

# Church of St. Sebastian

## May 27, 2012 — Pentecost

### Scheduled Masses For This Week

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

**Sunday, May 27, Pentecost Sunday**  
9:00 am For the People

11:00 am Ernest Ardense, 10th anniversary  
-requested by Marilyn Ardense

**Monday, May 28, Weekday**  
~~~*Memorial Day*~~~*Holiday Mass Schedule*~~~

9:00 am Mass

**Tuesday, May 29, Weekday**  
7:00 am Mass

**Wednesday, May 30, Weekday**  
7:00 am Mass

**Thursday, May 31, The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

7:00 am Mass

**First Friday, June 1, Saint Justin, martyr**  
7:00 am Minnie Brennan, 8th anniversary  
-requested by Sean and Mary Brennan

5:30 pm Mass

### Next Weekend Masses

**Saturday, June 2, Vigil: The Most Holy Trinity**  
5:00 pm Mass

**Sunday, June 3, The Most Holy Trinity**  
9:00 am Mass

11:00 am Mass

Our Lady's Candle burns this week for Caroline Ross as requested by Greg and Susan Elliott.

#### WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT May 20, 2012

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|---------------------------------------------|----------------|
| <b># of Budget Envelopes Used This Week</b> | <b>70</b>      |
| <b>Contributions-Budgets and Checks</b>     | <b>\$2,919</b> |
| <b>Loose Contributions</b>                  | <b>\$ 509</b>  |
| <b>Total Offertory</b>                      | <b>\$3,428</b> |
| <b>Ascension Thursday</b>                   | <b>\$ 417</b>  |

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

You can register online at [www.Parishgiving.org](http://www.Parishgiving.org) or on our parish website at [www.stsebastianri.org](http://www.stsebastianri.org).

#### PASTOR'S CORNER

“Are you smarter than a Fifth Grader?” In terms of our Catholic faith, let me present the following question: After Easter, what is the most important celebration in the Church calendar?

- A - Christmas Day
- B -The Death of John the Baptist
- C - Pentecost
- D -The Annunciation

The correct answer is C, today's celebration of Pentecost. As the so-called birthday of the Church, the Spirit empowered and emboldened the Apostles to proclaim the Resurrection. Today, some **1 billion people**, yes, that's billion, profess their faith in the Catholic Church established by Christ. That's still 100 million more than *Face Book!*

What was Pentecost? The Jews celebrated it as a harvest festival celebrated 50 days after Passover. For the Christians, it commemorates the outpouring of the Spirit on the Apostles and Mary ten days after the return of the Lord to glory. The Acts of the Apostles highlights that numinous event. Fired-up (as it were) with the very Spirit of Jesus, they broke out of their timidity and proclaimed their faith in the Risen Christ. They literally died for that faith. Today? Well, draw your own conclusion. It would seem that for many, their faith is perhaps at best, an *acceptable* inconvenience.

We get fired-up about contemporary, political, financial issues...and rightly so. Do we bring that same level passion over into our lives as members of the Church and when we gather at Mass? Have we ever listened to intensity of the responses at Mass or the singing of our praise to God? I very respectfully invite you to do so. Would our level of excitement (mine and yours) make others want to join us as a people of faith?

*“Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle 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! Alleluia!”*

So ends the Easter Season, 2012

| <i>THIS WEEK AT ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH</i> |      |                   |                  |
|------------------------------------------|------|-------------------|------------------|
| Sun.                                     | 5/27 | Coffee Hour       | 10:00 am         |
| Mon.                                     | 5/28 | Memorial Day Mass | 9:00 am          |
| Fri.                                     | 6/1  | First Friday Mass | 7:00 am, 5:30 pm |

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**2012 WINE TASTING SUMMARY REPORT**

|                 |                    |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| Corporate Gifts | \$ 4,500.00        |
| Tickets         | \$ 5,500.00        |
| Silent Auction  | \$ 2,460.00        |
| Raffle          | \$ 975.00          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>    | <b>\$13,435.00</b> |

Congratulations to our Wine Tasting Chairs, **Grace Dugan, Greg Pizutti, LJ Gasbarro, and Caroline Calcagni**; to **Sue Leonard** for the Silent auction presentations; and to **Liz Arouth** for the Raffle Table. A special word of thanks to **Dave Belanger**, always working quietly behind the scenes setting up, organizing the food, and the clean up. **Special kudos to Mark Gasbarro of Gasbarro's Wines for his willingness to be with us again this year.** To all our corporate sponsors, auction donors, workers, and those who supported the event...**MANY, MANY THANKS** for a wonderful fund raiser to restore our custom built Rogers Pipe Organ.

**CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL: GETTING CLOSE**

Our parish total as of this week is at \$75,084.40. We are getting so close to making our parish goal. As your Pastor, *I'm never ashamed to beg for God's poor.* No matter what our income or resources, every family or individual should want to support our Church sponsored ministries to assist the poor and needy. Please consider a sacrificial gift to the Appeal. In the words of Jesus, *"When you did it for my brothers and sisters, you did it to Me."* Do you really want to say "No" to Him? Your gift may be forwarded to the rectory this week. Envelopes are available in the church vestibule. Thank you for caring enough to assist so many so less fortunate than the overwhelming majority at Saint Sebastian's.



**MEMORIAL DAY MASS**

The morning Mass will be celebrated at 9 am on Monday, May 28th.

**THANK YOU** to all our generous parishioners who provided items to Lucy's Hearth. The final delivery was made on May 18th and the staff and residents of Lucy's Hearth were very thankful.



**EASTSIDE MARKETPLACE RECEIPTS**

***Please remember to bring in your Eastside Marketplace grocery receipts and leave them in the marked box in the vestibule.*** Committee members will be tallying all receipts at their year-end meeting on June 9th. The parish receives 1% of the total, which the Outreach Committee then donates to worthy causes. Past recipients have included Bishop Tobin's emergency heating fund and the Sophia Academy. Thank you!

**BONE MARROW REGISTRY- BE THE MATCH!**

An area 14 year old is in *desperate* need of a bone marrow transplant. Joining the bone marrow registry only requires a cheek swab to test for a possible match. Testing will be done this Thursday at **The French American School** 75 John Street, Providence from 3-5:30 PM. Please share the word with family and friends.

**FIRST FRIDAY MASS— JUNE 1ST**

The First Friday Masses are celebrated at 7 am and 5:30 pm. Members of RI Chapter of the Order of Malta will be with us for the evening liturgy.

**MONTHLY MAINTENANCE COLLECTION  
NEXT WEEKEND**

Our Monthly Maintenance Collection helps defray the cost of maintaining our beautiful church, rectory and parish grounds. Please be generous to this important collection to continue necessary improvements on our parish property.

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

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