

Church of St. Sebastian
October 28, 2012 — Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scheduled Masses For This Week

Saturday, October 27, Vigil of the 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm Mass

Sunday, October 28, 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am For the Parish

11:00 am For Religious Freedom

-requested by M. Rachel and Jack Baxter

Monday, October 29, Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Tuesday, October 30, Weekday

7:00 am Peggy Corrigan and her caregivers

-requested by Rita Watson and Karin Schrott

Wednesday, October 31, Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Thursday, November 1, Solemnity of All Saints (HOLY DAY)

7:00 am Mass

5:30 pm Mass

First Friday, November 2, All Souls Day

7:00 am for Religious Freedom

-requested by M. Rachel and Jack Baxter

5:30 pm For All the Faithful Departed

Next Weekend Masses

Saturday, November 3, Vigil of 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm Louis Soper, 14th anniversary

-requested by his family

Sunday, November 4, 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Beatrice Dulgarian

-requested by Thomas and Farisa Mulvey

11:00 am For Parishioners Who Were Buried from Saint Sebastian's During the Past Year

NOVEMBER: THE MONTH OF ALL SOULS

We remember our faithful departed during the month of November. As the earth prepares for the sleep of winter, so our loved ones sleep awaiting the Resurrection. Families and friends have been invited to the 11:00 am Mass on Sunday, November 4th as the parish remembers all those buried from the parish Church this past year.

You may use the All Soul's Remembrance Envelope to list the names of those who will be remembered all through November. Their names will be in repose under the icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. You can return them in the regular Offertory basket.

Pastor's Corner

The initial response to the increased Offertory Campaign was in a word, 'humbling.' In the midst of our family and personal financial obligations, the need to reassess our involvement and support of the parish is very important. It can't be left to any one group in the parish; it's OUR parish and it can only survive because of our response. Some sobering facts need also be shared. Perhaps as many as **ten** priests may retire next year. We hope to ordain **two** deacons as priests with **one** newly ordained priest is returning from his fifth year of theology. Discussions in pastoral planning and priest personnel are underway for alternative staffing of parishes. Bishop Tobin has written in his own weekly column that some parishes will be merged, and some in desperate financial and demographic decline would be closed. (*"The Case of the Disappearing Priests,"* 5/24/12)

These are the realities of parishes and vocations today. We have begun to chart a new course for the parish, to strengthen it spiritually, to invite others to pray with us, and to consider prayerfully our sacrifice to help the parish survive for our grandchildren.

A parishioner actually made this comment to me: *"We haven't decided whether or not just to ignore your letter."* So that everyone knows how a professionally prepared campaign is run, each response card is bar coded and has a hologram on it. I completed and returned my card last Sunday. The envelopes are mailed to and scanned by the consultant, *Letter Concepts*. A thank you letter is sent promptly to a *responsive parishioner* thus ending further appeals. Unresponsive parishioners are contacted twice more before the campaign ends (early December). A final report is forwarded to the pastor and shared with the Finance Council. In summary: the case is made, a request is asked, a response is given (or 'ignored'), a thank you is received, and the parish is strengthened and survives. Our personal and family response is an important factor to the over-arching realities of the first paragraph above.

I will be inviting our new parishioners to a **"Meet and Greet"** at the rectory in a few weeks... no agenda, just a chance to meet them in an informal setting. Basically, being a pastor is all about "face time." Some have indicated their willingness to get involved. That will be great! The more the merrier, so invite friends to join us at St. Sebastian's!

Fr. Chris Maher, the Rector of our seminary, will be with you this weekend as I celebrate a wedding in NYC. See you next week... and spread the faith!

~Msgr. Darcy

FIRST FRIDAY MASS will be celebrated at both 7:00 am and 5:30 pm this Friday, NOVEMBER 2ND

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WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

October 21, 2012

of Budget Envelopes Used This Week 109 of 320

Contributions-Budgets and Checks	\$ 6,561
Loose Contributions	\$ 648
Total Offertory	\$ 7,209
World Mission Sunday	\$ 1,281

Sharing is caring! Please share in the weekly offering that reflects a sacrifice according to you current means. We need every family/parishioner to consider prayerfully a reasonable increase from their current level of weekly support.

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

You can register online at www.ParishGiving.org or at the parish website at www.stsebastianri.org.



The Year of Faith

---Save the Date---

Our next adult education session is on Sunday, November 18th at 6:30pm in the Church.

“MOSLEM- CHRISTIAN RELATIONS: HISTORY AND CONTEXT”

Dr. Sandra Keating teaches at Providence College and publishes in the area of comparative religion with an emphasis on Catholic-Muslim Relations, particularly theological exchange in the early medieval period.

She has published numerous articles and a book on relations between Muslims and Christians in the Middle East. Dr. Keating is a frequent speaker on various aspects of Muslim-Catholic relations, especially on the theology and historical background to contemporary issues in dialogue. She is a member of the USCCB Catholic-Muslim dialogue group, and served as a Consulter on the Vatican Commission for Religious Relations with Muslims. **Dr. Keating will be with us on Sunday, November 18 at 6:30 PM. All are welcome. Please call the rectory to register.**

Sponsored by the RI Chapter Order of Malta.

PARISH OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Our Parish Outreach Committee, under the co-chairs Harriet Kazarian and Mary-Ellen Fain, will be preparing for their Fall events. Keep the following items in mind: Free-will collection to feed the poor during the holidays, Share a Coat (We'll be collecting your **unused or extra winter coats only** to bring to the State House the day after Thanksgiving), Adopt-a-Family at Christmas, Christmas Giving Tree, and the Hat and Mitten Drive. **As always, bring in your Eastside Market Place receipts and place them in the box near the staircase to the choir loft.**



ADOPT-A-PRIEST APOSTOLATE 2012

The Apostolate of Mary, Mother of Priests and the Providence Serra Club invite parishioners to honor priests and support them by spiritually adopting a priest for one year (Sunday, October 28, 2012 through Monday, October 28, 2013). If you are interested in more information, or would like to be randomly assigned a Providence Diocesan priest to pray for on a daily basis, please contact RI Adopt-a-Priest at RIadoptapriest@aol.com; by phone at **401-783-1092**, or by mail by sending your name, address, parish, and phone number to: *RI Adopt-a-Priest, P.O. Box 668, Narragansett, RI 02882.*

<i>THIS WEEK AT ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH</i>			
Sun.	10/28	Community Outreach Comm.	10:00 am
		Religious Ed Grades 6-8	10:00 am
		Religious Ed Grades 9-10	6:30 pm
Mon.	10/29	Religious Ed Grades 1-5	3:30 pm
		R.C.I.A.	7:00 pm
Thurs.	11/1	All Saints Day Masses	7:00 am 5:30 pm
		Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm
Fri.	11/2	First Friday Masses	7:00 am 5:30 pm

Our Lady's Candle burns this week as an anniversary remembrance of Mario Marcone as requested by Belle Calenda.

Please keep our fellow parishioners and friends in your thoughts and prayers:
 Denise Walker, Beverly DiLello, Kathy McCaughey, Deborah Bessette, Peggy Corrigan, Beatrice Calvo Crozier, and Vilma O'Connor.
Please contact the rectory if you would like to add a person to our prayers.