

Church of St. Sebastian
September 2, 2012 — Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scheduled Masses For This Week

Saturday, September 1, Vigil: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm For the People

Sunday, September 2, 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Beatrice Dulgarian

-requested by Thomas and Farsa Mulvey

11:00 am Mass

Monday, September 3, St. George the Great

~~Holiday Mass Schedule~~

9:00 am Mass

Tuesday, September 4, Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Wednesday, September 5, Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Thursday, September 6, Weekday

7:00 am For the intentions of Kathy McCaughey

Friday, September 7, Weekday

7:00 am Susan Sullivan, for a successful surgery

-requested by a friend

Next Weekend Masses

Saturday, September 8, Vigil: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm Mass

Sunday, September 9, 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am For the People

11:00 am Eugene and Etta Gallant

SICK CALLS AND VISITS

Please inform the rectory if a relative would like a Communion visit during their stay at a hospital, rehab, or nursing home. You are *not* imposing! Please call the rectory to have Msgr. Darcy visit them.

WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

August 26, 2012

of Budget Envelopes Used This Week 63

Contributions-Budgets and Checks \$2,839

Loose Contributions \$ 486

Total Offertory \$3,325

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

Happy Labor Day! We welcome Fr. Jeremy Rodrigues, the Administrative Assistant to Bishop Tobin, and Fr. Tim Reilly, Diocesan Chancellor, to the parish this weekend. They are with you during my motor trip to Quebec and Maine. Welcome again to St. Sebastian's! You will enjoy the community.

I'm writing this two weeks in advance. As you will read elsewhere in the bulletin, things are getting busy again at the parish. For our new parishioners, don't be bashful! Why not think of joining us for one or all the events being planned for the fall.

And speaking of joining us, are there any students who would be interested in serving Mass? We can see it is a challenge especially in the summer months, but now that school is beginning, family schedules are more regular again. Parents should encourage their children to think about it. Or, why not have a Dad/Son, or a Mom/Daughter serving together as we think a bit outside the box? It would be a great sign value to the entire parish. How about some of our dating and/or married couples? Talk it over. Ms. Marie graciously prepares the schedule and will be very accommodating of yours. If there are interested parishioners out there...think about joining me with a *reserved seat* at Mass!!

My classmate and friend the Rt. Rev. Mark Cooper, OSB will be blessed as the Fifth Abbot of St. Anselm Abbey on Sept. 10. The abbatial blessing is one of the oldest rites in the Church. Please remember +Abbot Mark on that day.

The unofficial end of the summer 2012 brings us to the RI Primary on September 11. Polls are open from 6 am to 9 pm. It's a privilege and a real obligation to vote even in the primary. Read, evaluate, pray, and then vote. See you next week.

Enjoy the holiday!
Monsignor Darcy

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

Betty Mullaney, Steve Ungar, Deborah Bessette, Peggy Corrigan, Beatrice Calvo Crozier, and Vilma O'Connor.

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SAVE THE DATE- UPCOMING EVENTS

Here are some parish activities be planned in the next few months;

Sunday, September 16	Catechetical Sunday
Sunday, September 30	Pancake Breakfast
Saturday, October 13	Oktoberfest
Monday, October 15	“For Women Only!”
<i>A talk for women by Genevieve Kineke</i>	
Saturday, November 17	Pasta Night!

SING PRAISE: CHOIR REHEARSALS BEGINNING!

Choir rehearsals begin on Thursday, September 13th at 7:30 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 AM Sunday Mass.

“CALLING A PIANO?”

Plans are in progress to bring the baby grand piano into the choir area to enhance the liturgy *and* case we lose electrical power to the organ! If anyone is interested in donating a piano in very good condition for use in the Fr. Randall Room, please call the rectory, 751-0196.

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. Confirmation students can volunteer to assist with an adult present.

Our **Prayer Shawl Ministry** will meet at 7:00 pm on the first and third ***Tuesday*** of each month. The next meeting will be ***this Tuesday*** September 4th 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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS:

CLASSES AND REGISTRATION

The Religious Education Program **classes begin next week. Grades 6-10 start Sunday, September 9th. Grades 1-5 begin Monday September 10th.**

Please find the registration forms on our website: www.stsebastianri.org, Use the full Registration Form for students attending for the first time; and the Re-Registration Form for returning students. There is a Registration Fee of \$30 per student. New students must also provide a copy their Baptismal Certificate if he/she was not baptized here at St. Sebastian Church. ***Please return all forms and payment to Ms. Marie Brito at 67 Cole Avenue, Providence, RI 02906 or drop them in the collection basket.***

TEACHERS

The Religious Education Program is in need of both a third grade teacher and a fourth grade teacher. If you are interested in one of these positions, please contact Ms. Marie at the Rectory at 272-6062 or leave a note in the collection basket with your contact information.

The Office of Marriage Preparation and Enrichment is sponsoring its Sixth Annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Celebration on Sunday September 23rd at 1:00 pm at the Cathedral. Diocesan Couples observing their 25th, 40th, 50th or over wedding anniversary in 2012 will be honored at this Mass. The Celebration will include the Mass, Renewal of Marriage Vows and the opportunity for a picture with Bishop Tobin. Light refreshments will be offered following Mass. For more information call 278-4576.

PARISH BOOK CLUB

Our first meeting is on 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.

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