

Church of St. Sebastian
June 17, 2012 — Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scheduled Masses For This Week

Saturday, June 16, Vigil: 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm For the People

Sunday, June 17, 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am For All Fathers

11:00 am Anthony N. Patriarca, Father's Day
Remembrance
-requested by his family

Monday, June 18, Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Tuesday, June 19, Weekday

7:00 am Garry Presnol
-requested by Pat and Sal Annarummo

Wednesday, June 20, Weekday

7:00 am Mass

**Thursday, June 21, Saint Aloysius Gonzaga,
Religious**

7:00 am Mass

Friday, June 22, Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Next Weekend Masses

Saturday, June 23, Vigil: The Nativity of John the Baptist

5:00 pm Mass

Sunday, June 24, The Nativity of John the Baptist

9:00 am Mass

11:00 am For the People

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

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

**HAPPY
FATHER'S
DAY**

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.

Pastor's Corner

The liturgical year has returned to Ordinary Time until the end of November. The Scriptures will concentrate primarily on the teaching and parables of the Lord. Scripture scholars have used barrels of ink discussing the parables: What are they? Where do they originate? And, why did Jesus use them? A few comments over the next few weeks will highlight these questions.

To begin, a parable (from the Greek *parabole*, and the Hebrew *mashal*) is generally a single comparison or situation taken from our lived experience that captures the imagination of the listener and forces them to come to a conclusion. Today we hear two "parables of the kingdom." Both have to do with seeds. Seeds grow seemingly on their own and from within. Something so very small is transformed into something quite large. The impact of a parable is not getting bogged down in the details, but identifying the single point being compared. Our present spiritual life influences our listening to the parables...and our conclusion.

We have heard these parables many times. The readings at Masses have a three year cycle. The last time we heard these parables was in 2009. I certainly hope we have in a different and closer relationship with God than we did in 2009.

The parables are read throughout the summer months. Jesus originally taught many of them near the Sea of the Galilee where he lived. The Galilee is still the most fertile, agricultural, and beautiful section of the Holy Land. The area is just conducive to rest and contemplation. And speaking of rest...

Schools are closing, and the exodus from the city has begun. Many will enjoy a more laid back schedule. Be safe and prayerful. Remember the parish and our needs during this summer time. Our parish stewardship does not go on vacation or have a respite.

Have a good week!

Monsignor Darcy

WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

June 10, 2012

# of Budget Envelopes Used This Week	80
Contributions-Budgets and Checks	\$3,343
Loose Contributions	\$ 557
Total Offertory	\$3,900
Catholic Communication Campaign	\$ 777

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**GREAT NEWS NEXT WEEK CONCERNING
THE 2012 CHARITY DRIVE!!**

HOLY HOUR AND PRIESTHOOD ORDINATIONS

On the eve of ordinations to the priesthood, there will be a Holy Hour for Vocations on **Friday, June 22, 2012** at 7:00 PM at the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul, One Cathedral Square, Providence, RI. The Most Reverend Robert C. Evans., D.D., J.C.L., Auxiliary Bishop of Providence, will be the homilist and presider. Please join us in prayer for priestly vocations.

On **Saturday, June 23, 2012 at 10 AM at the Cathedral**, please join us for the Priesthood Ordination of Rev. Mr. Ryan W. Connors, Rev. Mr. Francesco Francese, and Rev. Mr. Christopher Murphy (who was baptized by Msgr. Darcy!). All are invited to join in these celebrations.



**IS IT TIME ALREADY TO PLAN FOR ...
ANOTHER PARISH COOKOUT? !!!**

Last year's summer cookout was such a hit that we're doing it again on Saturday, July 28th on the parish lawn.

Be sure toSave the date!!

This Father's Day create a memorial fund in memory of your father. Parishioners may establish an ongoing fund that can be added to each year or create one with a one-time gift. Your gift will create an endowment for our parish that will carry on benefits for generations in honor of your father. Call the rectory for more information

FORTNIGHT FOR FREEDOM PRAYER BREAKFAST

In response to the Bishops' call to action in defense of the threats to religious freedom both at home and abroad, the Catholic faithful and others who support the constitutional right of freedom of religion are invited to a **Mass with Bishop Tobin** as celebrant and homilist on **Wednesday June 20, 7:30 a.m.** at the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul in Providence followed by a **Prayer Breakfast** in the Cathedral Hall.

Dwight Duncan, a professor from the University Of Massachusetts School Of Law, will share a brief reflection on how religious freedom from government control is our first freedom and comes first in the First Amendment. **This event is free and open to the public.**

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The next meeting of the Prayer Shawl Ministry is scheduled for THIS Thursday June 21st in the Fr. Randall Room from 7pm to 8pm. Bring your knitting needles or crochet hook, and yarn and spend an hour in prayerful knitting or crocheting *Prayer Shawls* for the ill and elderly of our diocese. A sign up sheet is in the vestibule. Join us in this lovely way to praise God with our hearts and hands. No experience necessary, we'll teach you!

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.

Join the Dominican community at St. Pius V (Providence) for the first installment of our summer Faith and Culture lecture series. This Wednesday, June 20th, the series begins with *An Incarnate Spirituality and the Poetry of G. K. Chesterton*. The evening begins at 7:30pm with adoration and, with the lecture and time for questions, should conclude by 9:00pm. See the website (stpiusvchurch.net) for the complete schedule of lectures.