

Church of St. Sebastian
September 13, 2015 - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scheduled Masses For This Week

Saturday, September 12, Vigil: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm Joseph R. Paolino Sr., 3rd anniversary
-requested by his family

Sunday, September 13, 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Peter Pizzarello, A Mass of Healing
-requested by Isabella Proulx

11:00 am Palma Zampini

Monday, September 14, The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

7 am Domenic Losardo

Tuesday, September 15, Our Lady of Sorrows

7:00 am Mass

Wednesday, September 16, Saint Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

7:00 am Josephine Della Barba

Thursday, September 17, Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Friday, September 18, Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Next Weekend's Masses

Saturday, September 19, Vigil: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm Mary Dyer Bogan, month's mind
-requested by her daughter Mary

Sunday, September 20, 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am James Shanni
-requested by the Cummings family

11:00 am Jean Daly

-requested by John and Mary Cappelli

MY DEAR PARISHIONERS,

This past week Pope Francis made all the major newspapers across the United States. The Providence Journal covered the story with a front page article. The story dealt with the reserved sin of abortion and how priests during this Holy Year are delegated with authority to absolve this reserved sin. If I remember correctly there are 7 reserved sins. Abortion is one of the 7 reserved sins. The topic of the 7 reserved sins might be an interesting topic for another article. But today and for the next week or so I would like to address the topic of the Holy Year.

We find the concept of the Holy Year in Old Testament (Jewish Scriptures). It is a very ancient Jewish tradition dating back to the time of book of Leviticus. We find reference for the Holy Year in Leviticus 25:8-17, 29-31. In Jewish tradition 7 is a very sacred number. God created in world in 6 days and rested on the 7th. Jesus tells us to forgive our neighbor 7 times 70 times. There are many other references including the 7 sacraments. After a 'Sabbath of Sabbaths (7 times 7 years) the Jewish people would celebrate a year of pardon and reconciliation during the 50th year. The community imitated God's mercy and forgiveness by forgiving debts and by each family returning to its own land and not cultivating it during that year.

In our Catholic tradition we find that it was Pope Boniface VIII back in 1300 who first adopted the concept of Holy Year for Catholics. Pope Boniface VIII described the year 1300 as a universal 'year for the forgiveness of all our sins'.

Since 1300 the Church has celebrated Holy Years. According to normal tradition they are celebrated every 50 years. But other 'extraordinary' jubilee years are celebrated. This year is one of those extraordinary Holy Years. The Pope can declare a Holy Year for a particular reason as Pope Francis has done this year. Tune in next week as we talk about the reason for this year's Holy Year.

Holy Years are characterized by prayer, good works, pilgrimages to sacred sites (especially Rome) and special indulgences for those who participate.

More next week.....

Monsignor Montecalvo

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. ***John Haddad, Bob, and Deborah Bessette.***

WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

September 6, 2015

# of Budget Envelopes Used This Week	79
# of Online Giving	6
Contributions-Budgets and Checks	\$ 2,533.00
Loose Contributions	\$ 433.00
Online Giving	\$ 270.00
Total Weekly Offertory	\$ 3,236.00
Monthly Maintenance	\$ 982.00

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Sr. Priest Retirement Fund. Catholics throughout the Diocese have a unique opportunity to make a real difference in the lives of our senior priests. Next weekend's second collection will benefit the Senior Priest Retirement Fund, a significant source of support for priests that provides for basic needs such as food, housing, transportation and medical care. Please consider your generous support of this important effort that benefits those who have selflessly served the faithful for decades. For more information about the senior priest retirement fund, or to make a donation online, please visit www.srpriestri.org.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STARTS SEPTEMBER 20TH

TEACHERS: The Religious Education program is currently looking for teachers for Grades 4, 7, 8, 9, and 10. If you are interested in teaching any of these grades, please contact Ms. Marie, Religious Education Coordinator at msmarie06.stseb@gmail.com or at 401-272-6062 and she will return your email or phone call. Grade 4 meets Mondays from 4:00 to 5:15 pm (NOTE THE NEW TIME,) Grades 7 and 8 meet Sunday mornings from 10 to 11 am, and Grades 9 and 10 meet Sunday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. Please join us in sharing your faith with our children through this great ministry.

REGISTRATION: Registrations are now being accepted for CCD classes for the 2015-2016 year. The forms may be found on the parish website. Please use the New Student Registration or the Returning Student Registration form as appropriate. Mail the completed registration along with a check for the registration fee, to the Rectory 67 Cole Avenue, Providence RI 02906
Attn: Marie Brito.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR BEGINS SEPTEMBER 14TH

Mondays, 5:20 pm - 5:50 pm. All children 5 years or older are welcome and encouraged to participate! Please see the Saint Sebastian Children's Choir website for complete schedule and director contact information.

<http://stsebastianchildrenschoir.weebly.com/>

Thanks so much for your time, Kristen and Marcie

The Outreach Committee will meet for the first time this season this Sunday, September 13, immediately after the 9:00 am Mass, downstairs in the church basement. New volunteers are welcome. We are a friendly group and there is much work to be done.



CHURCH OF SAINT SEBASTIAN
100TH ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION

On **October 17th, 2015**, we will be celebrating the 100th anniversary of St. Sebastian Parish! The 5 pm Mass will be celebrated by the Most Reverend Salvatore Matano, Bishop of Rochester, and Rev. Robert Randall, homilist. A dinner dance will follow at Wannamoissett Country Club in Rumford.

Tickets are \$50 per person, reservations are now being accepted. Come join the celebration!

PARISH BOOK CLUB

The Parish Book Club reconvenes this Wednesday, September 16th in the Fr. Randall Room to discuss our summer reading of An American Tragedy by Theodore Dreiser. Please join us!

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Parish Prayer Shawl Ministry's upcoming meetings are this Tuesday, September 15th, then October 6th and 20th. If you are aware of someone who would benefit from receiving a prayer shawl, please call the rectory.

URGENT NEWS CONCERNING THE ADULT CHOIR

The choir is in desperate need of new members. This year we will start rehearsals at a more convenient time for all, Sunday mornings from 10 o'clock to 10:45 am, followed by singing at the 11 am Mass. Unfortunately if we do not get a good response from church members we will be forced to resort to having cantors only at all three weekend Masses. If you can help please see Bill Cooper after any Mass on weekends. Thank you.

THIS WEEK AT ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH

Sunday	9/13	Community Outreach Mtg	10:00 am
Mon.	9/14	Children's Choir	5:20 pm
Tues.	9/15	Prayer Shawl Ministry	7:00 pm
Wed.	9/16	Book Club	7:00 pm