

**Church of St. Sebastian**  
**August 12, 2012 — Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Scheduled Masses For This Week**

**Saturday, August 11, Vigil: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5:00 pm Ray Testa, 21st anniversary  
-requested by his family

**Sunday, August 12, 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 am For the people

11:00 am Mass

**Monday, August 13, Weekday**

7:00 am Henry Boezi  
-requested by the Nagle family

**Tuesday, August 14, St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe, Priest and Martyr**

7:00 am Mass

**Wednesday, August 15, The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

~~A Holy Day of Obligation~~

7:00 am Mass

5:30 pm Mass

**Thursday, August 16, Weekday**

7:00 am Mass

**Friday, August 17, Weekday**

7:00 am Mass

**Next Weekend Masses**

**Saturday, August 18, Vigil: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5:00 pm For Religious Freedom  
-requested by M. Rachel and Jack Baxter

**Sunday, August 19, 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 am Mass

11:00 am For the People

**WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT**

August 5, 2012

# of Budget Envelopes Used This Week	59
Contributions-Budgets and Checks	\$2,491
Loose Contributions	\$ 482
Total Offertory	\$2,973
Peter's Pence	\$ 906

Please consider enrolling in Parish Giving, our electronic stewardship program for parish contributions.

You can register online at [www.Parishgiving.org](http://www.Parishgiving.org) or on our parish website at [www.stsebastianri.org](http://www.stsebastianri.org).

**Pastor's Corner**

I viewed again the *YouTube* of Susan Boyle's very first audition on *Britain's Got Talent*. Talk about a serendipitous performance. Her meteoric audition went viral. This one video clip has been viewed over 100 million times around the world! It was the initial reaction of the audience that strikes you, however. The audience was "*murmuring*," snickering, laughing at her when she walked onto the stage. They seriously prejudged her by her very plain appearance. Well, were they ever surprised!

*Murmuring* ...a word with a poignant meaning in both the Old and New Testaments! Some English translations use the alternative word, *grumbling*. The former word, however, has such a self-righteous tone to it. Last week, the Hebrews murmured against Moses. Today's gospel tells that some people murmured against Jesus, and He calls them on it: "Stop murmuring among yourselves..." The final reaction of Jesus' audience will be read in two weeks. Suffice it to say, the Lord was inviting them to a deeper appreciation of who He is as the Bread of Life. Opportunity knocked, but many prejudged Him. Many will close the door, and then walk away from Him.

As Pope Benedict XVI put it:

In the sacrament of the altar, the Lord meets us, men and women created in God's image and likeness, and becomes our companion along the way. In this sacrament, the Lord truly becomes food for us, to satisfy our hunger for truth and freedom. Since only the truth can make us free, Christ becomes for us the food of truth.

(Apostolic Exhortation *Sacramentum Caritatis*)

The response of those who heard these words from the mouth of Jesus will be read next weekend. Today, we have the grace of 2,000 years of teaching on this truth of our faith. The challenge remains for us, members of the contemporary Church, to live light of this truth. Listening to the response of Peter will demonstrate his enthusiasm (from the Greek adjective, *entheos*, meaning possessed or inspired by a god). When contrasted with the murmuring of the crowd, **we** should be excited because we have come to believe that Jesus is the Bread of Life!

So, never murmur the responses to the Lord at Mass. Express them with full enthusiasm because that expresses our living faith in Him, the Bread of Life.

Enjoy and live the faith!

~Monsignor Darcy

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**FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION  
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

**This Wednesday, August 15th, is the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be celebrated at both 7:00 am and 5:30 pm.**

Our **Prayer Shawl Ministry** will meet at 7 pm on Thursday, August 16th in the Fr. Randall Room. We're continuing to make prayer shawls but will be discussing ideas and patterns for small Baptism Blankets which will be given to our newest parishioners when they are baptized. Call Pat Capece 274-8632 or Elaine Kehoe 273-4529 with ideas or questions. Please join us in this lovely way to spread joy to others.

**CHARITABLE GIVING**

Ordinary expenses continue even in the lazy summer months. Please, don't forget the parish if you are fortunate to relocate for the summer. The easiest way is through electronic giving. It helps stabilize our budget. Monsignor and others use it for their donations; it's easy, convenient, and safe. Take a serious look at it at: [www.Parishgiving.org](http://www.Parishgiving.org) or call the rectory for more information.

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

*Betty Mullaney, Steve Ungar, Deborah Bessette, Peggy Corrigan, Beatrice Calvo Crozier, and Vilma O'Connor.*

**SICK CALLS AND VISITS**

Please inform the rectory if a relative would like a Communion visit during their stay at a hospital, rehab, or nursing home. You are *not* imposing! Please call the rectory to have Msgr. Darcy visit them.

**Parish Book Club**

Reading Reminder: The Summer Reading for the first meeting this fall is The Pickwick Papers by Charles Dickens.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS:**

**REGISTRATION**

The Religious Education Program is starting to take registrations for CCD classes for the Fall. Most of you have been sent an email, but those of you who haven't, please find the forms on our website: [www.stsebastianri.org](http://www.stsebastianri.org). Please use the full Registration Form for students attending for the first time; and for returning students, please use the Re-Registration Form. Please include the \$30.00 per student registration fee with all forms (checks made out to St. Sebastian Church). New registrations must also include a copy of the child's Baptismal Certificate if he/she was not baptized here at St. Sebastian Church. Please return all forms to Ms. Marie Brito at 67 Cole Avenue, Providence, RI 02906 or drop them in the collection basket on Sundays.

**TEACHERS**

The Religious Education Program is also looking for teachers for this coming Fall. There is a need for a third grade teacher, a fourth grade teacher, a ninth grade teacher, and a tenth grade teacher. If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact Ms. Marie at the Rectory at 272-6062 or leave a note in the collection basket with your contact information.

Thank you.  
Ms. Marie

**LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR AUGUST 18-19**

**5:00 Saturday**

**Lector** - J. Soper

**Extraordinary Ministers** - J. Tracey, R. Baxter,  
D. Fagan

**Altar Server** - M. Fagan

**9:00 Sunday**

**Lector** - T. Sills

**Extraordinary Ministers** - M. Clare, S. Garcia-Mata,  
T. Dumville

**Altar Servers** - S. and E. Papandonatos

**11:00 Sunday**

**Lector** - M. Cappelli, D. Roberts

**Extraordinary Ministers** - C Songwe, R Evangelista

**Altar Server** - O. Hewitt