

Church of St. Sebastian
February 18, 2018 - First Sunday of Lent

MASS INTENTIONS

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

**Monday, FEBRUARY 19, PRESIDENTS DAY
HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE**

9:00 am INTENTIONS OF PARISHIONERS

5:30 pm MARCANGELO MONTECALVO

Tuesday, FEBRUARY 20

7:00 am FOR THE SICK

7.25 am Novena Prayers - Our Lady of Perpetual Help

5:30 pm ERIC MONTECALVO

Wednesday, FEBRUARY 21

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

5:30 pm BEATRICE SPILLARE

**Thursday, FEBRUARY 22, The Chair of Saint Peter
the Apostle**

7:00 am FOR THOSE HELPED BY 'KEEP THE HEAT
ON'

5:30 pm DOMENIC & JENNY LOSARDO

Friday, FEBRUARY 23

7:00 am INTENTIONS OF CELEBRANT

5:30 pm PAUL & JOSIE DELLA BARBA

6:00 pm STATIONS OF THE CROSS

SAT., FEB. 24, VIGIL: SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

5:00 pm ANGELO LOSARDO

SUN., FEBRUARY 25, SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

9:00 am EDWARD M FOGARTY, birthday
remembrance, requested by his wife Gail

11:00 am FRANCIS & HELEN McCORMICK, requested
by their family

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.

My dear parishioners,

Two simple reminders:

The parish will be hosting "Called to be Transfigured in the Christ", a day of recollection on Saturday, March 3rd beginning at 11:30 am and concluding before the 5:00 pm Mass. The day will begin with a penance service and will feature Eucharistic adoration, an opportunity for confess, the Way of the Cross, and two conferences by Fr. Ray Tetrault. Fr. Tetrault was giving a Lumen Gentium award for evangelization in 2016. He is a revered teacher of prayer and contemplation and a gentle advocate for peace. Refreshments will be served at noontime.

Stations of the Cross: Last year Stations of the Cross were held on Monday nights. At the request of the 'Spiritual Growth Committee' I changed the night of the Stations. This year Stations of the Cross will be celebrated on Friday evenings at 6:00 pm.

--Monsignor Montecalvo

LENTEN PROJECT —

IMMIGRATION & REFUGEE SERVICES

The Community Outreach Committee will continue to collect items during Lent for the Diocese of Providence's Immigration & Refugee Services to welcome refugee families who will be arriving in Rhode Island. The items needed are toiletries (toilet paper, soap, toothpaste, shampoo etc.), cleaning supplies (mop, broom, waste basket, trash bags, etc.) baby products (diapers, bottles, powder, lotion, etc.) and school supplies (notebooks, pens/pencils, backpacks, etc.). Kindly place the items in the green 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.

LENTEN SCHEDULE 2018

**Weekday Mass: Monday through Friday at
7:00 am and 5:30 pm**

Stations of the Cross - Fridays at 6:00 pm

Confessions – Saturdays at 4:00 - 4:45 pm

Rice Bowls are available in the vestibule

Lenten Parish Mission - March 3 at 11:30 am

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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 20th**. Call Pat Capece 274-8632 with ideas or questions. New members are always welcome. **WE EVEN SUPPLY THE YARN AND NEEDLES!**

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.

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.

2018 Catholic Charity Appeal "Faith and Good Works"

Have you given prayerful consideration to your gift for the 2018 Catholic Charity Appeal? Won't you help us by being the "hands of Christ" in supporting the people and the work of the Diocese of Providence?

Many of you have responded to the Catholic Charity mailing from Bishop Tobin. On behalf of those served by the ministries and services funded by the CCA, we thank you for your gifts.

If you have not made a gift to this year's Appeal, you will be able to do so through our in-pew solicitation which will take place on the weekends of February 24/25 and March 3/4. Our goal is 100% parishioner participation, a goal that can only be reached with your sacrificial help and support. All gifts, regardless of size, help to make a difference in the lives of so many individuals.

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!

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.

Eucharistic Adoration for Vocations

Eucharistic Adoration for Vocations is held every Thursday during the academic year in the Chapel of the Seminary of Our Lady of Providence, 485 Mt. Pleasant Ave., Providence. All are invited to come pray for your priests, seminarians, and for vocations from 12:00 noon - 5:00 PM. Join us in praying that the "master of the harvest send out laborers for his harvest."

Bishop Hendricken Open House

Bishop Hendricken high school will hold an Open House on Sunday, March 4th from noon to 3:00 pm. Information on academics, college placement, athletic and extracurricular activities will be available. The entrance exam for prospective 8th, 9th, and 10th grade students will be held on Saturday, April 7th at 8:30 am. For more information Please call the Admissions Office at 739-3450 extension 162.

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 , Kathy D'Amico, Myra Werman, and Diane Lakeland.*

Parish Finances: February 11, 2018

Contributions at Mass	\$ 3,952.00
Online Parish Giving	\$ 1,035.00
Total Contributions	\$ 4,987.00
Parish Expenses	\$ 6,025.00

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.

Parish Meetings and Activities

2/18	NO CCD CLASSES		
2/19	Presidents' Day Masses	9 am 5:30 pm	Church Hall
2/19	NO CCD CLASSES		
2/20	Prayer Shawl Ministry	7 pm	Fr. Randall Rm
2/21	Parish Book Club	7 pm	Fr. Randall Rm
2/24	Parish Movie Night	6:15 pm	Church Hall