

Church of St. Sebastian
March 25, 2012—Fifth Sunday of Lent

Scheduled Masses For This Week

Saturday, March 24, Vigil: Fifth Sunday of Lent

5:00 pm For the people

Sunday, March 25, Fifth Sunday of Lent

9:00 am Congressman John E. Fogarty

11:00 am Joan Andrews, 4th anniversary
-requested by Jonathon and Regina Andrews

Monday, March 26, The Annunciation of the Lord

7:00 am Mrs. William Moreau
-requested by her daughters

Tuesday, March 27, Lenten Weekday

7:00 am Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, March 28, Lenten Weekday

7:00 am Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, March 29, Lenten Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Friday, March 30, Lenten Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Next Weekend Masses

Saturday, March 31, Vigil: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

5:00 pm For the people

Sunday, April 1, Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

9:00 am Mass

11:00 am Dr. Daniel Calenda, 7th anniversary
-requested by his wife Belle Calenda



LENTEN SCHEDULE

Daily Mass Monday-Friday at 7:00 AM
Stations of the Cross –Mondays at 7:00 PM
Confessions –Saturdays at 4-4:45 PM

DAYS OF FAST AND ABSTINENCE

Weekdays of Lent:

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

Days of Abstinence (All Fridays in Lent) All who have reached their 14th year are bound to abstain totally from meat

LITURGICAL SIGN UPS FOR HOLY WEEK

Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers can sign up for the liturgies of Holy Week on the bulletin board outside the sacristy side door. Thank you for your service to the parish. Please cover all the Masses.

PASTOR'S CORNER

"To love another person is to see the face of God..." are the closings words of the world renowned production, *"Les Misérables,"* currently playing in Boston. In today's Gospel, some Greeks wanted to see Jesus. We do not know if they ever did...the text is silent in this regard. Yet, we **do** see Him at every Eucharist as well as in the faith community. We are approaching the drama of Holy Week. We have to look up to see Him...see Him on a cross! The cross in the Gospel of John is *the* sign of glory.

My weekly conversations with parishioners, friends, graduate students, and young adults often centers on what they want to do with their life. But one insightfully asked, "But what does God want?" Our answer is found only in patient, faithful prayer before God. Our vocations are varied, the responses are surely personal, but the final goal is the same; union with God. The Beatific Vision, however, only comes with a price: dying to self, so as to live fully in Christ. This phrase is easily written or spoken, but it's a life long journey that comes to perfection only through grace (i.e. God's love).

Palm Sunday begins Holy Week, a most special time for the Church. I encourage all to intensify our prayers, our charitable giving, and our abstaining from food or favorite activities. Red vestments are worn on Palm Sunday and Good Friday. **Think of wearing something red** on Palm Sunday as a reminder of the Lord's Passion that we celebrate during this week called "*holy*."

Finally, there rumors abound that eggs will be found on the Church grounds on Easter Sunday! Sounds like spring to me!!

A blessed week.
Msgr. Darcy

Our Lady's Candle burns this week as an anniversary remembrance for Anthony Pacheco, requested by his wife Cornelia.

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

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

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OPERATION RICE BOWL

For those who wish to use the Rice Bowl as one component of Lenten almsgiving, they are available at all the door as you leave today. The proceeds will be collected next Sunday, which is Palm Sunday.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Our first meeting will be on Thursday, April 12th in the church basement from 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Bring your needles and yarn and spend an hour in prayerful knitting./crocheting Prayer Shawls for the ill and elderly of our diocese. Contact Pat Capece (274-8632) or Elaine Kehoe (273-4259) for more details. Join us in this lovely way to praise God with our hearts and hands. No experience necessary.

CATHOLIC CHARITY FUND APPEAL 2012

Our parish participation is underway for the 2012 Charity Appeal. Here is the weekly summary:

Parish Goal: \$82,000

Actual to Date: \$24,104 Number of Gifts: 31

Amount Needed for Parish Goal: \$57,896

Please consider a truly sacrificial gift to support our needy brothers and sisters. Thank you to those who have contributed to date.

2ND WINE TASTING EVENT SHOUT OUT

If anyone has restaurant gift certificates they do not plan to use, the Wine Tasting Committee will be very happy to put them to good use!! You can forward them to the rectory at your convenience. Also, if anyone wishes to be a corporate sponsor to help defray the costs of the event, you may call or email Monsignor at msgrdarcy@gmail.com

PARISH BLOOD DRIVE

Please participate in St. Sebastian's first Blood Drive on April 22nd from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm being held in the basement of the church. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your blood donation (medications, illness, fear, etc.) please call the Blood Center at 401-453-8307 and they can help answer your questions. We would love to make this event successful and hope you will join us.

PARISH BOOK CLUB

The Parish Book Club will meet on Wednesday, April 18th at 7:30 pm in the Fr. Randall Room to discuss Muriel Spark's The Girls of Slender Means. All are welcome.



RECTORY REPAIRS – WHAT A CHANGE, AND IT'S ALL THANKS TO YOU!

As you can see, the replacement windows have been installed on the rectory. All of this is thanks our faithful and generous parishioners who helped make this transformation a reality. Spring is a time of new life...both in creation, and even on our rectory.

WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

March 17/18, 2012

# of Budget Envelopes Used This Week	79
Contributions-Budgets and Checks	\$3,926
Loose Contributions	\$ 591
Total Offertory	\$4,517

Please consider enrolling in Parish Giving, our electronic stewardship program for parish contributions.

You can register online at www.Parishgiving.org or on our parish website at www.stsebastianri.org.



CHRISM MASS AT THE CATHEDRAL

On the Monday of Holy Week, April 2 at 5 PM, Bishop Tobin and the priests of the diocese gather to celebrate the Chrism Mass. The Bishop consecrates the three oils (Chrism, Oil of the Sick, and Oil of the Catechumens) that will be used throughout the diocese this year. It is a very beautiful Mass to which all are invited.

PARISH EVENTS- SAVE THE DATES

Saturday, April 21 - Confirmation
Sunday, April 22 - Parish Blood Drive
Sunday, May 13 - First Communion
Saturday, May 19 - Wine Tasting Event

THIS WEEK AT ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH

Sun.	3/25	Coffee Hour	10:00 am
		Religious Education	10:00 am
		Religious Education	6:30 pm
Mon.	3/26	Religious Education	3:30 pm
		Stations of the Cross	7:00 pm
Thur.	3/29	Choir Rehearsal	7:30 pm