

**Church of St. Sebastian**  
**June 24, 2012 — The Nativity of John the Baptist**

**Scheduled Masses For This Week**

**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

**Monday, June 25, Weekday**  
 7:00 am Mrs. William Moreau  
 -requested by her daughters

**Tuesday, June 26, Weekday**  
 7:00 am Souls in Purgatory

**Wednesday, June 27, Weekday**  
 7:00 am Mass

**Thursday, June 28, Saint Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr**  
 7:00 am Mass

**Friday, June 29, Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles**  
 7:00 am Souls in Purgatory

**Next Weekend Masses**

**Saturday, June 30, Vigil: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 5:00 pm For the People

**Sunday, July 1, 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 9:00 am Garry Presnol  
 -requested by Liz Arouth  
 11:00 am Zola I. Ventre  
 -requested by Suzanne and Al Hall and family

**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.*

<b>WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT</b>	
<b>June 17, 2012</b>	
<b># of Budget Envelopes Used This Week</b>	<b>56</b>
<b>Contributions-Budgets and Checks</b>	<b>\$2,268</b>
<b>Loose Contributions</b>	<b>\$ 712</b>
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$2,980</b>

**Pastor's Corner**

The Birth of John the Baptist rarely falls on a Sunday. The fact that it is celebrated with the rank of "Solemnity" summarizes the importance of the day. Even in the womb, John leapt for joy when Mary greeted her cousin, Elizabeth. So close was the day of salvation; the birth of Christ is just six months after the birth of John.

During the Church Year, we usually celebrate the entrance of a person into eternal life (i.e. their date of death). We celebrate the physical birth of only three people in the liturgy of the Church: Christ (Dec. 25), Mary, Mother of God (Sept.8), and John the Baptist (June 24). *It is probably the oldest feast celebrated by the Latin and Orthodox Churches. But why is the day of John's birth celebrated? Because it was meant that the birth of him who, unlike the rest, was "filled with the Holy Spirit even from his mother's womb", should be signalized as a day of triumph (see the Catholic Encyclopedia).*

John from the Hebrew etymology means "God is gracious." Although I celebrate St. John the Evangelist as my patron saint (Dec. 27), St. John the Baptist is a very important person in salvation history. He is considered the bridge between the Old and New Testaments. When he is depicted in iconography, his hand *alone* pierces the shield of glory surrounding Christ. He always is depicted as pointing *to* Jesus. St. John the Baptist is called the "Great Precursor" in the Orthodox Church.

The Sovereign Military Hospitaller Order of St. John of Jerusalem of Rhodes and of Malta (the Order of Malta) has John the Baptist as one of its primary patrons. Originally, the Order was a monastic community, dedicated to St. John the Baptist, which administered a hospice for pilgrims to the Holy Land. Today the Order has two aims: to serve the poor, and to protect the Faith. The RI Chapter celebrated its annual Mass and meeting this past Thursday.

St. John the Baptist, who pointed out the Jesus at the Jordan River as the Lamb of God, pray for us.

Monsignor Darcy



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***WE MADE IT.....ALL \$82K!!***

***THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF 2012 CATHOLIC CHARITY FUND APPEAL. YOUR KINDNESS SUPPORTS THE 29 AGENCIES OF OUR DIOCESAN CATHOLIC OUTREACH TO THE POOR AND NEEDY .***



**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.

A sign-up for helping out at the cookout is in the front vestibule. We'll need help for set up, cooking, and clean up. "Many hands make light work!"

**EASTSIDE MARKET RECEIPT TOTAL**

All those receipts from shopping at Eastside Marketplace earned the Parish Outreach Committee **\$1,547** to help fund our parish charitable causes. Many thanks to all who bring in their receipts for the collection box in the vestibule, and the Outreach Members who counted them for nearly four hours!

***WELCOME TO THE CATHOLIC FAITH***

The entire parish welcomes ***Kiera Róisín Nagle***, baptized on this Solemnity of St. John the Baptist at the 11 AM Mass. Congratulations to her parents Kevin and Maureen (Fitzgerald) Nagle.

**SICK CALLS AND VISITS**

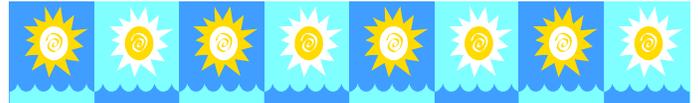
Please inform the rectory if a relative would like a Communion visit during their stay at a hospital, rehab, or nursing home. You are *not* imposing! Please call the rectory to have Msgr. Darcy visit them.

**MONTHLY MAINTENANCE COLLECTION**

**NEXT WEEKEND**

Our Monthly Maintenance Collection helps defray the cost of maintaining our beautiful church, rectory and parish grounds. The parish is very fortunate to have staff members who take great pride in keeping our facilities in magnificent shape. A monthly collection of \$3,000 would pay for this ongoing and necessary maintenance. **Please be generous to this important collection to continue necessary improvements on our parish property.**

Join the Dominican community at St. Pius V (Providence) for the next installment of our summer Faith and Culture lecture series. This Wednesday, June 27th, the series continues with *Catholic Culture? - Catholic Culture and the Liturgy*. The evening begins at 7:30 pm with adoration and, with the lecture and time for questions, should conclude by 9:00 pm. See the website [www.stpiusvchurch.net](http://www.stpiusvchurch.net) for the complete schedule of lectures



Today we celebrate the Nativity of St. John the Baptist. Just like John the Baptist each one of us has been fearfully, wonderfully made by God for a special purpose. Are we teach trying every day to live God's plan for our lives? Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and let the Holy Spirit deepen your communication, strengthen your relationship, rekindle your romance and renew your sacrament! The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekends in New England are July 13-15m August 6-8, and September 14-16. 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)

**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](http://www.Parishgiving.org) or call the rectory for more information.