

Church of St. Sebastian
September 16, 2012 — Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scheduled Masses For This Week

Saturday, September 15, Vigil: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm Marie Daniels, 7th anniversary
-requested by her nephew Ralph Daniels

Sunday, September 16, 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am For the People

11:00 am Joseph Arouth, 24th anniversary
-requested by his daughter Liz

Monday, September 17, Weekday

7:00 am Cecelia Cloutier
-requested by her friends

Tuesday, September 18, Weekday

7:00 am Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, September 19, Weekday

7:00 am Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, September 20, Saints Andrew Kim Taegon, Priest, Paul Chong Hasang, and Companions, Martyrs

7:00 am Mass

Friday, September 21, Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

7:00 am Mass

Next Weekend Masses

Saturday, September 22, Vigil: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm Lillian Almeida
-requested by John and Mary Cappelli

Sunday, September 23, 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am For the People

11:00 am Mae and Al Badeau, anniversary remembrance
-requested by their daughter Belle Calenda

WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

September 9, 2012

# of Budget Envelopes Used This Week	78
Contributions-Budgets and Checks	\$ 3,134
Loose Contributions	\$ 496
Total Offertory	\$ 3,630
Mission Co-op	\$ 2,331

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

As I mentioned in a homily a few weeks ago, how blessed are they who ask questions. Today's Gospel has Jesus ask a question, give a teaching, and then give a strong rebuke. Peter couldn't perceive a suffering Messiah. What is *our* perception?

My seminary classmate and I shared hours of conversation on vacation. Included is the fact that life is sometimes 'messy.' All of us are wounded, fragile, or even broken. Fr. Ted mentioned that last week when he spoke of the book, "*Haiti: The God of Tough Places, the Lord of Burnt Men.*" Jesus knew all this even as he selected his Apostles. He stilled lived the example that service is the hallmark of true discipleship. Our parish priests responded to that call of discipleship and followed the Lord. We are blessed with their service.

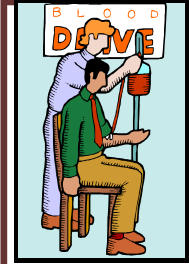
Today, the second collection supports the Senior Priests of the Diocese of Providence. Our parish joins 147 others in Rhode Island that helps supports our retired priests. These men have dedicated their adult lives to the service of God's people: through all our joys, the challenges, and even the sorrows that we experience along the journey to God.

Like so many defined benefit plans, our Senior Priest Retirement Fund that supports our retired priests is stressed and underfunded. The annual appeal to the Catholics of the Diocese of Providence helps to support them. Along with a meager Social Security, diocesan priests receive a monthly retirement stipend from which they pay for their room/ board/ rising medical care and auto insurance. Many still assist with parish and pastoral ministry throughout the diocese. These men, my brother priests, have tirelessly labored in the God's service. The Senior Priest Retirement Fund is one way we can show our appreciation for their life-long dedication to us. I thank you for your continued generosity for our retired priests in this weekend's second collection.

Things are getting busier at the parish level. Religious education classes have begun, social activities are being planned, and families are settling in to a more structured (and busy) fall season. Paramount is the religious education of a new generation. I encourage all our families to attend Mass weekly and to enroll their children in religious education. More news about all of this next week.

With prayers for the week!
~ Msgr. Darcy

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BLOOD DRIVE NEXT WEEKEND

The Parish **Blood Drive** will be held next Sunday, September 23rd from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm in the Church Hall. The Outreach Committee is sponsoring this worthy event.

Give Hope, Give Life, Give Blood

SING PRAISE: CHOIR REHEARSALS

Choir rehearsals are held Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm in the Fr. Randall Room. New voices are always welcome! If you enjoy singing the praises of God, consider joining this ministry for the 11:00 am Sunday Mass.

PARISH BOOK CLUB

Our first meeting is THIS Wednesday, September 19th at 7:30 pm in the Fr. Randall Room. We'll be discussing The Pickwick Papers by Charles Dickens. Everyone (members, postulants and novices) is encouraged to join us and bring suggestions for future readings.

Knit in Prayer

The next meeting of our Prayer Shawl Ministry will be THIS Tuesday September 19th in the Fr. Randall Room. We're continuing to make prayer shawls but will be discussing ideas and patterns for small Baptism Blankets which will be given to our newest parishioners when they are baptized. Call Pat Capece 274-8632 or Elaine Kehoe 273-4259 with ideas or questions. Please join us in this lovely way to spread joy to others.

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

Kathy McCaughy, Betty Mullaney, Steve Ungar, 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.

BABYSITTING DURING MASS: A PARISH INQUIRY

Some interest has been voiced about possibly offering babysitting for pre-school children probably during 9 AM Sunday Mass. Our diocesan policy for the Protection of Children and Young People will require background checks for adult sitters. It will require a real commitment and some organization from those interested. A sign up list is available in the front hallway to register your interest. Three parishioners have volunteered to date. Confirmation students can volunteer to assist with an adult present.

IF IT'S FALL, IT'S TIME FOR OKTOBERFEST

The parish celebration of **OKTOBERFEST** will take place on Saturday, October 13th from 6:00 to 9:00 pm in the Church Hall. Bratwurst steamed in beer with (or without) sauerkraut, German-style potato salad, spinach ravioli in chicken broth, pretzels with a selection of mustards, German chocolate cake and coffee will be the fare while enjoying Bavarian music and refreshments. Reservations required for the first 100 people. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$10 for children age 18 and younger.



Name: _____

Number Attending: _____

Amount: \$ _____

Please return in a marked envelope either to the rectory or in the collection basket to reserve a place at the exciting and fun parish event. A lot of excitement, so get your reservation in quick!

RCIA: BECOMING A MEMBER OF THE CHURCH

A number of adults have expressed their desire to receive instructions on becoming a member of the Catholic Church. Msgr. Darcy will be conducting these classes for these candidates. For further information please email him at Msgrdarcy@gmail.com.

"DO YOU HEAR WHAT I HEAR...?!"

A parishioner, who wishes no publicity, has generously responded and donated a beautiful upright piano to the parish. It will be used for choir rehearsals in the Fr. Randall Room. A big **THANK YOU** for your wonderful donation!

THIS WEEK AT ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH

Sun.	9/16	Religious Ed—Grades 5-8	10:00 am
		Religious Ed—Grades 9-10	6:30 pm
Mon.	9/17	NO CCD—Grades 1-4	NO CLASS
Tue	9/18	Prayer Shawl Ministry	7:00 pm
Wed	9/19	Book Club	7:30 pm
Thur	9/20	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm