

Church of St. Sebastian
February 25, 2018 - Second Sunday of Lent

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, FEBRUARY 26

7:00 am INTENTIONS OF PARISHIONERS

5:30 pm PAMELA J. BAKALARSKI, requested by
Regina Lawlor Andrews

Tuesday, FEBRUARY 27

7:00 am SYLVIA LOFERSKI, requested by the Rogers
family

7.25 am Novena Prayers - Our Lady of Perpetual Help

5:30 pm SICK OF THE PARISH

Wednesday, FEBRUARY 28

7:00 am JOHN FEELEY, 1st anniversary, requested by
his family

5:30 pm Mass

Thursday, MARCH 1

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

5:30 pm SR. LOIS DUNN, R.S.M.

Friday, MARCH 2

7:00 am FR. ANDREW P FARINA

5:30 pm FR. RUSSELL B PAGE

6:00 pm STATIONS OF THE CROSS

SAT., MARCH 3, VIGIL: THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

5:00 pm INTENTIONS OF PARISHIONERS

SUN., MARCH 4, THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

9:00 am JONI KLEIN, requested by nephew Nick Nissen

11:00 am LEONARD TO MURPHY, month's mind,
requested by the McCormick 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,

Let me begin by saying 'Thank you' for all the cards, best wishes, balloons, delicious cupcakes from LaSalle Bakery, and the singing of 'Happy Birthday!' I can't believe I turned 70 but I did. Where did the time go? I will also mark my 45th anniversary years as a priest later this year. Thank you!

This weekend, February 24/25 we have our first "In-Pew" weekend for soliciting gifts for the Catholic Charity Appeal. Next weekend, March 3/4, we will have a follow-up weekend for solicitation of gifts.

St Sebastian's parish goal this year is \$79,822.00. The goal is the same as last year. Last year our parish raised \$87,879.00. Our parish is participating in the Parish Share Programs. Every dollar we raise over our goal will be returned to the parish for our use. In consultation with parish leadership we will designate our over-goal funds for spiritual development programs. Please help our parish support the many ministries of our diocese and support the ongoing work of our parish.

--Monsignor Montecalvo

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, Leah Davis, Natalie Swift, Frances Geary, John Haddad, Robert Calso, Kathy D'Amico, Myra Werman, Diane Lakeland, Fr. Robert Beloin. Sandy C., Bob, and Bob K.*

This week Our Lady's Candle intention is Leonard T. Murphy, month's mind remembrance, requested by the McCormick family.

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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MONTHLY MAINTENANCE COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

Our Monthly Maintenance Collection helps defray the cost of maintaining our beautiful church, rectory and parish grounds. The parish is very fortunate to have staff members who take great pride in keeping our facilities in magnificent shape. A monthly collection of \$3,000 would pay for this ongoing and necessary maintenance. Please be generous to this important collection to continue necessary maintenance and improvements on our parish property.

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.

St. Peter, Don't Call Me...Yet

If, like me, you're not perfectly satisfied with your Lenten practices to date why not try to perform one *micro-saintly deed* a day.

- ✚ Call someone you know is lonely - even if you anticipate that the conversation will be a long one.
- ✚ Surprise a panhandler with a \$10 - or \$20 - bill.
- ✚ Write a brief but glowing note to the boss of a service person whose work you particularly appreciate.
- ✚ Sent a get-well card to someone not likely to get many, or any.
- ✚ Don't complain about a relatively minor mistake by a service person.
- ✚ Introduce yourself to someone you see often but whose name you do not know.

You get the idea. Your neighbor will get a break. And Saint Peter will surely take note.

ANNUAL LENTEN SANDWICH DRIVE IN MARCH

The Outreach Committee is seeking volunteers for our annual sandwich drive to benefit Emmanuel House. Each Sunday in March we ask parishioners to make between 5 and 10 hearty sandwiches and bring them to church before the 11 am Mass. An Outreach member will deliver them to Emmanuel House in time for lunch. Feel free to add fruit, chips, cookies, or other snacks to your donation. Sign up sheets are in the vestibule. This is an excellent Lenten family project.

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 arrive 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.

PARISH MISSION

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.

Parish Finances: February 18, 2018

Contributions at Mass	\$ 3,837.00
Online Parish Giving	\$ 865.00
Total Contributions	\$ 4,702.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 1,086.00
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

2/25	Rel. Ed. , Grades 6-8	10 am	Classrooms
2/26	Rel. Ed. Grades 1-5	4 pm	Classrooms
3/2	Stations of the Cross	6 pm	Church

ALL FRIDAYS DURING LENT ARE MEATLESS!