

Church of St. Sebastian
September 4, 2011—Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scheduled Masses For This Week

Saturday, September 3, Vigil: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm Mass

Sunday, September 4, 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Maurice Bissonnette, 1st anniversary
-requested by David O'Brien

11:00 am For the people

**Monday, September 5, Weekday
~Holiday Mass Schedule~Labor Day~**

9:00 am Anita Vinacco
-requested by Sean and Mary Brennan

Tuesday, September 6, Weekday

7:00 am Salvatore Giglielmo
-requested by Pat and Sal Annarummo

Wednesday, September 7, Weekday

7:00 am Eleanor Zexter, birthday remembrance
-requested by Eileen and Robert Koshgarian

Thursday, September 8, The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 am Mass

Friday, September 9, Saint Peter Claver, priest

7:00 am Patricino Brito, 30th anniversary

Next Weekend Masses

Saturday, September 10, Vigil: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm Eugene and Etta Gallant

Sunday, September 11, 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Tenth Anniversary of the September 11th attacks in New York, Virginia and Pennsylvania

11:00 am Joseph Arouth, 23rd anniversary
Noreen Gallagher, birthday remembrance
-requested by Elizabeth Arouth

PARISH BOOK CLUB

Summer reading: The Brothers Karamozov, by Fyodor Dostoyevski. There will be an organizational meeting of the Parish Book Club on September 21st. New members welcome!!

THE PASTOR'S CORNER

It's hard to believe that already our students are returning to their schools and campuses, Fall sports have begun, and the unofficial end of Summer is celebrated this Labor Day Weekend. *Tempus fugit!*

We lost some large limbs from trees on the property. Thankfully there was no damage to the Church or the rectory. I met this week with diocesan staff to discuss our financial progress and to plead the case for a new roof and other roof repairs. The Vicar for Planning and Finance, Msgr. Bastia, has been most solicitous and supportive. The case I presented, supported with detailed photographs, was rather compelling. However, the parish will need to present a plan to not only fund the roof and other needed repairs, but also to increase our weekly support of the parish. A complete presentation of these two concerns will be presented within the next few weeks when more parishioners return to the parish.

The Scriptures today have a community theme. While our personal response to Jesus was highlighted over the past month, now there is a pronounced social dimension to the faith. Gentle and private fraternal correction as well as community prayers are attributes of our Christian lives... *we do not go it alone!* Whether it is with our Parish Outreach Program, religious education, liturgy, and support for the parish, we do it all together in the Lord's Name. Our *common oneness* thus forms the *community*. Some do it exceedingly well and with great generosity of spirit. Others need to be more active and thoughtful with their time, talent, and treasure according to their ability. Finally, and quite frankly, some do not seem interested at all. I bring this to your attention according to my pastoral responsibilities and do so with great fraternal charity and love. We are one in the Lord. May the Lord be the One in all our hearts.

Enjoy the Labor Day Weekend.
Msgr. Darcy

Our Lady's Candle burns this week for the 1st anniversary of the passing of Helen June Cunningham, as requested by Greg and Susan Elliott.

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WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT
August 27/28, 2011

# of Budget Envelopes Used This Week	29
Contributions-Budgets and Checks	\$ 1,632
Loose Contributions	\$ 195
Total Offertory	\$ 1,827

Our parish charitable giving needs to be maintained year-round. You may consider Parish Giving, our electronic stewardship program for parish contributions. Even I could set it up! You can register online at www.Parishgiving.com on our parish website at www.stsebastianri.org.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Registration forms for Religious Education Classes are available on our website: www.stsebastianri.org.

Please download the form you need and send it with the registration fee to 67 Cole Avenue, Providence, RI 02906. Attn: Ms. Marie. New registrations must be accompanied by a copy of the student's Baptismal Certificate only if the student was not baptized here at St. Sebastian's. You will use the re-registration form only for students who are returning to Religious Education classes. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact msmarie06.stseb@gmail.com and she will get back to you. Thank you.

**LOVED THE WEDDING,
INVITE ME TO THE MARRIAGE,
LOVE, GOD.**

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend can help you do that! Marriage Encounter is 44 hours where married couples can get away from jobs, kids, chores, and phones—and focus only on each other. If you'd like greater depth, growth, and enrichment in your relationship, you'll like the difference a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend can make! The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends in New England are September 16-18 and October 21-23. For more information call Ralph and Jane Becker at 1-800-710-WWME or visit our webpage at 222.wwme.org.

HUMAN LIFE GUILD DAY

All are invited to attend the 6th Annual Human Life Guild Day on Saturday, September 24 at St. Philip Church, Greenville. The day will begin with a 9:00 a.m. Mass with Bishop Thomas J. Tobin as main celebrant. Rev. Francis C. Santilli, pastor of St. Philip Parish will present the homily. The annual conference includes guest speakers presenting topics such as physician assisted-suicide and the aging population, healing after an abortion, respecting all human life and much more. For information or to register, please call the Diocesan Respect Life Office at 421-7833 ext. 218.

**PLEASE KEEP OUR FELLOW PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS
IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS; ESPECIALLY**

Maureen Baker

Please contact the rectory if you would like to add a person to our prayers. Prayers for the sick will be continued for an entire month. Please call the rectory if additional prayers are requested..

Tenth Anniversary Mass for 9-11

All are invited to the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul on Sunday, September 11, 2011 at 1:00 pm as we remember those we lost on 9-11-2001, ten years ago, and honor those who still serve and protect us in Police, Fire and Military positions. They and their families are invited as special guests for this Anniversary Mass. Come and pray for those who perished and for their families, and pray for the protection of those who still risk their lives for the safety and security of us all. May God Bless America and those who serve. For more information contact Fr. Robert Marciano, FrMarciano@aol.com

Police, Fire, and Military are kindly requested to attend in uniform.

We are encouraged to fly out American flags as we did 10 years ago when this tragedy struck. Pray for peace in the world, our nation, and in our community.

ALTAR SERVER APPRECIATION MASS

On Saturday October 1st at 10:00 am, the Diocese of Providence will be hosting the 2nd Annual Altar Server Appreciation Mass at the Cathedral of SS Peter and Paul. Bishop Tobin will celebrate the Mass. Refreshments will follow in the cathedral hall. In recognizing their service to the Church, this event presents a great opportunity to strengthen pride in the parishes, to unite young people in prayer, and to expose the servers to the Diocesan Church. **If you are a server and would like to attend, please contact Msgr. Darcy by September 15th.** Parents and family are encouraged and welcome to attend the Mass.