

Church of St. Sebastian
September 22, 2013 — Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scheduled Masses For This Week

Saturday, September 21, Vigil: Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm Mass

Sunday, September 22, Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Al and Mae Badeau, anniversary
 -requested by their daughter Belle Calenda

11:00 am For the People

Monday, September 23, Pio, Priest of Pietrelcina

7:00 am Mass

Tuesday, September 24, Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Wednesday, September 25, Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Thursday, September 26, Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Friday, September 27, Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest

7:00 am Mass

Next Weekend Masses

Saturday, September 28, Vigil: Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm For the People

Sunday, September 29, Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Mass

11:00 am Mass

Please keep our fellow parishioners and friends in your thoughts and prayers:

Maureen Kenner, Carol Anne Theroux, Nicole Ruffine, Dick Beaupre, Beverly DiLello, Elizabeth Dugan, Deborah Bessette, Beatrice Calvo Crozier, James Mullaney, Mariella, Amy, and Ursula Shea.

Please contact the rectory if you would like to add a person to our prayers.

THIS WEEK AT ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH

Sun.	9/22	Religious Ed., Grades 6-8	10:00 am
		Community Outreach Mtg	10:00 am
		Religious Ed., Grades 9-10	6:30 pm
Mon	9/23	Religious Ed., Grades 1-5	3:30 pm
Thu	9/26	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm

Where Do I Stand?

No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. Luke 16:13

It just so happens that before sitting down to write, I added up what my wife and I have in various accounts for retirement. I was happy to discover that is a little more than I expected. Last month my wife got a bonus from her employer. I was happy about that too. I'm sure if we had found that our savings were less, or is my wife told me that she was being asked to accept a pay cut, I would not be nearly as happy.

So, do I love money? I can hardly say I don't care about it. And am I, then, a servant trying to serve two masters? Am I trying to do what Jesus says is impossible? I'm not sure, but something like that seems to be going on.

The person who knows for sure what is going on in my heart is Jesus himself. His words in today's gospel seem to invite me to some prayerful conversation with him about this matter.

Kevin Perrotta

Bishop Keough Open House

Bishop Keough is an all girls' Catholic High School that is located next to St. Maria Goretti Church on Power Road in Pawtucket. Our average class size is 15-17 students, with a student teacher ratio of 3 to 1. Bishop Keough is a college preparatory school, with 99% of our graduates attending college. In addition to an academically challenging environment taught through the Catholic lens, we also offer a full array of after school activities.

Bishop Keough High School will be hosting its Annual Open House for all prospective students on Sunday, October 6th from 1 to 3 pm. For more information please call 401-726-0335 or visit us on the web at www.bishopkeough.org.

LaSalle Academy Open House

LaSalle Academy has provided continuous service to the Rhode Island community for 140 years. Our faculty and staff offer students a Catholic education, Christian values, and the tools with which to develop true self-esteem, knowledge, and skills which will influence them for the rest of their lives.

LaSalle Academy will host its Annual Open House on Sunday, October 20th at 12:30 pm. All are welcome. No registration is needed. The Entrance Exam for High School only will be held December 7th at 8 am. Questions: Call George Aldrich, Director of Admissions, 351-7750, ext. 122

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SOPHIA ACADEMY SCHOOL UNIFORM FUNDRAISER

At St. Sebastian 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 fundraiser 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 first 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 on 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, Saturday Oct. 19 at 6:00 PM

Chair Lift Kickoff -- Oktoberfest

Co-Chairs welcome your support and involvement.

Karin Schrott at 401.465.7444

Rita Watson at 617.733.7869

Accessibility for everyone builds our community.

PARISH CHOIR

Weekly rehearsals are held each Thursday evening at 7:00 pm in the Father Randall Room. Please consider joining us in preparing for 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 438-2465.

FOOD COLLECTION

The Outreach Committee is still collecting food for the hungry. The basket is at the back of the church. We appreciate your donations.

WELCOME BACK PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Religious Education Program will be sponsoring our annual Welcome Back Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, October 6th following the 9 am Mass. All parishioners are welcome. The breakfast is prepared primarily by our Religious Education students and their parents. Please join us for a hearty breakfast as we continue to build community in our parish.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Our Children's Liturgy will be coming back on Sunday October 6th at the 9 am Mass. Mature children ages 3-10 are invited to participate. We had such a great turn out last year and are hoping for more children this year.

WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

September 15, 2013

# of Budget Envelopes Used This Week	76
Contributions-Budgets and Checks	\$4,838.00
Loose Contributions	\$ 548.00
Total Offertory	\$5,380.00
Priest Retirement Collection	\$3,519.00

Please consider enrolling in *Parish Giving*, our electronic stewardship program for parish contributions. You can register online at www.Parishgiving.org or on our parish website at www.stsebastianri.org.

WHILE MONSIGNOR DARCY IS AWAY WE ASK THAT ALL CALLS TO THE RECTORY BE MADE DURING OFFICE HOURS ONLY.

OFFICE HOURS ARE: MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY, AND FRIDAY FROM 10:00 AM TO 2:00 PM; AND WEDNESDAY FROM 10:00 AM TO 4:00 PM. Thank you for your assistance.