

**Church of St. Sebastian**  
**September 7, 2014 — Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Scheduled Masses For This Week**

**Saturday, September 6, Vigil: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5:00 pm Mass

**Sunday, September 7, 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 am Marie Daniels, 9th anniversary  
-requested by nephew, Ralph Daniels

11:00 am Mass for the Parishioners

**Monday, September 8, The Birth of Mary**

7:00 am Mass

**Tuesday, September 9, St. Peter Claver**

7:00 am Mass

**Wednesday, September 10, Weekday**

7:00 am

**Thursday, September 11, Weekday**

7:00 am Eugene & Etta Gallant (Annual Bequest)

**Friday, September 12, Weekday**

7:00 am Joseph R. Paolino, Sr. (2nd Anniversary)  
-requested by Donna P., & Joseph. R. Paolino, Jr. and their families

**Next Weekend Masses**

**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



*Let us pray for the repose of the souls of  
**Eugene and Etta Gallant**  
whose love for our parish was shown in a  
bequest to St. Sebastian Church.  
We remember them in gratitude and offer  
Thursday's 7:00 am Mass for them this week.  
May they rest in the peace of the Lord.*

**THE PASTOR'S CORNER**

It's a new school year for students from university right down to kindergarten level. Last week I reminded my nephew, now a senior in high school, that I remembered the day *before* his very first day of school, "But, Mom, why can't I go to school **today?**" The parish extends its prayers and hopes to all our students as they begin a new school year. School is *your* job; perform well as you prepare for the future.

Our Religious Education Program, under the capable care and dedication of Ms. Marie Brito, begins September 7 and 8. *Permit me to be rather blunt; many of our students and families in Religious Education do not come to Mass on weekends. If parents could see the faces and hear the voices of their children especially when they visit me in Confession, you would be embarrassed and perhaps saddened with what they say.* Ms. Marie and I extend a warm welcome to you as we work **together** to raise **our** children in the ways of faith. On their baptism day, parents promise to "be the best of teachers by what they say and do in teaching the faith." In summary, I sincerely hope that the attendance and participation is noticeably improved throughout the program this year. Families simply 'drop out' after First Communion, and then 'drop-in' for the two year Confirmation program. Perhaps it's time to re-evaluate our student based program and transition to a family-based program? Let's work together to build the Catholic faith of our children...and of our parents.

Enjoy the new school year!  
~Monsignor Darcy

**PARISH BOOK CLUB**

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

**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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**PARISH CHOIR**

Weekly rehearsals will begin on Thursday September 18th 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.



**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES START ON SEPTEMBER 7TH AND SEPTEMBER 8TH.**

**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.**

**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.



**WHEELCHAIR FOR THE CHURCH HALL**

With parish activities being planned for the Church year, we could use a wheelchair for the Church Hall. Parishioners and friends who use the new chair lift may need additional assistance in the hall. If you have a wheelchair that is not being used, please consider donating to the parish. It will be happily picked up at your home or other location.

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

**MONTHLY MAINTENANCE COLLECTION TODAY**

*The Second Collection today is the monthly donation to maintain the buildings and property of the parish. Lawn work will be done this month. Thank you for any extra assistance you may provide.*

**THIS WEEK AT ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH**

Sunday	9/7	Religious Ed., Grades 6-8	10:00 am
		Religious Ed., Grades 9-10	6:30 pm
Mon.	9/8	Religious Ed., Grades 1-5	3:30 pm

**SENIOR PRIEST RETIREMENT FUND COLLECTION**

After decades of faithful service, many retired priest (like our own Fr. Hayman) continue to serve where they are requested and needed throughout the Diocese of Providence. Their life-long service to the Diocese still goes on whether through their active ministry or by praying for us at their retirement residence, hospital bed, or nursing home. Their live-long modest wage and Social Security do not provide for all their needs in retirement from parish administration. The Senior Priest Retirement Fund was established to assist them in their retirement years. The fund is strengthening but is still challenged as are most retirement plans. Father Wilfrid Gregoire, Pastor Emeritus of Immaculate Conception Parish, Westerly, will be with us next weekend (September 13-14) to present the financial need and to ask us to consider a serious contribution to support all those who assisted us, our families, and our diocese over many, many years. **Welcome Fr. Gregoire, and thank you for your 62 years of ministry!!**

**WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT**

**August 31, 2014**

<b># of Budgets and Checks Received</b>	<b>79</b>
<b>Contributions-Budgets and Checks</b>	<b>\$4,059.00</b>
<b>Loose Contributions</b>	<b>\$ 496.00</b>
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$4,555.00</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).