, birthday remembrance
-requested by Tim and Amy Brown

11:00 am Livia DiMaio

Monday, November 17, Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious

7:00 am Mass

Tuesday, November 18, Weekday

9:00 am Mass

Wednesday, November 19, Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Thursday, November 20, Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Friday, November 21, Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Next Weekend Masses

Saturday, November 22, Vigil: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

5:00 pm Deceased members of the Haddad family
-requested by daughter

Sunday, November 23, Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe

9:00 am Beverly Whipple Rao, 25th anniversary
-requested by her family

11:00 am For the intentions of our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

THE PASTOR'S CORNER

The end of the Church liturgical year is next week; the Solemnity of Christ the King. At the 11 am Mass, new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will be commissioned for a term of three years. I thank them for their willingness to serve the parish in this ministry. Strive to be holy as you distribute Holy Communion to our brothers and sisters.

Speaking of ministry, we owe a big word of thanks to the Outreach Committee for all the activities they coordinate on behalf of others. Their current projects are listed on the bulletin insert this week. Our outreach in Jesus' name is the whole point of today's Gospel from Matthew's powerful 25th Chapter. The talents and interests of the entire Outreach Committee are one of the real sparks in the parish. Under the co-leadership of Janice Opalenski and Karin Schrott, the Outreach Committee shares their talent and concern especially for the needy. The ministry opportunity board is in the vestibule. What can you offer the parish?

The challenge of the Gospel was not a parable challenge just for first century Christians. It's for all of us! What gifts do we share with the parish? We have choices in this regard: it can be our *time* (volunteerism), our *talent* (gifts and interests we offer to the parish), and our *treasure* (our meaningful financial support of the parish, its ministries, and Catholic Charities). Like the parable, some share themselves so generously; others, sadly, never really respond to anything or to anyone. Personally, I like the blessing part of the parable reserved for those, who, like many of you, always give in the name of the Lord. How blessed are we to be a part of all that at St. Sebastian's! *"Well done, good and faithful servants! Come share your Master's joy."*

Remember the tree "C's" as we prepare for Thanksgiving: **the cold, coats, and the collection for the poor.**

Enjoy the week with family and friends,
~Monsignor Darcy

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
Saturday's 5:00 pm Mass for her this week.
May she rest in the peace of the Lord.



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**SOPHIA ACADEMY
 SCHOOL UNIFORM FUNDRAISER**

The Outreach committee wishes to thank the parish for their generosity to the Sophia Academy School Uniform Fundraiser. Sophia Academy was founded in 2001 by Sister Mary Reilly. It provides low-income girls a supportive and challenging academic environment from fifth to eighth grade. It has a proven track record of laying the foundation for the girls to complete high school and become productive members of the community. The parish raised approximately \$3,700 for these uniforms for which the students and their families are very grateful.

Celtic Twilight Christmas with Phil Coulter, Andy Cooney and Geraldine Branagan.

Presented by the Home Loan Foundation for the benefit of the Assumption Parish Food Ministry in Providence.

Friday, December 5th @ 8:00 pm
 Park Theatre, 848 Park Avenue, Cranston
 Tickets are available at the Park Theatre Box Office or 401-467-7275 or www.parktheatrerri.com.
 Prices are \$45, \$55, and \$65.

You are invited to call the rectory with your Mass intentions for the new Church Year, which begins with the First Sunday of Advent, December 1st.

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. *Debbie, Tim Cannon, Jack, Mary M., Peter Pizzarello, Maureen, Betty Mullaney, Heather, and Ursula Shea.*

Bishop Hendricken Open House

Bishop Hendricken High School will hold an Open House on Sunday, November 16th from noon to 3:00 pm. Information on admissions and financial aid as well as academics, college placement, athletic and extracurricular activities will be available. The Entrance Exam will be on Saturday, December 6th at 8:15 am. To register, please call the Admissions Office at 739-3450 ext. 162.

NOVEMBER: THE MONTH OF ALL SOULS

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.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION CLASSES FOR THOSE INTERESTED IN THE CATHOLIC FAITH OR FOR CATHOLICS TO BE CONFIRMED

Msgr. Darcy will meet on *Saturday mornings (10-11 AM)* with those wanting to become a member of the Catholic Church or adults Catholics wishing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. *Sacraments will be received at the Easter Vigil, April 5, 2015.* We begin on November 22. Please call the rectory to register (751-0196).



THIS WEEK AT ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH

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| Sun. | 11/16 | Religious Ed. Grades 6-8 | 10:00 am |
| | | Religious Ed., Grades 9-10 | 6:30 pm |
| Mon. | 11/17 | Religious Ed, Grades 1-5 | 3:30 pm |
| Tues. | 11/18 | Prayer Shawl Ministry | 7:00 pm |
| Thur. | 11/20 | Choir Rehearsal | 7:00 pm |

WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

November 9, 2014

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| # of Budgets and Checks Received | 97 |
| Contributions-Budgets and Checks | \$5,137.00 |
| Loose Contributions | \$ 587.00 |
| Total Offertory | \$5,724.00 |

Please remember our joint stewardship responsibility to support the parish. You may consider *Parish Giving*, our electronic stewardship program for parish contributions. You can register online on our website www.stsebastianri.org.