

Church of St. Sebastian
November 17, 2013 — Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scheduled Masses For This Week

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 For the People

11:00 am Rose M. Conboy, 2nd anniversary
 -requested by her family

Monday, November 18, Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Tuesday, November 19, Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Wednesday, November 20, Weekday

7:00 am Susan Bernard
 -requested by her aunt Sylvia Loferski

Thursday, November 21, The Presentation of the Virgin Mary

7:00 am Mass

Friday, November 22, Saint Cecelia, Virgin and Martyr

7:00 am Mass

Next Weekend Masses

Saturday, November 23, Vigil: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

5:00 pm For the People

Sunday, November 24, Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

9:00 am Mass

11:00 am John T. Kaveny, birthday remembrance
 -requested by Pat and Sal Annarummo

THIS WEEK AT ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH

Sun.	11/17	Religious Ed., Grades 6-8	10:00 am
		Religious Ed., Grades 9-10	6:30 pm
Mon.	11/18	Religious Ed., Grades 1-5	3:30 pm
Tues	11/19	Prayer Shawl Ministry	7:00 pm
Wed.	11/20	Parish Book Club	7:30 pm
Thur	11/21	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm

“To Whom Shall We Go?”

By your perseverance you will secure your lives. Luke 21:19

We show courage by hanging on when our faith is attacked or we are disappointed by the Church, when it appears to be drifting in a direction that we dislike and when we may feel embarrassed to belong to it. Why do so? Because Jesus gave himself irrevocably to a group of weak and foolish disciples, and remained bound to them even when they rejected him. How can we then dare to distance ourselves from the Church if God does not? And who am I to claim any superiority? It would make me look like a Pharisee shocked at Jesus' eating and drinking with tax collectors and prostitutes. And where would I go anyway?

When Jesus asked Peter if he would to, he said: "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." (John 6:68). Our endurance is sustained by hanging on to those words of eternal life, meditation on the gospels, rather than always fretting about ecclesiastical politics and church gossip.

Timothy Radcliffe, O.P.



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 the intentions of Irene Latosek, requested by her sister Sylvia Loferski.

SABBATICAL UPDATES

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

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COMMUNITY OUTREACH NEWS

THANKSGIVING COLLECTION

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 are in the pews for those who wish to donate by cash or check,, but donations of food will also continue to be collected at the back of the church. Many thanks go all for their support which goes to the Saint Vincent de Paul food Pantry of Holy Name Church in Providence.

Please make checks out to "Saint Sebastian" with "Thanksgiving Food Collection" in the memo line of your check. Cash or checks can be placed in the envelopes and deposited with the collection.

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.

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.

CHAIR LIFT PROJECT

We continue to receive donations for the Chair Lift Project and thank you for your generosity. If you would like to support this project and help us reach our \$18,000 goal, please send your donation to the rectory or place 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.)

BABYSITTING AT THE 9:00 AM MASS

It's a great service for parents and the parish. Please be welcome to attend Mass while having your child in a secure environment with approved caregivers. They gather on the stage area in the Church Hall. If anyone would like to give a helping hand, please call Karin Schrott at 401-465-7444. The small team will WELCOME help.

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

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.

On Sunday, December 8th at 3:00 pm the Gregorian Concert Choir and Festival Orchestra will present a Concert entitled "**The Sounds of the Season**" in the Cathedral of SS Peter and Paul in Providence. The Concert will feature the music of Advent and Christmas and will benefit Bishop Tobin's "Keep the Heat On" Fund. Tickets for the concert are \$10 per person and may be purchased by calling the Cathedral office at 401-331-2434. Tickets will also be available at the door on the day of the Concert. A reception will follow in Cathedral Hall.

You may also make a donation to the program and give the gift of heat by sending a check to Keep the Heat On, One Cathedral Square, Providence, RI 02903 or visit www.heatri.com and use the secure web server for credit card donations.

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 this Tuesday November 19th, and Tuesday December 3rd and 17th. See you there!



WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

November 10, 2013

# of Budget Envelopes Used This Week	76
Contributions-Budgets and Checks	\$ 4,656.00
Loose Contributions	\$ 720.00
Total Offertory	\$ 5,376.00

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.