

Church of St. Sebastian
August 26, 2012 — Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scheduled Masses For This Week

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

Monday, August 27, Saint Monica

7:00 am For the People

Tuesday, August 28, Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

7:00 am Mass

Wednesday, August 29, The Passion of John the Baptist

7:00 am Mass

Thursday, August 30, Weekday

7:00 am Rev. Raymond M. Kelly in honor of his 89th birthday
-requested by his niece Eileen Koshgarian

Friday, August 31, Weekday

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

Next Weekend Masses

Saturday, September 1, Vigil: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm For the People

Sunday, September 2, 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Beatrice Dulgarian
-requested by Thomas and Farsa Mulvey

11:00 am Mass

Pastor's Corner

With school around the corner, I mentioned a few weeks ago when we began reading the Bread of Life discourse that another exam awaited Jesus' disciplines. The exam and Peter's answer are recorded in today's reading from St. John's Gospel.

"Do you also want to leave?" Think of that question perhaps in light of family members, colleagues, neighbors, and friends, who no longer practice their Catholic faith. The answer of the impetuous Peter to the exam issued by Jesus earns Peter an A+: "*Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.*" Yes, Peter, got it right, even though he (like most of us) waivered on Holy Thursday night in the high priest's courtyard. Remember? Peter said he didn't know Jesus.

In light of the economy, a nasty presidential campaign, the smoldering unrest in many hot spots not only overseas but also on the streets of our own City of Providence, to whom can we go for words of life or true comfort? We are not going to find Christ's peace on the front page of any newspaper, on any 24 hr. news channel, or in *50 Shades of Grey*. You will find it kneeling nightly by your bed or in the quiet of our church, which is open weekdays until 3 PM.

The Christian life is always about making the ultimate life choice. The night before the Hebrews, who had wandered in the desert for forty years, crossed the Jordan River into the Promised Land, Joshua presented them with a choice. He basically told them to **remember** all that their ancestors experienced and only then to decide. Like the Hebrews, we exercise the freedom to choose whom we will serve.

This freedom to choose is echoed every time we gather for Mass. Listen to how many times we use remember: "Do this in memory of Me," "Remember Lord your Church...", "Remember also our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep..."

Before we answer whom we will serve, remember the blessings received this past week...then decide. I have chosen to serve the Lord...forever.

Fathers Jeremy Rodrigues and Tim Reilly will be with you next weekend. I'll be remembering and sharing my thanks with a classmate from the seminary whose friendship I have enjoyed for almost forty years!

Enjoy the Labor Day, and *remember!*

~ Msgr. Darcy

WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

August 19, 2012

# of Budget Envelopes Used This Week	60
Contributions-Budgets and Checks	\$2,658
Loose Contributions	\$ 518
Total Offertory	\$3,176
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	\$ 492

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.

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ALTAR LINEN MEMORIALS AVAILABLE

The two altars and Our Lady's Shrine are in need of new linens. If any parishioner would like to donate them in memory of a loved one, please contact the rectory. The initials of the loved one will be embroidered onto the corner of the altar linens.

The Office of Marriage Preparation and Enrichment is sponsoring its Sixth Annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Celebration on Sunday September 23rd at 1:00 pm at the Cathedral. Diocesan Couples observing their 25th, 40th, 50th or over wedding anniversary in 2012 will be honored at this Mass. Please register by tomorrow August 27th for inclusion in the Mass Program Booklet. The Celebration will include the Mass, Renewal of Marriage Vows and the opportunity for a picture with Bishop Tobin. Light refreshments will be offered following Mass. For more information call 278-4576.

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. It will require a real commitment and some organization from those interested. A sign up list is available in the front hallway to register your interest. Confirmation students can volunteer to assist with an adult present.

PARISH BOOK CLUB

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

Our **Prayer Shawl Ministry** will meet at 7:00 pm on the first and third **TUESDAY** of each month. In September the meetings are on **TUESDAY** September 4th and **TUESDAY** September 18th 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 273-4259 with ideas or questions. Please join us in this lovely way to spread joy to others.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS:

REGISTRATION

The Religious Education Program is taking registrations for **CCD classes which begin next month. Grades 6-10 start Sunday, September 9th. Grades 1-5 begin Monday September 10th.**

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.

TEACHERS

The Religious Education Program is looking for a third grade teacher and a fourth grade teacher to teach our children beginning next month. If you are interested in either 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.

Our Lady's Candle burns this week as an anniversary remembrance of Edward W. Lawlor as requested by his family.

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.