

Church of St. Sebastian
February 12, 2012—Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scheduled Masses For This Week

Saturday, February 11, Vigil: 6th Sunday in Ord. Time
 5:00 pm Lorraine Creamer and Jackie Quirk, birthday remembrance

Sunday, February 12, Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 9:00 am Patricia Mullaney, 1st anniversary
 -requested by her family
 11:00 am For the People

Monday, February 13, Weekday
 7:00 am Helen A. Kelly and Suzanne C. Kelly
 -requested by the McCormick family

Tuesday, February 14, Saint Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop
 7:00 am Mass

Wednesday, February 15, Weekday
 7:00 am Mass

Thursday, February 16, Weekday
 7:00 am Mass

Friday, February 17, Weekday
 7:00 am Mass

Next Weekend Masses

Saturday, February 18, Vigil: 7th Sunday in Ord. Time
 5:00 pm Richard Ely
 -requested by his family

Sunday, February 19, Seventh Sunday in Ord. Time
 9:00 am Teresa Evangelista, 3rd anniversary
 -requested by her family
 11:00 am The Honorable J. Joseph Garrahy

Our Lady's Candle burns this week in remembrance of Patricia Mullaney as requested by her children.



THIS WEEK AT ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH

Sun.	2/12	Coffee Hour	10:00 am
		Religious Education	10:00 am
		Religious Education	6:30 pm
Mon.	2/13	Religious Education	3:30 pm
Thur.	2/16	Choir Rehearsal	7:30 pm

PASTOR'S CORNER

We have listened recently to quite a few healing stories in the Gospel of Mark, and all of them from the very first chapter. Healing and wholeness are qualities that participate in holiness. Ignored and shunned because he was a leper, the request of this isolated man moved Jesus out of pity. He wanted this man restored to health and back into the respect of the community. Our own words and action should reflect this Christ-like attitude.

Ignorance and fear are difficult things to overcome. We need to be constantly vigilant protecting the dignity of all human life as taught by of Catholic faith.

The Catholic community constantly needs to evaluate contemporary social issues under the light of the Gospel. Bishop Tobin recently responded to the mandate of Health and Human Services mandate (HHS) forcing all private health plans to include coverage for all FDA-approved prescription contraceptive drugs and devices, as well as surgical sterilization by next year. The Bishop wrote in part:

The ruthless decision of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to impose mandatory coverage for sterilizations and contraceptives upon private insurance programs, including those offered by the Catholic Church, is an unprecedented, outrageous and unacceptable attack on religious freedom and the moral life and ministry of the Church.

In practical terms, the imposition of this mandate could mean that Catholic institutions will no longer be able to provide health insurance for their own employees. I encourage all members of our diocesan Church to contact their representatives in Congress (information below) to urge them to oppose this attack on religious freedom and to support legislation that will respect the right of the Catholic Church and other faith communities to provide health insurance in a way that will conform with their deeply held religious beliefs.

Individuals and all communities need to foster dignity, respect, and civility in "the town square." Catholics should not tolerate being shunned by those who want us out of the major discussions on life and family issues. Our task, as modeled after Jesus, is to speak the truth with love. And remember the sequence: pray, teach, act!

Have a blessed week.
 ~Msgr. Darcy

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“KEEP THE HEAT ON” BAKE SALE TODAY

The religious education students are sponsoring a bake sale earmarked for the “*Keep The Heat On.*” The Parish Outreach Committee has designated this heating assistance effort started by Bishop Tobin as the recipient of charitable funds from their fund raisers. Thanks to all for your enthusiastic support!

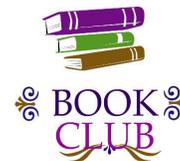


PARISH LENTEN MISSION: SAVE THE DATE

Fr. Timothy Reilly, Chancellor of the Diocese of Providence will preach our Parish Lenten Mission. His theme: **“THE OUR FATHER PRAYER: *WHAT IN HEAVEN’S NAME ARE WE SAYING?*”** He will introduce the mission at the Masses on Feb. 25/26. The mission talks will be held at 7 PM Sunday through Wednesday in the Church. All are welcome, ~ join us. **SAVE THE DATE!**

POT LUCK WRAP UP!

We had a great over 80 people attend the annual St. Sebastian Day Potluck Supper. It was wonderful to see new faces among us. A special thanks to Harriet, Marie, Judy, Garry, and Dave for organizing the evening. There are more activities coming in the near future!



The PARISH BOOK CLUB will meet on Wednesday, March 14th at 7:30 pm in the Fr. Randall Room to discuss Vladimir V. Nabokov’s Pnin. Everyone is welcome!

Religious Education is vital to the strength of our church. Make a promise to future generations of children by making a provision in your Will for Religious Education at St. Sebastian’s. For more information about memorial donation and legacy giving, please contact Msgr. Darcy, 751-0196, or Andrea Krupp, Director of the Catholic Foundation of Rhode Island, 277-2121

In the second reading today St. Paul tells us that whatever we do to do it for the glory of God and to be initiators of Christ. This Sunday is World Marriage Day which honors husband and wife as the foundation of the family. Commit to making your marriage a priority in your lives and let your marriage relationship give glory to God. Sign up for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. Deepen your communication, strengthen your relationship, rekindle your romance, and renew your sacrament by attending the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend in New England. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are March 16-18, April 27-29, and June 22-24. For more information call Ralph and Jane Becker at 1-800-710-WWME or visit our webpage at www.wwme.org.

WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

February 4/5, 2012

# of Budget Envelopes Used This Week	68
Contributions-Budgets and Checks	\$3, 018
Loose Contributions	\$ 595
Total Offertory	\$3,613
Monthly Maintenance	\$1,537

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.

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

Deborah Bessette, Peggy Corrigan, Rose Penney, Zola Ventre, and Vilma O’Connor.