

Church of St. Sebastian
September 3, 2017 - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

SAT., SEPT. 2, VIGIL: 22ND SUNDAY IN ORD. TIME

5:00 pm DOROTHY ROBERTS, 4th ann., BEQUEST

SUN., SEPT. 3, 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 am INTENTIONS OF PARISHIONERS

11:00 am BERTHA LAUBLE, 5th anniversary, req. by
daughter Elaine Kehoe

Monday, SEPTEMBER 4, Labor Day

7:00 am INCREASE OF VOCATIONS

Tuesday, SEPTEMBER 5

7:00 am SICK OF THE PARISH

7.25 am Novena Prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Wednesday, SEPTEMBER 6

7:00 am NANCY E SHIELDS BLOOR, req. by Pat and
Sal Annarummo

Thursday, SEPTEMBER 7

7:00 am CARLO & ROSE MONTECALVO

Friday, SEPTEMBER 8, Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 am ANTONIO & YOLANDA SPILLARE

SAT., SEPT. 9, VIGIL: 23RD SUNDAY IN ORD. TIME

5:00 pm NICKI FAMILIGLIETTI, Memorial Mass, req.
by Elmhurst Alumnae Association

SUN., SEPT. 10, 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 am PATRICIA WILSON, month's mind, req. by
her family

11:00 am ANNE C TOSELLI, 2nd anniversary, req. by
her family

(My Dear Parishioners continued)

- ✠ *Visit a homebound person.*
- ✠ *Make sandwiches for the homeless in conjunction with the parish's Lenten project (and whenever else you feel so inclined.)*
- ✠ *Walk Naso, the pastor's dog, twice on any Sunday that the homily comes in under eight minutes*

Some really challenging suggestions:

- ✠ *Get together with like minded people and organize a chapter of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.*
- ✠ *Look hard, every day, for opportunities to perform the Corporal works of Mercy.*

Holy is as holy does.

My dear parishioners,

This week we are lucky enough to have a guest writer!

Few, if any, of us expect that our name will one day be heralded in St. Peter's Square in a canonization ceremony. And most of us probably would prefer not to be seen as the public picture of piety while still on this planet. But who among us does not want to be "in that number when the saints go marching in"?

But how-during all those many hours when our environment hardly gives off the scent of sanctity that we associate with religious practices-does one get from here to there?

Even if it's highly unlikely that you'll be proclaimed St. _____ in St. Peter's Square, you can still prepare every day to meet St. Peter himself with a broad smile on both your faces when it's your turn to approach those golden gates. As yourself what Mother Teresa or Dorothy Day might suggest. Perhaps they might offer some ideas along the following lines. (Or... Fill in the blanks yourself...)

Some small suggestions:

- ✠ *Call a friend you haven't seen in a while.*
- ✠ *Go out of your way to compliment someone (perhaps adding a thick layer of frosting to the cupcake by also mentioning it to their boss.)*
- ✠ *Call a relative who's frequently a pain in the neck.*
- ✠ *Call a person you know is lonely.*
- ✠ *At the next meeting of a group you belong to, sit (with a smile) next to someone who tends to get under your skin a little.*
- ✠ *Get to know-and then use- the name of a usually anonymous service person you regularly encounter.*
- ✠ *The next time your spouse or sibling exhibits some trivial, inconsequential behavior that annoys you, just give him or her an: "Oh dear," and a sweet gentle kiss. Period. (Repeat as appropriate.)*
- ✠ *If there is someone in your acquaintance that you have reason to believe suffers from low self-esteem, ask that person to do **you** a favor using one of their special gifts: bake a pie; fix an appliance; sew a patch; knit a sweater; show your granddaughter how to throw a ball; teach you how to play bridge...*

Some larger suggestions:

- ✠ *Give a pint of blood (at least once but regularly if feasible)*
- ✠ *Babysit occasionally for a single parent.*

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Hurricane Harvey

A collection will be undertaken in the near future to help those affected by Hurricane Harvey. Please keep your eyes open for the announcement of this much needed collection.

Parish Meetings and Activities

9/4	Labor Day Mass	7 am	Church
9/5	Prayer Shawl Ministry	7 pm	Fr Randall Rm

MONTHLY MAINTENANCE COLLECTION
THIS WEEKEND



Celebrate

the work of our hands

Labor Day

On Labor Day, Monday September 4th, the parish office will be closed. Morning Mass will be held at the usual time of 7 am.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Prayers are asked for these friends, family, and fellow parishioners. If you would like someone included in the Prayers for the Sick please call the rectory. **Susan Porter, Natalie Swift, Leah Davis, Frances Geary, Sandy C., John Haddad, Bob, Sylvia L., Robert Calso, and Bob K.**



Our small but dedicated choir would appreciate singers joining us this coming year. We will be rehearsing on Sundays at 10 o'clock for the 11 o'clock Mass. Our first rehearsal will be Sunday, September 17th. If you can help, please see Bill Cooper after any Mass on weekends or talk to any of our Choir Members. Thank you.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

The St. Sebastian Religious Education class begin next Sunday, September 10th at 10 am for Grades 6-8, and on Monday September 11th at 4 pm for Grades 1-5.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

The Religious Education Program is taking registrations for this fall for Grades 1 - 8 for registered and active families of St. Sebastian Parish.

Registration forms for new **and** returning students can be found on our parish website www.stsebastianri.org or at the entrance to the church. Please fill out the forms and mail them along with the \$30 registration fee per child to the parish office, **Attn: Marie Brito.**

WEEKLY PARISH FINANCES
AUGUST 27, 2017

Contributions at Mass	\$ 3,070.00
Online Contributions	\$ 706.00
Total Offertory	\$ 3,776.00
Weekly Expenses	\$ 8,350.74

A sincere thank you for your continued support!

COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROJECT —
IMMIGRATION & REFUGEE SERVICES

Community Outreach Members are collecting items for the Diocese's *Immigration & Refugee Services*, who welcome refugee families arriving in Rhode Island.

Items needed are: **toiletries** (toilet paper, soap, toothpaste, shampoo etc.); **cleaning supplies** (mop, broom, waste basket, trash bags, etc.); **baby products** (diapers, bottles, powder, lotion, etc.); and **school supplies** (notebooks, pens/pencils, backpacks, etc).

Kindly place the items in the bin located in the vestibule. Any questions, contact Karin Schrott at 401-465-7444 or karinschrott@gmail.com. Thank you for your kindness and support.