

**Church of St. Sebastian**  
**February 11, 2018 - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

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

5:00 pm Mass

**SUN., FEBRUARY 11, 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

**Monday, FEBRUARY 12**

7:00 am INTENTIONS OF PARISHIONERS

**Tuesday, FEBRUARY 13**

7:00 am DOROTHY & RAYMOND HIGGINS, wedding  
anniversary remembrance, req. by daughter  
Gail Higgins Fogarty

7.25 am Novena Prayers - Our Lady of Perpetual Help

**Wednesday, FEBRUARY 14, ASH WEDNESDAY**

7:00 am FOR WORLD PEACE

5:30 pm MICHAEL CARIGLIA, 4th anniversary, req.  
by James Kabala

**Thursday, FEBRUARY 15**

7:00 am INCREASE OF VOCATIONS TO  
PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE

5:30 pm Mass

**Friday, FEBRUARY 16**

7:00 am CARLO & ROSE MONTECALVO

5:30 pm ANTONIO & YOLANDA SPILLARE

**SAT., FEB. 17, VIGIL: FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

5:00 pm FRANCIS MAHONEY, 10th anniversary,  
requested by James Kabala

**SUN., FEBRUARY 18, FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

9:00 am ANTONIO CAPONE, birthday remembrance,  
req. by his family

11:00 am REV. ANGELO D'AGOSTINO, MD, 13th  
anniversary, requested by Belle Calenda

**This week Our Lady's Candle intention is for Edward W. Lawlor, birthday remembrance, requested by his daughters Patricia & Regina.**

**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,

Lent begins this Wednesday, February 14th. And there are three major activities that normally we follow throughout the season of Lent.

The first practice is prayer. For my spiritual benefit and for your spiritual growth the parish will be adding opportunities for us to gather and to pray together. On weekdays during Lent (Monday through Friday) two Masses will be celebrated. So in addition to the 7:00 am, the parish will also have a 5:30 pm. Hopefully this will give more parishioners an opportunity to attend Mass during Lent. Stations of the Cross will be celebrated on Fridays following the 5:30 pm Mass. Please read the flyer concerning our Lenten Day of Recollection.

The second practice is fasting. I will write a column on this holy practice sometime during Lent.

The third practice is Almsgiving. We have many opportunities during Lent for almsgiving. Some opportunities occur in our parish, other opportunities outside of our parish. But I would like to highlight one opportunity we, St. Sebastian parish, and every person in the Diocese of Providence has. The Catholic Charity Appeal is about to begin in the diocese. As a matter of fact some have already received the first diocesan direct mail letter signed by Bishop Tobin. This week you should be receiving your second letter from Bishop Tobin with a pledge card enclosed.

In two weeks, on the weekend of February 24/25, our parish will have our first in-pew weekend. The following weekend we will have a follow-up weekend in case some parishioners missed the first opportunity to give.

I think it is important for us to review the Case Statement for the Catholic Charity Appeal: The Catholic Charity Appeal is the main source of support for our diocesan agencies providing the physical, educational, and spiritual needs of Rhode Islanders each year. It is our responsibility to ensure that these agencies and programs have the resources available to our help our brothers and sisters in need.

--Monsignor Montecalvo

**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.

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**Morning of Recollection for Women**

Women from any parish are invited to the monthly Morning of Recollection, this Thursday, February 15th 18th, here at St. Sebastian's from 9:30 am to 12 noon.

These recollections are opportunities to spend quiet time with Christ in prayer. They include two meditations by a priest of Opus Dei, and a talk by a lay woman about a practical aspect of living our faith. Confessions are available and Mass is offered at 11:30 am. If you need onsite child care, contact Mary at 646-453-9345.

**MOVIE NIGHT**

The parish's next MOVIE NIGHT will be held Saturday evening, February 24th at 6:15 pm (following the 5:00 pm Vigil Mass.) We will feature "The Letters: The Untold Story of Mother Teresa". This true story told through the letters of Mother Teresa (Saint Teresa) reveals her deep spirituality and love of God and His way for her.

Divorced? Separated? The Office of Life and Family is offering a new support group for divorced and separated Catholics at St Mary Church, rectory (downstairs, side entrance), 437 Carolina Back Road (Rte. 112), Carolina, RI, and is held on the first and third Wednesday evening of each month, 7:00-8:30 pm. This free support group embraces our Catholic faith and provides a peaceful place for sharing, healing, and for topics related to separation/divorce. Preregistration is required. Contact: Peter A Magnotta at 421-7833, ext. 217.

The total amount raised for Bishop Tobin's "Keep the Heat On" Campaign from the St. Sebastian CCD Bake Sale is \$522.75. thank you to all who baked, contributed, and helped sell the goods for the bake sale. Ms. Marie

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR**

Wasn't the Christmas play outstanding?

I would like to continue to have the children practice and sing at the 9 am Sunday Masses.

The parish is blessed to have two young talented college women who are willing to continue with the Children's Choir.

Right after the 9:00 am Mass please have your child/children remain in the church for a 15 minute practice.

We need your cooperation and help.

**COLD AND FLU SEASON**

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.

**PARISH FINANCES**  
**FEBRUARY 4, 2018**

Contributions at Mass	\$ 3,909.00
Online Parish Giving	\$ 2,347.00
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>\$ 6,256.00</b>
<b>Parish Expenses</b>	<b>\$11, 260.00</b>
<b>Monthly Maintenance</b>	<b>\$ 1,224.00</b>

***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](http://www.Parishgiving.org) or on our parish website at [www.stsebastianri.org](http://www.stsebastianri.org).

**Parish Meetings and Activities**

2/11	Rel. Ed., Grades 6-8	10 am	Classrooms
	Community Outreach	10 am	Church Hall
2/12	Rel. Ed., Grades 1-5	4 pm	Classroom
2/14	ASH WEDNESDAY	7 am 5:30 pm	Church
2/15	Women's Morning of Recollection	9:30 am	Church