

Church of St. Sebastian
September 21, 2014 — 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scheduled Masses For This Week

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

5:00 pm For the Parishioners

Sunday, September 21, 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am For our Religious Education Teachers

11:00 am Albert Badeau
-requested by daughter Belle

Monday, September 22, Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Tuesday, September 23, Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

7:00 am Mass

Wednesday, September 24, Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Thursday, September 25, Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Friday, September 26, Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Next Weekend Masses

Saturday, September 27, Vigil: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm Mass

Sunday, September 28, 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am For the Parishioners

11:00 am Mass

WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

September 14, 2014

# of Budgets and Checks Received	97
Contributions-Budgets and Checks	\$4,842.00
Loose Contributions	\$ 728.00
Total Offertory	\$5,560.00

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.

THE PASTOR'S CORNER

We celebrate this weekend Catechetical Sunday with the commissioning of our religious education teachers and substitutes at the 9 AM Mass. Here is a timely quote from the national catechetical office of the US Catholic Bishops on religious education:

Catechesis is a distinct and special ministry in the Church. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church makes clear, "Catechesis is intimately bound up with the whole of the Church's life . . . her inner growth and correspondence with God's plan depend essentially on catechesis" (no. 7). This ministry of teaching in the name of the Church has a profound dignity, which is why catechists are formally commissioned by the Church. It is only fitting that we set aside a day to highlight this ministry and invite the entire church community to think about our responsibility to share our faith with others.

Parents are truly the primary catechists of their children. They prepare the soil and plant the first seeds of faith. On Catechetical Sunday, we not only highlight the work of catechists in parishes and schools, but we also commend parents and guardians and encourage them to take seriously their role of making their Catholic households a place where faith is passed on to the next generation. This is why the rite of blessing of catechists used on Catechetical Sunday includes a blessing of parents and guardians.

On behalf of the entire parish, we extend our thanks to **Ms. Marie, Director of Religious Education, Ann Barone, Gretchen Bell, Luiz Bravim, Clarise Brooks-Major, Christina Capozzi, Vicki Cavanaugh, Sarah Garcia-Mata, Susan Gunter, Marianne Harrison, Patty January, Janice Minuto, Martha Rogers and Anne Wert** for their dedication to our children.

A reminder for families to register their children no later than this week. Please contact Ms. Marie by email or phone for any questions or consultation.

Enjoy the fall that begins today!
~Monsignor Darcy

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

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**ST. FRANCIS GARDEN DEDICATION
 AND BLESSING OF ANIMALS
 SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4TH AT 10:00 AM**

The dedication of the **ST. FRANCIS GARDEN** in memory of Dorothy Roberts will take place on Saturday, October 4th 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. Use a muzzle if needed. Refreshments for all (including the dogs and cats!) will be provided.

PS-....don't forget to bring a 'scooper bag.'

CALLING NEW ALTAR SERVERS

Plans are being made to train young parishioners as altar servers for weekend Mass. If a student is in 4th grade or higher, please speak to either Msgr. Darcy or Ms. Marie. *And...you get one of the best seats in the Church!!*



SR. PRIEST RETIREMENT FUND

This week's second collection supports the Senior Priest Retirement Fund. If you forgot to make a donation and would like to support this effort that provides critical resources for priests in their retirement years, please visit www.srpriestri.org to make an online donation using a secure server or mail your offering to Sr. Priest Retirement Fund, Office of Stewardship & Development, One Cathedral Square, Providence, RI 02903.

THIS WEEK AT ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH

Sun.	9/21 Religious Ed., Grades 6-8	10:00 am
	Community Outreach Meeting	10:00 am
	Religious Ed., Grades 9-10	6:30 pm
Thurs.	9/25 Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm

SOPHIA ACADEMY SCHOOL UNIFORM FUNDRAISER

At St. Sebastian's we have a long tradition of helping children who are less fortunate than ourselves. This fall we focus on the needs of middle school girls at Sophia Academy, in the form of a fund raiser for their school uniforms. Sophia Academy was founded in 2001 by Sister Mary Reilly. It provides low-income girls a supportive and challenging academic environment from fifth to eighth grade. It has a proven track record of laying the foundation for girls to complete high school and become productive members of the community.

All the families of the school pay some tuition. Our uniform fundraiser will make a difference in their efforts to get their daughters ready for a successful school year. A contribution of \$100 will provide one Sophia Academy student a school uniform (one shirt, skirt, pants and sweater). Her required uniform gym wear is an additional \$35. Any donation will make a difference. A contribution of \$15 will buy one student a uniform shirt; \$20 will buy her a sweater; or \$40 will buy her a skirt.

Kindly place your donation in the envelopes located in the pews and place in collection baskets. Checks should be made payable to Sophia Academy.

The Outreach Committee thanks the parish for their generosity to school children this fall.

SAVE THE DATE ...SAVE THE DATE

OUR 100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Initial plans are underway to prepare for the **100th 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.

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.

PARISH CHOIR

Weekly choir rehearsals are held Thursday evenings 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.