

Church of St. Sebastian
July 13, 2014 — Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scheduled Masses For This Week

Saturday, July 12, Vigil: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm Elizabeth F. Wardell, 10th anniversary
-requested by Marybeth Wardell

Sunday, July 13, 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Anthony T. Walentukonis, 20th anniversary
-requested by his son Allen and Albert
11:00 am For the Parishioners

Monday, July 14, Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin

7:00 am Vivienne Cote, 10th anniversary

Tuesday, July 15, Saint Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

7:00 am Mass

Wednesday, July 16, Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Thursday, July 17, Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Friday, July 18, Saint Benedict, Abbot

7:00 am Mass

Next Weekend Masses

Saturday, July 19, Vigil: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm Evelyn Mastriano, anniversary remembrance
-requested by her family

Sunday, July 20, 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am For the Parishioners
11:00 am Mass

BABYSITTING AT THE 9:00 AM MASS

It's a great service for parents and the parish. Please be welcome to attend Mass while having your child in a secure environment with approved caregivers. They gather on the stage area in the Church Hall. If anyone would like to give a helping hand, please call Karin Schrott at 401-465-7444. The small team welcomes help.

*Let us pray for the repose of the soul of
Vivienne Cote
whose love for our parish was shown in a
bequest to St. Sebastian Church.
We remember her in gratitude and offer
Monday's 7:00 am Mass for her this week.
May she rest in the peace of the Lord.*

THE PASTOR'S CORNER

The liturgical year has returned to Ordinary Time. The Gospel proclaims the preaching and healing ministry of the Lord according to Matthew. This week is the parable of the sower. The parables always offer insight into the Kingdom of God. Enjoy them over these next few months.

It's hard to believe that one year ago I was preparing to depart for sabbatical, now, they're coming to us. Some scholars and doctoral students from the *École Biblique* will be coming here at the end of the month for the Catholic Biblical Association meeting at Providence College. It will be a wonderful opportunity to offer hospitality to them as they to me in Jerusalem last August to November. More news within the week!

And speaking of Jerusalem, the pilgrimage is scheduled from October 20th – 30th. Three slots have opened due to personal issues, *and not due to the unfortunate sporadic unrest*. I have room for a woman to share a room, and another double room available. Please call me ASAP if you want additional information. I will be advertising the available spaces next week.

The 2014 Catholic Charity Fund appeal was a huge success at the parish. **Our goal of \$79,980 was leveled with a generous response of \$106,134.00! The Diocesan Stewardship Office was quite impressed with our efforts.** Again, I want to thank all those who contributed, large or small, to the Appeal. Our small parish has helped the Diocese reach the \$8 million goal! As your pastor, I am very grateful to you for your generous spirit as if to Christ Himself.

Finally, I do hope many of you have the opportunity to enjoy this beautiful summer weather. It's great not hearing the furnace turning on for another few months!!

Enjoy the week.

~Monsignor Darcy

MONTHLY PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Names of friends, family, and fellow parishioners for whom prayers are asked will be listed monthly. If you would like a person included in next month's Prayers for the Sick please call the rectory. **Maureen, Caroline, Deborah Bessette, Sue Hazard, Benita, Betty Mullaney, Maureen, Sue, Theresa, Chris, and Michelle.**

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HOSPITAL VISITATION

Parishioners are encouraged to call the parish office if they or a family member would like a pastoral visit either at the hospital or nursing home by Msgr. Darcy. Hospitals no longer inform houses of worship of the admission of patients due to the laws protecting the right to privacy.

THE CHURCH AGAIN IS IN HOT WATER!!

The Church hot water tank let go on the 4th of July after 16 years! A new one has been installed with the proceeds from the Monthly Maintenance Collection. Thank you for your ongoing generosity.

MARY HOUSE - ST. PATRICK'S PARISH OUTREACH MINISTRY in Providence, is in need of volunteers for their soup kitchen on Mondays from 3:30 to 5:30 pm. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact them at 274-6286 or maryhouser1@gmail.com.

SUMMER PARISH GIVING

As summer continues, our parish charitable giving needs to be maintained. Please remember our joint stewardship responsibility to support the parish during the summer. You may consider *Parish Giving*, our electronic stewardship program for parish contributions. You can register online on our website www.stsebastianri.org.

PARISH BOOK CLUB SUMMER READING

The Parish Book Club has adjourned for the summer months. Our summer reading is *Goldfinch* by Donna Tartt. Enjoy your reading!

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Parish Prayer Shawl Ministry meets this Tuesday and will continue to meet the first and third Tuesday of each month throughout the summer at 7 pm in the Fr. Randall Room. If you are aware of someone who would benefit from receiving a prayer shawl, please call the rectory.



PARISH SUMMER COOKOUT

Our summer cookout will be on **Saturday July 26th** after the 5:00 pm Mass. Usual summer fare will be offered. Suggested donation is \$5 per person. Bring a lawn chair, and enjoy a summer evening on the lawn. More information is provided on the sign-up board in the front hallway. Join us!

WELCOME TO THE FAITH!

The parish celebrates the baptism of **Sofia Alessandra Rose, Emma Kristina Pizzuti, and Owen Sandby-Thomas**. We congratulate their parents and their siblings.

SAVE THE DATE ...SAVE THE DATE

OUR 100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Initial plans are underway to prepare for the **100th ANNIVERSARY** of our parish on Saturday, **October 17, 2015**. The Saturday evening Mass will be followed by dinner and dancing at the Wannamoisett Country Club in Rumford. **One table is already reserved!!** Several committees will be formed soon to coordinate this historic event in our parish history. There will be more news as we move forward, in the meantime dig out those old photo albums of yours and share any pictures you may have of the parish. We will digitize them and return the originals to you.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE PROJECTS

The Outreach Committee asks that we be mindful of the hungry throughout the coming summer season. Non-perishable foods are needed year round; so remember to bring a few items to Church each week and place them in the boxes near the choir loft stairs.

Also, please remember to continue to bring in your Eastside Marketplace grocery receipts and leave them in the marked box in the vestibule throughout the summer. The parish receives 1% of the total, which is then donated to worthy causes. Thank you.