

# Church of St. Sebastian

## April 10, 2016 - Third Sunday of Easter

### Scheduled Masses For This Week

**Saturday, April 9, Vigil: Third Sunday of Easter**

5:00 pm Robert F. Connelly  
-requested by David and Mary Jo Reedy

**Sunday, April 10, Third Sunday of Easter**

9:00 am Intentions of Parishioners  
11:00 am Robert Canuel, month's mind  
-requested by friends

**Monday, April 11, St. Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr**

7:00 am Mass

**Tuesday, April 12, Easter Weekday**

7:00 am Mass  
7:25 am Novena Prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

**Wednesday, April 13, Easter Weekday**

7:00 am Mass

**Thursday, April 14, 2016**

7:00 am Mass

**Friday, April 15, Easter Weekday**

7:00 am Mass

### Next Weekend Masses

**Saturday, April 16, Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Easter**

5:00 pm Intentions of Parishioners

**Sunday, April 17, Fourth Sunday of Easter**

9:00 am Mass  
11:00 am Dr. Daniel Calenda, 11th anniversary  
-requested by Mrs. Belle Calenda and family

#### WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

*Due to an early deadline, the collection information is not available at this time.*

***A sincere thank you for your support!***

**Please remember  
St. Sebastian Parish  
in your Will and Estate**

#### Parish Meetings and Activities

4/10	Rel. Ed, Grades 6-8	10 am	Classrooms
	Adult Choir	10 am	Fr. Randall Room
	Children's Choir	10 am	Side Chapel
	Rel. Ed, Grades 9-10	6:30 pm	Classrooms
4/11	Rel. Ed, Grades 1-5	4:00 pm	Classrooms

#### EASTER SEASON/SPRING FOOD COLLECTION

The Outreach Committee thanks parishioners for their ongoing contributions of food for the hungry in our community. All donations go to Mary House at St. Patrick Church in Providence.

Please remember those who are hungry in our annual Easter Season/Spring Food Collection drive beginning this weekend of April 9 – 10 through the end of April. Envelopes are in the pews for those who wish to donate by cash or check, but donations of food continue to be collected at the back of the church. Please place the envelopes in the collection baskets. Many thanks to all for their support for the hungry.

Please consider enrolling in Parish Giving, our electronic stewardship program for parish contributions. You can register online at [www.Parishgiving.org](http://www.Parishgiving.org) or on our parish website at [www.stsebastianri.org](http://www.stsebastianri.org).

**BABYSITTING DURING THE 9:00 AM MASS** is growing...like the children! It would be very helpful to have a few more adults with this great service for the worshipping community. Please contact Karin Schrott at [karinschrott@gmail.com](mailto:karinschrott@gmail.com) or 401-465-7444 for more information. *BCI checks are mandatory for all adults working with minors.*

#### **PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

Prayers are asked for these friends, family, and fellow parishioners. If you would like someone included in the Prayers for the Sick please call the rectory. **Frances Geary, Mary Shea, Maureen Kenner, Sandy C., Sylvia Loferski, Carl Robert Dahm, John Haddad, Bob, and Bob K.**

Our **PARISH BOOK CLUB** will meet Wednesday, April 20th at 7 am in the Fr. Randall Room to discuss It Can't Happen Here by Sinclair Lewis. New members are always welcome.

The "**KNIT IN PRAYER**" **PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** is celebrating the completion of our fourth year and we're happy to say that we've made and donated over 150 prayer shawls (including baptism blankets). Past, present and future members of the "Knit in Prayer" Ministry are invited to join us at a self-pay luncheon at the Wine and Cheese Restaurant (1861 Smith Street, North Providence) on Wednesday, April 20 at 12 noon. Call Pat Capece (274-8632) or Elaine Kehoe (273-4259) by Monday, April 18th to make a reservation.

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**MY DEAR PARISHIONERS,**

I'd like to wrap up the 2016 Catholic Charity Appeal. So here are a few thoughts and if you haven't donated yet, please consider contributing.

**2016 CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL**  
**"Faith and Good Works"**

**Supports 39 Diocesan Ministries and Programs That Serve Over 200,000 Rhode Islanders Annually**

*"Everyone who listens to these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock."* (Mat. 7:24) It's all there. But what goes unmentioned is how difficult it is. It isn't easy to build on rock. It's so much easier to build on sand. Living the gospel is hard work. Following the teachings of Christ is hard work. But it pays off. It's so much easier to NOT try to be perfect and holy, NOT to be kind and generous. It's easier to be just good enough to get by. It's easier to just settle for sand. How can we possibly live out the gospel? During Lent we are presented a unique opportunity to live the gospel. The Catholic Charity Appeal. We can help build up the foundation of the Kingdom of God. For the cost of one Dunkin Donuts coffee per week (\$150 for 10 months/\$15 per month we can:

Help an elderly couple pay for their prescriptions rather than not pay their electric bill.

Help a single mother keep the heat on rather than forgo buying food for her children.

Welcome a refugee from war torn areas of the world and help them settle here in RI.

Provide dignity to a dying patient in an Alzheimer's unity at St. Antoine.

Bring God's mercy to those behind bars who desperately need it.

Provide a warm bed for a homeless person at Emmanuel house

There are many ways our donations help to build the foundation of our faith in this state. Each year the Catholic Charity Appeal calls to look beyond our living room, to see beyond our parish boundaries, and reach out to a stranger in need. The many agencies of our Church, who daily provide assistance, support, and help, also daily make present the Lord himself. The Lord is calling us today to help once again. He calls us not to simply give from our surplus but to truly sacrifice for our brothers and sisters in need. *"Everyone who listens to these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock."* Let us build our house on the rock foundation of faith, hope, and charity.

—Msgr. Montecalvo

**Confirmation and First Communion Dates**

**Confirmation: Thursday, May 5th**  
**at 6:00 pm**

**Most Reverend Robert C. Evans, D.D., J.C.L.**

**First Communion: Sunday, May 15th**  
**at the 9:00 am Mass**

*All parishioners are invited to these Masses and to the receptions following to celebrate and show our support.*

On the first Sunday of every month please join us for **COFFEE & CRAFTS** after the 9 am Mass in the Church Hall.

May 1<sup>st</sup> - Outside Activity (weather permits)

All ages welcome for crafts! If you have ideas for future crafts, please contact Grace Dugan [dugan@dugancustomjewelers.com](mailto:dugan@dugancustomjewelers.com)

**THE HOLY LAND OLIVE WOOD CARVINGS**

This weekend the finest olive wood products made authentically by the Christian families who live in Bethlehem and Jerusalem will be for sale in the church vestibule.

*The goals of Bethlehem Christian Families include:*

-Improving the economic condition of the Christian communities in the Holy Land, which has been acutely affected by a drastic drop in sales. Sales have diminished as pilgrims and tourists avoid the instability in the middle east region and there is an absence of a strong export market. Unemployment, skilled craftsmen are leaving their profession- Encouraging families to remain in the Holy Land by alleviating their economic plight through job development

-Revitalizing this traditional art industry, which is slowly disappearing

-Creating job opportunities for craftsmen and encouraging apprenticeship