

Church of St. Sebastian
April 2, 2017 - Fifth Sunday of Lent

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, APRIL 1, VIGIL: FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

5:00 pm ANNE M DANIELS, 11th anniversary, by her husband and family

SUNDAY, APRIL 2, FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

9:00 am Mass

11:00 am BEATRICE D TEMKIN, 1st anniversary, by her family

Monday, APRIL 3

7:00 am FOR PEACE IN THE WORLD

5:30 pm BOB STORY, by Irene Ziegler

6:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Tuesday, APRIL 4

7:00 am FOR INCREASED VOCATIONS TO
 PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE

7.25 am Novena Prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

5:30 pm ROBERT COTTER, by Irene Ziegler

Wednesday, APRIL 5

7:00 am FOR THOSE PREPARING FOR MARRIAGE

5:30 pm JOAN C ANDREWS, 9th anniversary, by Jonathan and Regina Andrews

Thursday, APRIL 6

7:00 am FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH

5:30 pm GEORGE GAREDO, for a speedy recovery, by Irene Ziegler

Friday, APRIL 7

7:00 am INTENTIONS OF CELEBRANT

5:30 pm Mass

SATURDAY, APRIL 8, VIGIL: PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

5:00 pm BARBARA WARLICK LAWRENCE, Memorial Mass, by Joan Soper

SUNDAY, APRIL 9, PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

9:00 am Mass

My Dear Parishioners,

One of the many great devotions in the life of the Church is the Stations of the Cross. For some reason the Church's public praying the Stations usually is celebrated only during the season of Lent. When I arrived at St. Sebastian's I discovered that the Stations of the Cross were prayed on Monday evenings.

I have come to the conclusion that Monday evenings might not be the most convenient time to pray the Stations of the Cross. Some parents already bring their sons and daughters to religious education classes on Mondays by 4 pm. They find it difficult to get their son and daughter, have dinner and then return to St. Sebastian's church either for Mass at 5:30 or for the Stations of the Cross at 6:00 p.m. So I think next year I will change Stations of the Cross from Monday evenings to another night.

The Stations of the Cross tell a story. They begin with the first Station of Jesus being condemned to death by Pilate. Jesus is then forced to carry his cross (which should give us comfort as we struggle to carry the crosses we have in our lives). During the Stations Jesus falls three times. As sinners we too are weak and at times experience weakness in the face of temptations. Jesus encounters different people along the way. These people (Mary His Mother, Veronica, Simon of Cyrene, the women of Jerusalem, and Joseph of Arimathea) remind us of the many kindnesses we receive from different people along of life's journey. We also see Jesus stripped of his clothing, nailed to the cross, spit upon and humiliated. There are many lessons we can learn as we watch Jesus experience these things in His life. Jesus finally dies on the cross. Jesus faces His death with conviction that God His Father would take care of Him even in death.

The Stations of the Cross is our story. Please mark your calendars so you can attend Stations of the Cross on Good Friday when we celebrate this great meditation! Let us walk this road together in Holy Week which is only two weeks away!

Mons. Montecalvo

Parish Meetings and Activities

4/2	Religious Ed	10 am	Classrooms
4/3	Religious Ed	4 pm	Classrooms
	Stations of the Cross	6 pm	Church
4/4	Prayer Shawl Ministry	7 pm	Fr. Randall Rm

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. *Bartholomew Steib, Natalie Swift, Leah Davis, Frances Geary, Sandy C., John Haddad, Bob, Sylvia L., and Bob K.*

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EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS

Parishioners and friends wishing to donate Easter flowers in memory of your loved ones can use the envelopes provided in the vestibule or in your monthly budgets.

We ask that you please print their names legibly for inclusion in our memorial list. Their names will also be included in our Masses during the entire Easter season.

Thank you to all who prepared our Saturday evening Lenten Recollection. A big thank you to Karin Schrott and the members of the our Parish Outreach Committee, Al and Barbara Badre, Grace, Marie, Jamie, David, and the youth who set up the hall. I want to thank Kerry for sharing her faith and her witness to mercy.

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 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.

Next week's second collection is Operation Rice Bowl and Catholic Relief Services. Thank you for your continued generosity.

LENTEN PROJECT — IMMIGRATION & REFUGEE SERVICES

The Community Outreach Committee is collecting items during Lent for the Diocese of Providence's Immigration & Refugee Services to welcome refugee families to Rhode Island. The items needed are toiletries, cleaning supplies, baby products, and school supplies.

Kindly place the items in the bin located in the vestibule. Any questions, contact Karin Schrott at 401-465-7444 or karinschrott@gmail.com. Thank you for your kindness and support of our Lenten Projects.

+++ HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE +++

Monday: 7 am Mass at St Sebastian's & 5 pm Chrim Mass at the Cathedral

Tuesday: Mass at 7 am & 5:30 pm

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Holy Thursday - 7 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10 pm

Good Friday - 3 pm Stations of the Cross

Good Friday - 7 pm Liturgy of the Passion

Holy Saturday - 7:15 pm Solemn Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday - 9 am Mass & 11 am Choir Mass

Please Note: There will be No evening Mass or Stations of the Cross on Monday.

There will be NO 5 PM SATURDAY MASS OR CONFESSIONS ON HOLY SATURDAY.

The 2017 Catholic Charity Appeal is more than just another collection. It is the way by which every Catholic shares in the work of our diocese and the mission of the Church.

Parish Goal: \$79,822.00

Actual to Date: \$37,435.00

Amount Needed for Goal: \$42,837.00

Number of Families: 72

Number of Cash Gifts: 62

Number of Pledge Gifts: 10

THANK YOU to all families and individuals who made sandwiches for Emmanuel House in March. And to the Community Outreach volunteers who transported all the delicious sandwiches to Emmanuel House and organized this annual Lenten Project!

WEEKLY PARISH FINANCES

MARCH 26, 2017

Contributions at Mass	\$ 4,512.00
Online Contributions	\$ 566.00
Total Offertory	\$ 5,078.00
Expenses This Week	\$ 7,177.00

A sincere thank you for your support!

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.