

Church of St. Sebastian
May 20, 2012—Seventh Sunday of Easter

Scheduled Masses For This Week

Saturday, May 19, Vigil: Seventh Sunday of Easter
5:00 pm Mass

Sunday, May 20, Seventh Sunday of Easter
9:00 am Richard Campbell
-requested by Irene Ziegler
11:00 am For the people

Monday, May 21, Easter Weekday
7:00 am Anna Belisle
-requested by her godchild

Tuesday, May 22, Easter Weekday
7:00 am Francine Bard—for a good recovery
-requested by a friend

Wednesday, May 23, Easter Weekday
7:00 am For the Souls in Purgatory
-requested by a parishioner

Thursday, May 24, Easter Weekday
7:00 am Mass

Friday, May 25, Easter Weekday
7:00 am Mass

Next Weekend Masses

Saturday, May 26, Vigil: Pentecost Sunday
5:00 pm Lewis Rohr, birthday remembrance

Sunday, May 27, Pentecost Sunday
9:00 am Mass
11:00 am For the people

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

Deborah Bessette, Peggy Corrigan, Rose Penney, Beatrice Calvo Crozier, and Vilma O'Connor.

WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

May 13, 2012

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| # of Budget Envelopes Used This Week | 88 |
| Contributions-Budgets and Checks | \$5,271 |
| Loose Contributions | \$1,055 |
| Total Offertory | \$6,326 |

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.

PASTOR'S CORNER

There are moments in parish life that just rejuvenate all of us. One of those was our First Communion last Sunday for our 14 beautiful children in this year's class. The Spirit of God was almost tangible as these little ones so happily received the Lord in the Holy Eucharist for the first time. As your pastor, I pray that that moment is forever embedded in their minds and souls. Parents... continue to bring these little ones to Mass each week to renew that grace within them. They want to come, will you be examples to them and bring them with you? The parish hopes and prays you do.

Tonight (Saturday) is the Second Wine Tasting for the parish. The proceeds are to repair and then maintain our custom built pipe organ built by the Rodgers Organ Company, Boston. The original investment for the instrument was \$100,000. Today's replacement value is \$425,000!! The new speakers and digital server have been installed to bring the instrument back to where it should be. When you consider there was no regular maintenance since 2003, there was no alternative for the parish. I thank Mr. Bill Cooper for his consultation with the organ builders during the restoration.

Today's readings have the Lord preparing the Apostles for His return to the Father. There is this "abiding prayer." Jesus abides with them as they go into the world to proclaim His Resurrection. The Easter candle remains lit until the Solemnity of Pentecost next Sunday as a symbol of his abiding Presence among us. After the last Mass next week, the candle will be returned to its rightful place near the baptismal font. The font is where we celebrate the new life of Christ in Baptism.

Finally, this is the season of Confirmation. The seven fold gifts of the Spirit abide in us (wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord). Pray for these gifts this week:

"Come Holy Spirit, fill the heart of your faithful, and enkindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth Your Spirit and they shall be created, and You shall renew the face of the earth. Amen."

-Msgr. Darcy

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EASTSIDE MARKETPLACE RECEIPTS

Our spring redemption of cash register receipts will take place on **Saturday, June 9** by the Outreach Committee. Bring in all your Eastside Marketplace receipts and put them in the designated box in the front hall of the Church. It funds our many outreach projects throughout the year. Thanks everyone!

NEW FAMILIES TO ST. SEBASTIAN'S

We welcome to the parish the following families who have registered recently:

*Charles and Victoria Gavitt
Kevin and Maureen Nagle
Katie Buchard
Adam and Bridget Seigle*

TEACHING HOOPS SUMMER CAMP

At Saint Raphael's Academy, Pawtucket.

Week One July 9-13th

Week Two July 16-20th

Hours 8:30 am –3:30 pm, \$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

Your generosity has enabled St. Sebastian's to serve the people of God in this community. Continue to be a thread in the fabric of this church by leaving a bequest to St. Sebastian's in your will. For more information about memorial donations and legacy giving, please contact Msgr. Darcy at 751-0196.

THIS WEEK AT ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH

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| Sun. | 5/20 | Coffee Hour | 10:00 am |
| | | Community Outreach Committee | 10:00 am |
| Thurs. | 5/24 | Prayer Shawl Ministry | 7:00 pm |

CATHOLIC CHARITY DRIVE—FINAL PUSH

Gifts and pledges are still being gratefully received for the 2012 Charity Drive. We are now at \$70,000...still \$12K **short** of our parish goal. Our shortage this year is higher than it was last year with a goal of \$98K!! Please come forward and participate in the charitable work of the diocese for so many people. I'm struggling for an answer when other priests ask me: *"Why is St. Sebastian's not doing so well with the Charity Drive?"*

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The next meeting of the Prayer Shawl Ministry is scheduled for THIS Thursday May 24th in the church basement 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!

Our second Collection next weekend, May 26th-27th, is for the **HAITIAN PROJECT—OUR SCHOOLS**. We thank you for your generosity.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREATS

The Office of Life and Family Ministry offers a weekend retreat that provides post-abortive participants an opportunity to process their pain and sorrow. Those that do attend have an opportunity to form a spiritual connection with their child(ren) as well as the compassion and forgiveness of Jesus as they begin the journey toward healing. The next retreat will take place from Friday June 8th to Sunday June 10th. If you are interested in learning more about this special confidential retreat weekend please call 421-7833,x218.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH COMMITTEE

The next meeting of the Community Outreach Committee will be held TODAY, Sunday, May 20th at 10 am in the church hall. All are invited!