

Church of St. Sebastian
September 9, 2012 — Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scheduled Masses For This Week

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

Monday, September 10, Weekday

7:00 am Grace Pimentel

-requested by Tony and Maria Sousa

Tuesday, September 11, Weekday

7:00 am Victims of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks

Wednesday, September 12, Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Thursday, September 13, Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

7:00 am For Religious Freedom

Friday, September 14, The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

7:00 am Mass

Next Weekend Masses

Saturday, September 15, Vigil: 24rd 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

WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

September 2, 2012

of Budget Envelopes Used This Week 58

Contributions-Budgets and Checks \$ 3,094

Loose Contributions \$ 481

Total Offertory \$ 3,575

Monthly Maintenance \$ 1,305

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

Certain private confidential conversations between two persons (and usually *only* those two persons) enjoy protection under law: between spouses, the priest/penitent, the doctor/patient, and the attorney/client. The Code of Canon Law (cc. 983, §1) uses the word, *nefas*, a very strong word, in Church law. It means that an action is absolutely forbidden or abominable. Any priest who willingly violates the seal of confession incurs an automatic excommunication especially reserved to the Holy See. (*latae sententiae Sedi Apostolicae reservatam*). The penal discipline can include dismissal from the clerical state.

Although in today's Gospel Jesus and the deaf man have a private healing moment during which the man is healed, Jesus told the man's *friends* "not to tell anyone." Sorry, Jesus...not a privileged conversation. The friends didn't respect his request. On the contrary, they PROCLAIMED it! In other words, the miracle, and our Catholic faith, was too good to be kept private and quiet.

The Church is embarking on a Year of Faith. I'm planning to have various presentations to help deepen our Catholic faith in the months ahead. I'll have more news for you in a few weeks.

On the mundane temporal side, bids are being received for a natural gas furnace for the rectory (mostly covered with the remaining rectory repair fund), gutter guards on the Church, tree pruning, and Church kitchen repairs are all underway. Thank you for your financial support for these important but unglamorous realities of parish life. We are working together to improve the parish *spiritually, communally, and physically*. The ranking is purposeful ...without the first two, the last just won't happen.

Blessings for the week!

Monsignor Darcy

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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!”**
A talk for women by Genevieve Kineke
- Saturday, November 17 **Pasta Night!**


SING PRAISE: CHOIR REHEARSALS BEGINNING!
 Choir rehearsals begin THIS THURSDAY, September 13th 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 AM Sunday Mass.

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.
Please contact the rectory if you would like to add a person to our prayers.

YOUNG ADULT MASS

Help us kick off the 2012-2013 YAM season with prayer, fellowship, and celebration. Join us! THIS MONDAY, September 10th, St. Philip Church, Greenville, RI.
 6:15-6:45 pm: Adoration and Confessions available.
 7:00-7:45 pm: Mass| Celebrant Fr. George Nixon.
 7:45-8:30 pm: Refreshments| Presentation by Fr. Nixon, *Encountering the Word: Reading the Scriptures with Faith* followed by discussion.
 8:30 –9:00 pm: Social!

“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.

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.

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.

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.

THIS WEEK AT ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH			
Sun.	9/9	Religious Ed	10:00 am
		Religious Ed	6:30 pm
Mon.	9/10	Religious Ed	3:30 pm
Thurs	9/13	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm