

Church of St. Sebastian
February 19, 2012—Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scheduled Masses For This Week

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

Monday, February 20, Weekday

~~~Presidents Day~~~Holiday Schedule~~~

9:00 am Prayers for Grace and Strength for  
 John Kennedy  
 -requested by Henry and Catherine May

**Tuesday, February 21, Weekday**

7:00 am Hon. Robert J. Rahill  
 -requested by Pat and Sal Annarummo

**Wednesday, February 22, Ash Wednesday**

7:00 am Cecylia Turin, 20th anniversary  
 -requested by the Boni family  
 5:30 pm Mass

**Thursday, February 23, Lenten Weekday**

7:00 am For the People

**Friday, February 24, Lenten Weekday**

7:00 am Governor J. Joseph Garrahy  
 -requested by Pat and Sal Annarummo

**Next Weekend Masses**

**Saturday, February 25, Vigil: First Sunday of Lent**

5:00 pm For the People

**Sunday, February 26, First Sunday of Lent**

9:00 am Margaret Mary Walsh, month's mind  
 -requested by her family  
 11:00 am Francis and Helen McCormick  
 -requested by their family



*THIS WEEK AT ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH*

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|-------|------|---------------------|------------------------|
| Sun.  | 2/19 | Coffee Hour         | 10:00 am               |
| Mon.  | 2/20 | Presidents Day Mass | 9:00 am                |
| Wed.  | 2/22 | Ash Wednesday Mass  | 7:00 am and<br>5:30 pm |
| Thur. | 2/23 | Women's Opus Dei    | 10:00 am               |
|       |      | Choir Rehearsal     | 7:30 pm                |

*PASTOR'S CORNER*

Lent is the penitential season of the Church's year. It begins on Ash Wednesday and ends with the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. Lent has six Sundays. The sixth is called Passion or Palm Sunday and marks the beginning of Holy Week.

The Easter Triduum begins with the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. It commemorates the Lord's passion and death on Good Friday, reaches its high point at the Easter Vigil and ends with evening prayer on Easter Sunday. Then the joyful Easter Season of 50 days begins.

Traditionally, the Lenten season is a time of penance throughout the Catholic Church. Lent is a season in which prayer, the reception of the Sacrament of Penance, charity, and almsgiving are emphasized. Fast and abstinence are to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. All the Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat.

**Days of Fast and Abstinence**

**Weekdays of Lent:**

There is no obligation to fast. However, voluntary acts of self-denial are recommended.

**Ash Wednesday and Good Friday**

These are days of **FAST and ABSTINENCE from meat**. There is a limit of one full meal on these days for all between the ages of 18-59 inclusive.

**Days of Abstinence (All Fridays in Lent)** All who have reached their 14<sup>th</sup> year are bound to abstain totally from meat.

**LENTEN SCHEDULE**

**ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES**

**MASSES AT 7:00 AM AND 5:30 PM**

**Ashes to be distributed during Mass**

**Daily Mass Monday-Friday at 7:00 AM**

**Stations of the Cross –Mondays at 7:00 PM**

**Confessions –Saturdays at 4-4:45 PM**

+++ PARISH MISSION +++

**Fr. Timothy Reilly**

**Sunday to Wednesday, Feb. 26-29 at 7:00 PM**

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### REMINDER: OUR LENTEN PARISH MISSION

Be sure to save the date and join us for the Lenten Parish Mission. Fr. Timothy Reilly, Chancellor of the Diocese of Providence, will be our guest preacher.

Join us Sunday to Wednesday, February 26th - 29th at 7:00 PM for the mission.

Fr. Reilly's topic:

**"The Our Father Prayer; *What in heaven's name are we saying!*"**



### PRESIDENTS DAY

Morning Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 am on Monday, February 20th.

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!

### BAKE SALE: WHAT A CHARITABLE SUCCESS!

The bake sale last weekend sponsored by the Religious Education students in conjunction with the Parish Outreach Committee will forward \$3,000 to the "Keep the Heat On" heating assistance program. Our sincere thank you to the students and friends who baked, and to all who supported this worthy cause. Kudos to Harriet Kazarian (from Outreach) and Marie Brito (from Religious Education) who coordinated the fund raiser. "When you did it for one of the least of my brothers and sisters, you did for Me." (Matt. 25:40)

### WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

February 11/12, 2012

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|--------------------------------------|---------|
| # of Budget Envelopes Used This Week | 74      |
| Contributions-Budgets and Checks     | \$3,894 |
| Loose Contributions                  | \$ 634  |
| Total Offertory                      | \$4,528 |

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).

### ANNUAL SPIRITUAL AND FINANCIAL REPORT

I present to you summary copies of the 2010-2011 spiritual and financial reports. We have made incredible financial progress over the past year. Our (yours and mine) financial support of the parish has increased the regular Offertory and provided for the Emergency Repairs (which is in the current fiscal year). St. Sebastian's is strengthening and moving forward. To all the generous parishioners, benefactors, and friends, my sincere and enthusiastic thanks.

The readings today talk about the healing power of God. God heals the same today as he did in Old and New Testament times. Allow God to work and move in your marriage relationship, attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and let God strengthen, renew, and rekindle your relationship. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends in New England 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](http://www.wwme.org).



What can you do in support of life during the 40 Days of Lent? The 40 Days for Life Lenten Campaign will begin on Ash Wednesday, February 22nd and conclude on Palm Sunday, April 1st. This year's activities will include a Mass, a March, and a Rally. On Saturday, February 25th "A Mass for the Unborn" will take place at 9:00 am in St. Paul Church, Cranston. Following Mass there will be a procession to the Broad Street Women's Clinic which will include the March of the Surviving Youth, and people of all ages coming together for a peaceful and prayerful vigil. All are invited to return to St. Paul's School for the 40 Days for Life Rally that will conclude at 12:30 pm. During this Lenten season, all are encouraged to pray and fast for the protection of all life, especially the unborn. The Office of Life and Family will once again sponsor the 40 Days for Life Campaign. For more information, directions, and to RSVP for the rally, please contact Carol Owens, Office of Life and Family Ministry at 421-7833 xx218.

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

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