

Church of St. Sebastian
April 15, 2018 - Third Sunday of Easter

MASS INTENTIONS

SAT., APRIL 14, VIGIL: THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

5:00 pm LUCY PILKINGTON

SUNDAY, APRIL 15, THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

9:00 am INTENTIONS OF PARISHIONERS

11:00 am BEATRICE TEMKIN, 2nd anniversary,
 requested by her family

Monday, APRIL 16

7:00 am FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Tuesday, APRIL 17

7:00 am FOR VOCATIONS TO PRIESTHOOD AND
 RELIGIOUS LIFE

7.25 am Novena Prayers - Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Wednesday, APRIL 18

7:00 am VINCENT MORELLO

Thursday, APRIL 19

7:00 am MADELINE DENNING, birthday remembrance,
 req. by daughter Catherine

Friday, APRIL 20

7:00 am INTENTIONS OF CELEBRANT

SAT., APRIL 21, VIGIL: FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

5:00 pm DONALD PILKINGTON, 13th anniversary,
 requested by Donna Pilkington

SUNDAY, APRIL 22, FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

9:00 am MASS

11:00 am DR. DANIEL CALENDIA, 13th anniversary,
 requested by his family

My dear parishioners,

I'd like to share a few thoughts on the Easter (Paschal) candle. The Easter Season is visibly and singularly marked by the large decorated candle that is prominent in the sanctuary, locally by the pulpit. Some church historians suggest that its origin may be in the lamps used in the synagogues and is a reminder from the Old Testament of the 'pillar of fire' denoting "God's presence." The word 'Paschal' comes from the Hebrew word 'pesach' or passover, the Jewish feast so closely associated with Holy Week and Easter.

For Christians in the early centuries heightened the candle's symbolic relationship to Christianity. For Christians, the candle came to symbolize Christ: the True Light that enlightens each person who comes into the world; its virgin beeswax the most pure flesh of Christ; its wick the human soul of Christ; its flame the divinity of the second person of the Trinity; the five grains of affixed incense the sacred wounds of Christ.

During the rest of the liturgical year, the candle is lit for all Baptisms and for all funerals where it is placed at the head of the deceased's remains, signifying the beginning and ending of one's life in Christ. It is also lit for the Sacrament of Confirmation to mark the important milestone in our Christian life.

Have a good work.

Monsignor Montecalvo

PARISH FINANCES
APRIL 7/8/2018

WEEKLY PARISH COLLECTIONS

Weekend Mass Donations \$ 4,438.00
Online Parish Giving \$ 2,847.00
Total Offertory \$ 7,285.00

MONTHLY MAINTENANCE \$ 1,248.00
FLOWER DONATIONS \$ 1,395.00

PARISH EXPENSES \$ 4,932.00

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.

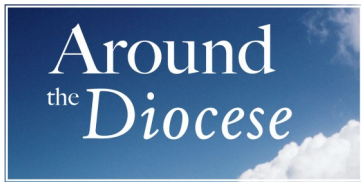
DAILY ROSARY

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.

Parish Meetings and Activities

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| 4/15 | NO CCD CLASSES | | |
| 4/16 | NO CCD CLASSES | | |
| 4/17 | Prayer Shawl Ministry | 7 pm | Fr Randall Rm |
| 4/19 | Women's Opus Dei | 9:30 am | Church |

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St. John Vianney Church
Emmaus Ministry for Grieving Parents Whose
Children of Any Age Have Died by Any Cause
No Matter How Long Ago

One-Day Spiritual Retreat
Saturday, April 28, 2018

To register, visit www.emfgp.org
or contact Denise, Nicholas' Mother, at
sjvdenise@gmail.com or (401) 480-3330.

The Rejoice in Hope Youth Center in Cranston is sponsoring a Search Retreat weekend on April 20-22nd. Any high school youth (grade 9+) is welcome to attend. Please contact the Rejoice in Hope Youth Center at 401-942-6571 or go to www.CatholicYouthRI.org for additional information or to register.

The Office of Vocations is hosting a discernment retreat on **Saturday, May 12th at the Seminary of our Lady of Providence from 9 am to 3 pm.** This is a wonderful opportunity for boys to celebrate their faith and reflect on God's plan for their life. The day will include Mass, recreation, food, and an opportunity to meet our seminarians and learn more about the seminary. If you are interested, please see Monsignor Montecalvo for a registration form and permission slip.

Morning of Recollection for Women

Women from any parish are invited to the monthly Morning of Recollection, this Thursday, April 19th, 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.

PARISH PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY meets the first and third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm in the Fr. Randall Room Our next get-together is **Tuesday April 17th.** Call Pat Capece 274-8632 or Joan Fleming at 861-6603 with ideas or questions. New members are always welcome!

THE PARISH BOOK CLUB will meet Wednesday April 25th at 7 pm in the Fr. Randall Room to discuss The Rise of Silas Lapham by William Dean Howells. Please join us, new members are always welcome!

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.

Parishioners are encouraged to call the parish office if they or a family member would like a **PASTORAL VISIT FROM MSGR. MONTECALVO** at the hospital, nursing home, or at home for those who are homebound. Hospitals no longer inform houses of worship of the admission of patients due to the laws protecting the right to privacy.

Did you know we offer free **BABYSITTING AT THE 9:00 AM MASS?** Take advantage of this great service for parents and the parish. You can attend the 9:00 am Mass while leaving your child(ren) in a safe environment with approved caregivers. This service is provided downstairs in the Church Hall. If anyone is interested in lending a helping hand, please call Karin Schrott at 465-7444. This small team of dedicated volunteers can use your help!

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. **Lauren M. Whatmough, Diane C., Susan Porter, Leah Davis, Natalie Swift,, Frances Geary, John Haddad, Myra Werman, Diane Lakeland, Fr. Robert Beloin. Carol O., Sandy C., Bob, and Bob K.**