

Church of St. Sebastian
February 4, 2018 - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

SAT., FEB. 3, VIGIL: FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORD. TIME

5:00 pm Mass

SUN., FEBRUARY 4, FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORD. TIME

9:00 am Mass

11:00 am EMILY KABALA, 12th anniversary, req. by James S Kabala

Monday, FEBRUARY 5, Saint Agatha, Virgin & Martyr

7:00 am FOR THOSE HELPED BY THE CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL

Tuesday, FEBRUARY 6, Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs

7:00 am FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD
7.25 am Novena Prayers - Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Wednesday, FEBRUARY 7

7:00 am FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Thursday, FEBRUARY 8

7:00 am FOR THOSE WHO MOST NEED OUR PRAYERS

Friday, FEBRUARY 9

7:00 am INTENTIONS OF CELEBRANT

SAT., FEB. 10, VIGIL: SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORD. TIME

5:00 pm Mass

SUN., FEBRUARY 4, SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORD. TIME

9:00 am URSULA SHEA, 3rd anniversary, requested by her husband and family

11:00 am MASS OF HEALING for Diane Lakeland

DAILY ROSARY

Start your day in quiet prayer. Please join fellow parishioners in contemplation as we pray The Rosary, Monday through Friday at 6:40 am, before daily Mass.

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. *Diane C., Susan Porter, Natalie Swift, Leah Davis, Frances Geary, Sandy C., John Haddad, Bob, Robert Calso, Bob K and Kathy D'Amico.*

My dear parishioners,

We are less than 10 days from the beginning of Lent and I would like to share a few thoughts with you. Ash Wednesday falls on the 14th of February (Valentine's Day) . As I mentioned at last weekend's Masses Ash Wednesday is always a day of fast and abstinence. (Just to review - there are only two fast days in the entire calendar year. These two days are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.) All Catholics from age 18 until 59 are obliged to fast on these two days. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal.

Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards. Please stand out on Ash Wednesday (Valentine's Day). Plan ahead and go out with the spouse or significant other on Tuesday or Thursday.

Masses and the Distribution of Ashes will be celebrating on Ash Wednesday at 7:00 am and at 5:30 pm. Although Ash Wednesday is not a Holy Day of Obligation, it is a day of great devotion. There is no better way to begin the holy season of Lent than to attend Mass and be sealed with ashes.

Two daily Masses will be celebrated Monday through Friday during Lent. We will continue to celebrate the 7:00 am Mass and I will also celebrate a 5:30 pm Mass.

Stations of the Cross will be celebrated on Fridays following the 5:30 pm Mass, at 6:00 pm. Please take a copy of 'The Magnificat - Lenten Companion.' This Lenten Companion provides each of us a daily 5 to 15 minute devotion for our preparation for Easter.

Our parish Day of Reflection will be held on Saturday, March 3rd. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend

Well, have a good week..

--Monsignor Montecalvo

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PARISH PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY meets the first and third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm in the Fr. Randall Room to make prayer shawls and small Baptism Blankets. Our next scheduled get-together is **Tuesday February 6th**. Call Pat Capece 274-8632 with ideas or questions. New members are always welcome. **WE EVEN SUPPLY THE YARN AND NEEDLES!**

RHODE ISLAND CATHOLIC'S ANNUAL FEBRUARY SUBSCRIPTION CAMPAIGN is underway. To receive or renew a year of in-home delivery of the diocese's national award-winning weekly newspaper for **\$30**, place the specially marked Subscription Drive weekly parish budget envelope into the collection basket, visit www.thericatholic.com or call 272-1100.

During the **COLD AND FLU SEASON** we will verbally offer each other the Sign of Peace. Communion will be restricted to the Body of Christ. Pray for those who are sick during this winter season.

The next **Community Outreach Committee** meeting is next Sunday, February 11th at 10 am in the church hall. We look forward to your joining us!

The Parish Book Club will meet Wednesday February 21st at 7 pm in the Fr. Randall Room to discuss The Hummingbird's Daughter by Luis Alberto Urrea. Please join us, new members are always welcome!

EASTSIDE MARKETPLACE RECEIPTS

Please remember to bring in your Eastside Marketplace grocery receipts and leave them in the wooden box in the vestibule. The parish receives 1% of the total amount that parishioners spend at EastSide Marketplace, but only if you turn in your receipts. This is a great way that we as a parish can help the Outreach Committee. In the past we used money to, among other things, help fund our charitable outreach to St. Patrick's Parish.

Parish Meetings and Activities

2/4	Rel. Ed., Grades 6-8	10 am	Classrooms
	Coffee and Crafts	10 am	Church Hall
2/5	Rel. Ed., Grades 1-5	4 pm	Classroom
	Prayer Shawl Ministry	7 pm	Fr Randall Rm

2018 MASS INTENTIONS **MASS AND CANDLE STIPEND POLICY**

The 2018 Mass Book is available to schedule both Mass Intentions and Intentions for Our Lady's Candle. The requested Mass Stipend is \$25. Our Lady's Candle's Stipend (which is a week-long Intention) is \$15.

In order to report stipends accurately to the Diocese we ask that you please write a separate check for your Mass or Candle Intention and make a notation on the memo line of the check. Thank you.

PARISH FINANCES **JANUARY 28, 2018**

Contributions at Mass	\$ 6,702.00
Online Parish Giving	\$ 751.00
Total Contributions	\$ 7,453.00
Parish Expenses	\$ 5,294.00
Diocesan Collection	\$ 447.00

A sincere thank you for your continued support!

Please consider enrolling in Parish Giving, our online stewardship program for parish contributions. You can register online at www.Parishgiving.org or on our parish website at www.stsebastianri.org.

TODAY'S SECOND COLLECTION IS OUR MONTHLY MAINTENANCE COLLECTION