

**Church of St. Sebastian**  
**September 14, 2014 — Exultation of the Holy Cross**

**Scheduled Masses For This Week**

**Saturday, September 13, Vigil: Exultation of the Holy Cross**

5:00 pm Vincent & Clara Esposito  
-requested by their daughter, Rita Watson

**Sunday, September 14: Exultation of the Holy Cross**

9:00 am Thomas Meger  
-requested by Amy & Tim Brown  
11:00 am Intentions of Terry & Kathy Sullivan  
on their 50th Wedding

**Monday, September 15, Our Lady of Sorrows**

7:00 am For the Parishioners

**Tuesday, September 16, Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs**

7:00 am Mass

**Wednesday, September 17, Weekday**

7:00 am Mass

**Thursday, September 18, Weekday**

7:00 am Mass

**Friday, September 19, Weekday**

7:00 am Mass

**Next Weekend Masses**

**Saturday, September 20, Vigil: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5:00 pm Mass

**Sunday, September 21, Exultation of the Holy Cross**

9:00 am For the Parishioners  
11:00 am Albert Badeau  
-requested by daughter Belle

**WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT**

September 7, 2014

<b># of Budgets and Checks Received</b>	<b>85</b>
<b>Contributions-Budgets and Checks</b>	<b>\$7,651.00</b>
<b>Loose Contributions</b>	<b>\$ 393.00</b>
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$8,044.00</b>
<b>Monthly Maintenance</b>	<b>\$1,433.00</b>

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](http://www.stsebastianri.org).

**THE PASTOR'S CORNER**

Solemnities of the Lord are celebrated throughout the liturgical year. Today we have the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, which highlights the lifting up of Jesus for all the world to see at his crucifixion. You'd heard me say that "there is no such thing as cheap grace." Today, we understand the price of our salvation and redemption. The second reading is actually a hymn from the early Church composed by St. Paul. It is known by the Greek word *kenosis*, the emptiness. "He emptied himself and took the form of a slave...." (Philippians 2:7) Listen for the nuances throughout the Mass. They help us focus on the significance of the feast.

Parish activities begin in earnest: Religious Education, Parish Choir, Babysitting during the 9 am Mass, Children Liturgies on the first Sundays of the month, and Community Events in October. The Outreach Committee is preparing a *Ministry Board* to encourage active participation in the many ministries of the parish. We always need new blood to renew and prevent "ministry burnout." Think about how you can get involved in the parish; it's not only something for the parishioners who have been assisting for years. We have new families...let's step up and offer your talent and time to the parish. It's always exciting to have someone catch the ball and run with it. In the spirit of today's feast, *lift up your time and talent for all to see here at St. Sebastian's!*

Enjoy the week!  
Monsignor Darcy



**SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR SAINT PATRICK ACADEMY**

The Parish Outreach Committee is soliciting school supplies to assist inner city students at St. Patrick Academy. The following items can be deposited at the front entry of the Church over the next few weeks: **notebooks, loose-leaf paper, pens and pencils.** Thank you for your continued generosity.

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***WELCOME, FR. WILL GREGOIRE***

Fr. Gregoire, a senior priest of the Diocese of Providence, is with us this weekend to solicit your support for *next week's second collection for the Senior Priest Retirement Fund*. The fund is 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 the 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 an online donation, please visit [www.srpriestri.org](http://www.srpriestri.org)

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES HAVE BEGUN!**

**Grades 1 - 5 meet Monday afternoons from 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm.**

**Grades 6, 7, and 8 meet Sunday mornings from 10 am to 11 am.**

**Grades 9 and 10 meet Sunday evenings from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm.**

**Please bring your completed registration form and registration fee with you to class.**

**Registration forms are available on our website [www.stsebastianri.org](http://www.stsebastianri.org). Just click on the Religious Ed link.**



***ST. FRANCIS GARDEN DEDICATION AND BLESSING OF ANIMALS***  
***OCTOBER 4<sup>TH</sup> AT 10 :00 AM***

The dedication of the St. Francis Garden in memory of Dorothy Roberts will take place on Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am on the President Avenue side of the rectory. The blessing of family pets will also be held. Please bring your pets either on a leash or in a pet carrier for this family event. Refreshments for all (including the dogs and cats!) will be provided. Don't forget to bring a 'doggie bag.'

**PARISH BOOK CLUB**

The next meeting of the Parish Book Club takes place this Wednesday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm in the Fr. Randall Room to discuss *Goldfinch* by Donna Tartt. New members are welcome!

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

The Parish Prayer Shawl Ministry meets this Tuesday September 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the Fr. Randall Room. New members are welcome! If you are aware of someone who would benefit from receiving a prayer shawl, please call the rectory.

**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. ***Cathy McKay, Peter Pizzarello, Maureen, Betty Mullaney and Heather.***

**PARISH CHOIR**

Weekly rehearsals begin Thursday September 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the Fr. Randall Room. Please consider joining us in preparing each Sunday's 11:00 am Mass and for this year's Christmas Program. For more information, contact our Parish Music Director, Bill Cooper at 401-438-2465.

***THIS WEEK AT ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH***

Sun.	9/14	Religious Ed., Grades 6-8	10:00 am
		Religious Ed., Grades 9-10	6:30 pm
Mon.	9/15	Religious Ed., Grades 1-5	3:30 pm
Tues.	9/16	Prayer Shawl Ministry	7:00 pm
Wed.	9/17	Parish Book Club	7:30 pm
Thurs.	9/18	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm

**SAVE THE DATE ...SAVE THE DATE**

**OUR 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

Initial plans are underway to prepare for the **100<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY** of our parish on Saturday, **October 17, 2015**. In the meantime dig out those old photo albums of yours and share any pictures you may have of the parish. We will digitize them and return the originals to you.