

Church of St. Sebastian

November 8, 2015 - 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scheduled Masses For This Week

Saturday, November 7, Vigil: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm Peter Brian Lawrence, Memorial Mass

Sunday, November 8, 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Ronald M. Verde, 24th anniversary
-requested by the Daly family

11:00 am Rose Conboy, 4th anniversary
-requested by son Tom and family.

Monday, Nov. 9, The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

7:00 am For the Intentions of Our Parishioners.

Tuesday, November 10, Saint Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

7:00 am Mass

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

~~Veterans Day~~No change in Mass Time~~

Wednesday, November 11, St. Martin of Tours, Bishop

7:00 am Mass

Thursday, Nov. 12, St. Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr

7:00 am Marcangelo Montecalvo

Friday, November 13, St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin

7:00 am Mass

Next Weekend's Masses

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



THIS WEEK AT ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH

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| Sunday | 11/8 | Rel. Ed., Grades 6-8 | 10:00 am |
| | | Adult Choir | 10:00 am |
| | | Rel. Ed. , Grades 9-10 | 6:30 pm |
| Monday | 11/9 | Rel. Ed., Grades 1-5 | 4:00 pm |
| | | Children's Choir | 5:20 pm |

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 next 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 the weekend of November 14-15 as the Outreach Committee prepares for this Christmas endeavor.

THE TRIUMPH" A PARISH MISSION

Sunday, November 15 through
Wednesday November 18, 2015
Church of the Holy Name of Jesus,
99 Camp Street, Providence.

For more information contact:
Rev. Joseph D. Santos, Jr. at 401-272-4515 or
visit www.thedivemercy.org/events

WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

11/01/2015

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| # of Budget Envelopes | 84 |
| # Online Giving | 6 |
| Budgets and Checks | \$ 3,551.00 |
| Loose Contributions | \$ 633.00 |
| Online Giving | \$ 270.00 |
| Total Weekly Offertory | \$ 4,454.00 |
| All Souls Day | \$ 525.00 |

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

Church of St. Sebastian

1915 ~ Celebrating 100 Years of Faith ~ 2015

MY DEAR PARISHIONERS,

Continuing 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.

To make an end of our past hundred years here at St. Sebastian's is to make a beginning, concluded Eliot in his last quartet:

"We did with the dying.
See, they depart, and we go with them.
We are born with the dead. See, they return, and bring us with them.
A people without history
Is not redeemed from time, for history is a pattern
Of timeless moments... history is now..."

That and we together, together in a communion of persons, together "in a lifetime's death in love/Ardour and selflessness and self-surrender." They and we together, interconnected in the living Body of Christ, the people of God, then, now and always.

The poet concludes with the final vision of faith, with the resolve not to cease from exploration, with the conviction that the huge suffering of our race shall be overcome by the omnipotent power of love, with the prayer that finally God shall be all in all, "And the fire and the rose are one."

With the dawning of the Love and the voice of this Calling
We shall not cease from exploration
And the end of our exploring
Will be to arrive where we started
And know the place for the first time...
Quick, now, here, how, always –
A condition of complete simplicity
Costing not less than everything.
And all shall be well, and
All manner of thing shall be well
When the tongues of flame are in-folded
Into the crowned know of fire
And the fire and the rose are one.

Forgive me, friends, for this short overview of the greatest poem of the modern era. But how well it challenges us to face the eternal verities of our lives, how well it points us in the right direction, how well it frees us from despair, how well it reveals the Gospel as "the power of God," how well it summarizes the Word of God in our bible readings tonight.

And how well this poem challenges us to receive the gospel of Mark tonight wherein Jesus had prophesized his condemnation to death by the highest authorities, where Jesus had promised final victory in his resurrection, where face to face with the rude ambition of the apostles he announced that in his kingdom "the greatest will be the servant, the first will be the slave to all," where truly the poets words are anticipated "In the end is my beginning."

Please join us in welcoming the Little Sisters of the Poor to our parish next weekend. At Jeanne Jugan Residence the Little Sisters offer hospitality and care for 100 needy elderly men and women. They depend greatly on charity to carry on their mission to the aged and infirm. Any assistance you can give will help them provide for the needs of the elderly entrusted to their care. To learn more about the mission of the Little Sisters of the Poor see the website at www.littlesistersofthepoorpawtucket.org

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.*

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 Hospital. Our thanks to the women of our parish who gather and pray for those who will receive 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. Upcoming dates are November 17th and December 1st and 15th. If you are aware of someone who would benefit from receiving a prayer shawl, please call the rectory.

