

Church of St. Sebastian
July 22, 2012 — Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scheduled Masses For This Week

Saturday, July 21, Vigil: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm For the people

Sunday, July 22, 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Thomas H. Roberts II
 -requested by James Skeffington

11:00 am Rose Penney, month's mind
 -requested by Marie Brito

Monday, July 23, Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Tuesday, July 24, Weekday

7:00 am Dorothy Ricci, 13th anniversary

Wednesday, July 25, St. James, apostle

7:00 am Mass

Thursday, July 26, Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 am Anna Boni, 19th anniversary
 -requested by the Boni family

Friday, July 27, Weekday

7:00 am Mr. & Mrs. James McCusker, in honor of their
 50th Wedding Anniversary
 -requested by Mary Ann Landry

Next Weekend Masses

Saturday, July 28, Vigil: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm For the people

Sunday, July 29, 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Thomas H. Roberts II
 -requested by James Skeffington

11:00 am Rosemary Wynne, 1st anniversary
 -requested by her family

WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

	7/1/2012	7/8/2012	7/15/2012
# of Budgets Used	59	53	53
Checks & Budget Envelopes	\$ 3,153	\$ 2,477	\$2,151
Loose	\$ 743	\$ 451	\$ 337
Total Offertory	\$3,806	\$ 2,928	\$2,698
Monthly Maintenance	\$ 1,439	_____	_____
Youth Ministry	_____	\$ 713	_____

Pastor's Corner

With last week's heat wave, aren't you glad you're not a sheep! That thick wool all over you doesn't compare to a lazy day by a beach! We're in those so called "lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer!" The image today is that of the sheep as well as of the shepherd. The images alone are almost exhausting when it's 90 degrees. But, as always, there's another reality.

Pope John Paul II wrote an incredible Apostolic Exhortation entitled, *Pastores Dabo Vobis (I Will Give You Shepherds (March 25, 1995))*. He describes the four areas of priestly formation: educational, human, spiritual, and pastoral. One priest described the priest today as a jazz musician: while you have to be able to understand music, you also must be able to play it with others, to enjoy its beauty, and to share it with others. The priest today is engaged in the very complexities of life. While ordained almost 33yrs now, this, my first pastorate, accents an unusual analogy of the priest to the jazz musician. At the very heart of it all is the priest's central love of God. Without that, any priest is already in spiritual peril. He can "do" holy things, but is he truly attempting to "be" holy? Holiness is the very nature of God. All of us are called to holiness according to our vocation in the Church holiness. That's why we pray for each other.

Jesus looked at the masses in front of him and they seemed like "sheep without a shepherd." As even the Diocese of Providence faces an impending clergy shortage, our first need is for holy priests. I and all priests may not be the revered St. John Vianney (the Curé of Ars), but we do need to be men seeking, finding, and serving Christ in the Church...in you. A priest may not be a scholar, or the best administrator, or the best communicator, but he does have to strive for holiness.

I look forward to celebrating the Eucharist with you. In this central prayer of the Church, we pray for each other; sheep and shepherd. How blessed are we to listen together to His voice!!

With prayers and thanks,
 Your Pastor



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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 it at: 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

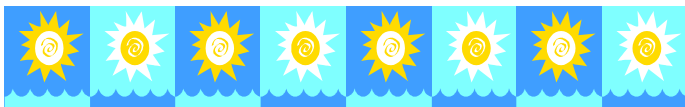
Please inform the rectory if a relative would like a Communion visit during their stay at a hospital, rehab, or nursing home. You are *not* imposing! Please call the rectory to have Msgr. Darcy visit them.

Parish Book Club

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

PAW SOX BENEFIT FOR LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

The Little Sisters of the Poor will host their annual Paw Sox Family Fun Day on Sunday, July 29, 2012. All you can eat BBQ from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. The game starts at 1:05 PM. A donation, all of which is for the Little Sisters and their ministry, is \$25 for adults, \$15 for children under 12. Call 401-305-4001 for tickets. Credit cards accepted.



*Let us pray for the repose of the soul of
Dorothy Ricci
whose love for our parish was shown in a
bequest to St. Sebastian Church.
We remember her in gratitude and offer
Tuesday's 7:00 am Mass for her this week.
May she rest in the peace of the Lord.*

PARISH COOK OUT

SIGN- UP LIST AVAILABLE

The parish Cookout will be held (sunny-outside, rainy-inside) on **NEXT Saturday, July 28th** after the evening Mass. It promises to be a fun evening with summer fare, refreshments, and **LIVE MUSIC**, courtesy of an excited parishioner! Please sign up in the front vestibule if you are planning to join us for the event.
Suggested donation: \$5 per person.



What is a parish?

Mention 'parish' to most Catholics and they think of a set of buildings- a church, rectory, perhaps a school, or a community center. Some may even identify their parish with a particular priest.

But that identification alone is rather unfortunate. A parish according to Canon Law (1983) is "*a definite community of the Christian faithful established on a stable basis with a particular Church (i.e. a Diocese); the pastoral care of the parish is entrusted to a pastor as its own shepherd under the authority of the diocesan bishop.*"

WE form St. Sebastian Parish. This reality is so deep so that if (God forbid!) the Church burnt down, the parish still endures. The pastoral care, broadly speaking, is the teaching, sanctifying, and governance that unite us together in Christ. A pastor is appointed by the Bishop to help him (the Bishop) lead the People of God. We have 148 parishes in the Diocese of Providence. All strive to make Christ present today in our parishes, families, and personal lives. So, what is a parish...**WE ARE!**

Join the Dominican community at St. Pius V (55 Elmhurst Ave, Providence) for the final installment of our summer Faith and Culture lecture series. This Wednesday, July 25th, the series concludes with **Encounter and Grace: Deus Caritas Est and the Modern World**. The evening begins at 7:30pm with adoration and, with the lecture and time for questions, should conclude by 9:00pm. See the website (stpivchurch.net) for the complete schedule of lectures.