

Church of St. Sebastian
August 19, 2012 — Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scheduled Masses For This Week

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

Monday, August 20, St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church

7:00 am Mass

Tuesday, August 21, St. Pius X, Pope

7:00 am Kelly T. Sylvia, memorial Mass
-requested by Sal and Pat Annarummo

Wednesday, August 22, The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 am Mass

Thursday, August 23, Weekday

7:00 am Special Intention

Friday, August 24, St. Bartholomew

7:00 am Susan Sullivan, for a successful surgery
-requested by a friend

Next Weekend Masses

Saturday, August 25, Vigil: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm Evelyn Mastriano, month's mind
-requested by her family

Sunday, August 26, 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Jason Penza, birthday remembrance
-requested by his godmother
11:00 am Edward W. Lawlor, anniversary remembrance
-requested by his family

WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

August 12, 2012

# of Budget Envelopes Used This Week	55
Contributions-Budgets and Checks	\$2,450
Loose Contributions	\$ 370
Total Offertory	\$2,820
Monthly Maintenance	\$1,161

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

You can register online at www.Parishgiving.org or on our parish website at www.stsebastianri.org.

Pastor's Corner

Words have meaning. This statement is simple enough. Languages developed because this social group consistently used this sound to express this reality. Think of the biblical story of the Tower of Babel. The ancient writer borrowed a story from the Babylonians to 'explain' the development of human languages. Our youngest parishioners babble through the Mass. Their sounds mean something, if only to them.

Jesus told the crowd that He is the Bread of Life. He told them that they had to eat His flesh and then drink His blood to have eternal life. When he said it, the reaction was explosive. The word "to eat" also could be translated "to gnaw" or "to chew." Just think of chewing on the bone from a steak... Jesus indicated that that is what the crowd was to do... "to chew" on his flesh! Then he tells them to drink is blood, which was *absolutely* forbidden by the Mosaic Law. 'You want us to chew your flesh, and then drink your blood? Are you out of your mind?' The crowd reacted alright. Jesus' words had a religious and cultural meaning for his listeners.

Our 2000 year **Tradition** (the Church's authentic teaching) prepares us to appreciate Jesus' meaning of this most difficult statement. Remember what I mentioned a few weeks ago about a symbol: *a true symbol means that which it signifies without confusion*. Thus, the Eucharist *is* the Body and Blood of Christ given to us in an unbloody manner. Our faith and worship accepts the truth, and in doing so, the symbol and reality coalesce: "for as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until He comes" (1 Corinthians 11:26).

The saints literally spend countless hours in adoration before the Eucharistic Christ. The mind can only begin to touch the surface of this mystery of our faith. With humility, we should always receive the Lord worthily so as to begin the journey even now toward eternal life in Him.

With a grateful heart,
~Monsignor Darcy

Our Lady's Candle burns this week as an anniversary remembrance of Nina Calenda Marcone as requested by Belle Calenda.

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BON VOYAGE, FR. ERNIE

We wish Fr. Ernie much happiness as the Catholic pastor on the island of Nevis! *Be advised: send a Christmas Card early!* His address is:

St. Theresa Catholic Church
Old Hospital Road
PO Box 491
Charlestown, St. Kitts-Nevis
W.I.

EASTSIDE MARKET PLACE RECEIPTS

Keep bringing in your Eastside Market Place receipts and deposit them in the large box on the table near the choir loft stairs. We receive 2% back from the grand total of all the receipts. Our very spirited Parish Outreach Committee uses that for our charitable giving throughout the year

BABYSITTING DURING MASS: A PARISH INQUIRY

Some interest has been voiced about possibly offering babysitting for pre-school children probably during 9 AM Sunday Mass. Our diocesan policy for the Protection of Children and Young People will require background checks for adult sitters. Is it something that interests parents and others? **IT WILL REQUIRE A REAL COMMITMENT AND SOME ORGANIZATION FROM THOSE INTERESTED.** Think about it. More on this next week.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR AUGUST 25-26

5:00 Saturday

Lector - M. Cappelli

Extraordinary Ministers - R. Baxter, A. Carnevale,
D. Fagan

Altar Server - M. Fagan

9:00 Sunday

Lector - D. Knight

Extraordinary Ministers - J. Fleming, E. Fleming,
R. Whelan

Altar Server - P. Primeau

11:00 Sunday

Lector - B. Calenda, E. Kehoe

Extraordinary Ministers - J. Tracey, M. Cappelli,
C. Songwe

Altar Server - A. Brusso

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. 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

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.

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

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