

**Church of St. Sebastian**  
**April 8, 2012—Divine Mercy Sunday**

**Scheduled Masses For This Week**

**Saturday, April 14, Vigil: Sunday of the Divine Mercy**

5:00 pm Donald Pilkington, anniversary remembrance  
-requested by his family

**Sunday, April 15, Divine Mercy Sunday**

9:00 am Julian Zekan

-requested by his family

11:00 am Kathleen Reynolds (Cavan, Ireland), month's  
mind

-requested by the Nagle family

**Monday, April 16, Easter Weekday**

7:00 am For the people

**Tuesday, April 17, Easter Weekday**

7:00 am Peter D. Gallantm 8th anniversary

**Wednesday, April 18, Easter Weekday**

7:00 am Mass

**Thursday, April 19, Easter Weekday**

7:00 am Mass

**Friday, April 20, Easter Weekday**

7:00 am Mass

**Next Weekend Masses**

**Saturday, April 21, Vigil: 3rd Sunday of Easter**

5:00 pm For all Confirmation Candidates and their families

**Sunday, April 22, 3rd Sunday of Easter**

9:00 am Nora Arouth, 3rd anniversary

-requested by her daughter Liz

11:00 am Yvette M. Darcy, 25th anniversary

-requested by her family

*Create a memorial or honorary fund for your spouse or parent. Your gift can create an endowment for our parish in memory of or in honor of them and benefit those we serve for generations. Contact Msgr. Darcy for more information.*

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

*Deborah Bessette, Peggy Corrigan, Rose Penney, and Vilma O'Connor.*

We also extend our sympathy to the Ventre-Hewitt Family at the recent death of Zola Ventre. May she rest in peace.

**PASTOR'S CORNER**

This Second Sunday of Easter is known as Divine Mercy Sunday. Blessed Pope John-Paul II established the feast in 2000 when he canonized St. Faustina of Krakow. The Church and the world receives from the Risen Christ the gift of Divine Mercy. *This is* the message of the Resurrection.

The parish had a glorious Holy Week. The liturgies were very well attended, Paul J. Musarra was fully initiated at the Great Vigil, and now the parish anticipates the Sacrament of Confirmation for our young adults. Easter is a season of grace!

Today's Gospel would seem, at first glance, to paint the Apostle Thomas in a rather negative light. He was absent on Easter night. Unfortunately, he received the nickname, "Doubting Thomas." When he *sees* the Risen Christ one week later, that is today, he makes the greatest personal attestation of faith in the Gospels, "*My Lord, and My God.*" Jesus words to him are then applied to us, "Blessed are those who have not seen, but believe."

Speaking about seeing. You may have noticed the pile of field stones on the Church lawn. My first inclination was to say they are for my public stoning! They for a retaining wall to prevent the soil from its annual erosion near the house. One of our only two advertisers on the back page of the parish bulletin, Andre Soares, is constructing the wall. The elevated space will then be planted with blue hydrangeas that will face the Garden of Our Lady. The flowers will be used to decorate the Church during the summer months. The masonry work will be completed very soon.

Finally as mentioned above, keep our Confirmation Candidates in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Spirit. As they face a challenging world, our prayer is that their Catholic faith will guide them to make right decisions in their Christian lives.

In the words of the Risen Christ, "Peace be with you!"

Enjoy this Easter Season!

~Msgr. Darcy



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***THANK YOU...AND YOU...AND YOU!***

The Church is beautifully decorated for this Easter Octave. Our collective thanks to Toni Dumville, Margaret Pleasants, and Dave Belanger who worked for hours preparing the worship space. If you are interested in helping with Church decorating, don't hesitate to call the rectory. More hands are always appreciated!

***CONFIRMATION PRACTICE TODAY- APRIL 15***

A reminder to our Confirmation Candidates and their Sponsors that the rehearsal is this Sunday, April 15 at 6 PM. Bishop Gelineau will celebrate Confirmation on Saturday, April 21 at the 5 PM Mass.

***2<sup>ND</sup> WINE TASTING EVENT SHOUT OUT***

If anyone has restaurant gift certificates they do not plan to use, the Wine Tasting Committee will be very happy to put them to good use!! You can forward them to the rectory at your convenience. Also, if anyone wishes to be a corporate sponsor to help defray the costs of the event, you may call or email Monsignor at [msgrdarcy@gmail.com](mailto:msgrdarcy@gmail.com)

***THIS WEEK AT ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH***

Sun.	4/15	Coffee Hour	10:00 am
Wed	4/18	Parish Book Club	7:30 pm
Thur.	4/19	First Penance	7:00 pm
Sat.	4/21	Confirmation	5:00 pm

***CATHOLIC CHARITY FUND APPEAL***

As of this week our charity Drive Total is \$52,097.

Our support is crucial for the 39 agencies funded by the Appeal. Our parish drive should be concluded by the end of April. Please return your donation card and gift in the collection basket by April 30th. Our parish goal is \$82,000.

***PARISH BOOK CLUB***

The Parish Book Club will meet next THIS Wednesday, April 18th at 7:30 pm in the Fr. Randall Meeting Room to discuss Muriel Spark's The Girls of Slender Means. All are welcome.

***PARISH BLOOD DRIVE***

Please participate in St. Sebastian's first Blood Drive next Sunday, April 22nd from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm being held in the basement of the church. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your blood donation (medications, illness, fear, etc.) please call the Blood Center at 401-453-8307 and they can help answer your questions. We would love to make this event successful and hope you will join us.

***WEDDING BELLS!***

Congratulations to John D'orsi and Jessica Pasquarelli who wed on Friday here at the parish. May you have a blessed and happy marriage in Christ!

***ST. SEBASTIAN'S SECOND WINE TASTING EVENING***

*Reservations for our Second Wine Tasting Evening are now being accepted. The Wine Tasting Evening, by Gasbarro Wines of Atwells Avenue, will be held on Saturday, May 19th from 6 pm to 8 pm in the church hall. Twenty-five specially selected fine wines will be featured, accompanied by selections of hors d'oeuvres and pasta dishes.*

*Guarantee your reservation by completing this registration form and returning it to:*

*St. Sebastian Church  
Wine Tasting Evening  
67 Cole Avenue  
Providence, RI 02906*

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of Tickets @ \$50 each:** \_\_\_\_\_ *Please make checks payable to St. Sebastian Church*

**Amount Enclosed: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

***FEEL OUR PARISH ENERGY...AND JOIN US!!***