

Church of St. Sebastian
November 2, 2014 — The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

Scheduled Masses For This Week

- Saturday, November 1, All Saints Day**
 5:00 pm Louis Joseph Soper, 16th anniversary
 -requested by his family
- Sunday, November 2, The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed**
 9:00 am For the Parishioners
 11:00 am For the souls of all who were buried from St. Sebastian's this past year
- Monday, November 3, Weekday**
 7:00 am Francis McCormick and Marjorie McCormick Pirolli
 -requested by their family
- Tuesday, Nov. 4, Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop**
 7:00 am Mass
- Wednesday, November 5, Weekday**
 7:00 am Mass
- Thursday, November 6, Weekday**
 7:00 am Mass
- Friday, November 7, Weekday**
 7:00 am Mass

Next Weekend Masses

- Saturday, November 8, Vigil: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**
 5:00 pm Rose Conboy, 3rd anniversary
 -requested by Thomas and family, Elizabeth, John, and Giancarlo
- Sunday, November 9, The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**
 9:00 am Alexander Calenda, anniversary
 -requested by daughter-in-law Belle
 11:00 am Pompilia Zaneccchia, birthday remembrance
 -requested by granddaughter Wendy Catalfamo

THIS WEEK AT ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH

Sun.	11/2	Religious Ed, Grades 6-8	10:00 am
		Religious Ed, Grades 9-10	6:30 pm
Mon.	11/3	Religious Ed, Grades 1-5	7:00 pm
Tues.	11/4	Prayer Shawl Ministry	7:00 pm
Thur.	11/6	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm

A Prayer for the Dear Departed

Even though I walk in the dark valley
 I fear no evil: for you are at my side...Psalm 23:4

The custom of praying for the faithful departed can be traced back to the early days of Christianity when believers used to post the names of their deceased loved ones in their churches. By the 6th century, religious monasteries were praying for their deceased members on a specific day. Finally, this feast was instituted for the entire Church as a day for all of us to pray for those who have already passed into eternity.

Such a feast is consoling - especially if we are grieving the death of a loved one. Trusting that they are being held in the arms of a loving God, we pray for our deceased to help them on their journey to heaven. We thank God for their goodness, their struggles, their example. This day also reminds us of our own death when we will be reunited with them. There are a variety of options for today's readings. But all make one thing clear: God is with us in both time and eternity - and during the transition we know as death.

Eternal God, I entrust my deceased loved ones to your unending love.
 Sr. Melannie Svoboda, S.N.D.



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. **Jack, Mary M., Peter Pizzarello, Maureen, Betty Mullaney and Heather.**

WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

October 26, 2014

# of Budgets and Checks Received	100
Contributions-Budgets and Checks	\$3,704.00
Loose Contributions	\$ 564.00
Total Offertory	\$4,268.00

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.

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COMMUNITY OUTREACH NEWS

Ministry Opportunities

You'll notice in the front vestibule a large Outreach Ministries information board. Karen McCann and Karin Schrott have spearheaded offering our parish ministries to everyone. There are contact people who will be able to answer some questions you may have about these many areas of service in the parish. Our hope is that EVERYONE will get involved with something... such as collecting, babysitting, liturgical ministries, religious education, prayer shawls, choir... etc. Take a look, call the contact; AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

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 Food Pantry at St. Patrick's 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 beginning the weekend of November 8th - 9th through November 22nd - 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 sheets in the vestibule as the Outreach Committee prepares for this Christmas endeavor.

NOVEMBER: THE MONTH OF ALL SOULS

We remember our faithful departed during the month of November. As the earth prepares for the sleep of winter, so our loved ones sleep awaiting the Resurrection. Families and friends have been invited to the 11 am Mass this Sunday as the parish remembers all those buried from the parish Church this past year.

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.



HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

National Vocation Awareness Week will be celebrated November 2nd - 8th. **Please join Bishop Tobin in prayer for vocations to the priesthood in the Diocese of Providence as he presides at a Holy Hour for Vocations on Wednesday, November 5th at 6:30 pm at Jesus Saviour Church, 509 Broadway, Newport.** May the young people of our Diocese be inspired by Jesus Christ, supported by our faith community, and respond generously to God's gift of a vocation.

The Prayer Shawl Committee meets this Tuesday, November 4th at 7:00 pm in the Fr. Randall Room. If you are aware of someone who would benefit from receiving a prayer shawl, please call the rectory.

St. Sebastian Book Club will meet in the Fr. Randall Room on Wednesday, November 12th at 7:00 pm to discuss The Marble Faun by Nathaniel Hawthorne. All are welcome!

ST. SEBASTIAN'S FIRST ANNUAL FESTA ITALIANA!

Reservations for our First Annual Festa Italiana are now being accepted. This event will be held on Saturday, November 8th in the church hall, following the 5:00 pm Mass. Join us for delicious antipasti, pasta, wine, desserts, and of course, the company of friends.

Guarantee your reservation by completing this registration form by November 3rd and returning it to:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Number of Tickets @ \$25 each: _____

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Please make checks payable to St. Sebastian Church



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Festa Italiana
67 Cole Avenue
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