

Church of St. Sebastian
July 8, 2012 — Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scheduled Masses For This Week

Saturday, July 7, Vigil: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 pm For the People

Sunday, July 8, 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 am Rose Penney (mother of Bob Penney)
-requested by the Parish Finance Council
11:00 am Thomas H. Roberts II
-requested by Mary and John Cappelli

Monday, July 9, Weekday
7:00 am Mass

Tuesday, July 10, Weekday
7:00 am Mass

Wednesday, July 11, Saint Benedict, Abbot
7:00 am Mass

Thursday, July 12, Weekday
7:00 am Mass

Friday, July 13, Weekday
7:00 am Vivienne Cote, 8th anniversary

Next Weekend Masses

Saturday, July 14, Vigil: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm Elizabeth F. Wardell
-requested by her daughter Mary Beth

Sunday, July 15, 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Dr. David H. Nichols
-requested by wife Lorraine

11:00 am Thomas H. Roberts
-requested by Mary and John Cappelli

Our Lady's Candle burns this week for the intentions of Abbot Mark Cooper, newly elected Abbot of Saint Anselm Abbey, Manchester, NH. Congratulations, Abbot, as you celebrate the Feast of St. Benedict on July 11th!

*Let us pray for the repose of the soul of
Vivienne Cote*

*whose love for our parish was shown in a
bequest to St. Sebastian Church.*

*We remember her in gratitude and offer
Friday's 7:00 am Mass for her this week.
May she rest in the peace of the Lord.*

Pastor's Corner

We hear so much these days about bullying...in school, at work, and in our relationships. Tragedies have occurred when a person is so humiliated that they see no possible way to defend or reassert themselves. Add to this some deep-seated religious, homophobic, national, or racial hatred, and you have a crisis just waiting to happen.

A prophet is not a bully. A prophet is a messenger of a *novus habitus mentis*, of a new way of thinking about our world, society, and Church. The Second Vatican Council used the word *aggiornamento*, an opening of the windows, to allow the Spirit to re-invigorate the Church. The official documents of the Second Vatican Council were received and remain prophetic for the Church in the modern world.

Christ is honored as Priest, **Prophet**, and King. These titles correspond to the triple *munera*, the three functions of Christ, that is, to sanctify, to teach, and to govern. The Gospel today speaks of Jesus as a "prophet without honor in his native place." When we hear a comment: "So and so is prophetic," we understand it to mean that he/she has said or done something contrary to the accepted mores of the culture. The prophet makes us pause and reassess our engagement with the person, culture, or institution. Though a skeptic may view a prophet as "a trouble maker," the prophet raises a question, or furthers the discussion or reflection on an important question of the day.

As we listen to the Church engaging the culture, we need to understand and appreciate our faith as the foundation for **our** part of the dialogue. Failing to do so, we may cross the line from being a prophet to being a bully.

I'll see you next weekend. Enjoy the summertime.

~Monsignor Darcy



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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 at it at: www.Parishgiving.org or call the rectory for more information.

PARISH COOK OUT

SIGN- UP LIST AVAILABLE

The parish Cookout will be held (sunny-outside, rainy-inside) on **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.*

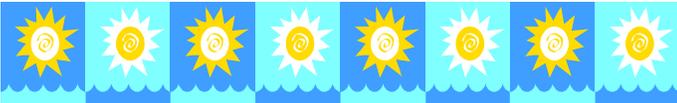


Please keep our fellow parishioners and friends in your thoughts and prayers:

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

A THOUGHT FROM THE VOCATION OFFICE

Are there people you know who you would like to encourage to think about a religious vocation? What would people think if you became a priest/brother/sister? (Mark 6:1-6). If you think God is calling you to be a priest, call Fr. Carl Fisetto at 331-1316 or visit our website at www.catholicpriest.com.



BASKETBALL CAMP AT ST. RAPHAEL'S

OPENINGS STILL AVAILABLE

Teaching Hoops Summer Camp

At Saint Raphael's Academy, Pawtucket, RI

Date July 9th – July 13th

Hours: 8:30am – 3:30pm \$185 fee per week.

If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Bill Black, Camp Director at (401) 575-8849 or teachinghoops@yahoo.com

ST. BENEDICT

FATHER OF WESTERN MONASTICISM

Benedict of Nursia (born in Nursia, Italy c. 480 - died c. 547) was a founder of Christian monastic communities and a rule giver for monks living in community. His purpose may be gleaned from his Rule, namely that "Christ... may bring us all together to life eternal" The Roman Catholic Church canonized him in 1220.

Benedict's main achievement is a "Rule" containing precepts for his monks, referred to as the *Holy Rule of Saint Benedict*. It is heavily influenced by the writings of St John Cassian (ca. 360 - 433, one of the Desert Fathers) and shows strong affinity with the Rule of the Master. But it also has a unique spirit of balance, moderation, reasonableness (*epieikeia*), and this persuaded most communities founded throughout the Middle Ages, including communities of nuns, to adopt it. As a result the *Holy Rule of St Benedict* became one of the most influential religious rules in Western Christendom. For this reason Benedict is often called "the founder of western Christian monasticism".



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.

