

# Church of St. Sebastian

## April 29, 2018 - Fifth Sunday of Easter

### MASS INTENTIONS

**SAT., APRIL 28, VIGIL: FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

5:00 pm KATHY BONSANTE D'AMICO, month's mind,  
requested by her mother and brothers

**SUNDAY, APRIL 29, FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

9:00 am MASS

11:00 am JOAN MOODY ROBERTS, requested by the  
Galligan family

**Monday, APRIL 30**

7:00 am INTENTIONS OF ROSE DiORIO, 103rd birthday

**Tuesday, MAY 1**

7:00 am BARBARA ROGERS, 10th anniversary

7.25 am Novena Prayers - Our Lady of Perpetual Help

**Wednesday, MAY 2, St. Athanasius, Bishop and  
Doctor of the Church**

7:00 am INTENTIONS OF PARISHIONERS

**Thursday, MAY 3, Sts. Philip and James, Apostles**

7:00 am FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH

**First Friday, MAY 4**

7:00 am INTENTIONS OF CELEBRANT

5:30 pm ROGERS & O'DONNELL FAMILIES, requested  
by C. Rogers

**SAT., MAY 5, VIGIL: SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

5:00 pm FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH

**SUNDAY, MAY 6, SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

9:00 am INTENTIONS OF PARISHIONERS

11:00 am MASS

My dear parishioners,

I would like to speak with you about the Easter Season of Pentecost.

The great liturgical season of the church begins with the great octave week that solemnities the Feast of Easter by prolonging the celebration over the next eight days, ending on the next Sunday. This Sunday following Easter is of equal liturgical solemnity to Easter Sunday and became known in the first century as "Whitsunday" in reference to the white vestments used during the liturgy. The solemnity is marked in several ways, one of which is the double "alleluia" in the dismissal rite of the Mass during each day of the week. In the ancient Church, this solemn week was devoted to giving great attention to those newly baptized at the Easter Vigil. In many cultures, this was the week in which many parents brought their children to church to celebrate and remind them of their own baptism.

The genesis of the fifty-day Easter Period and the feast of Pentecost, particularly in the first century of the Church's existence, derives from the Jewish celebration of the Old Testament "feast of weeks" (or *Shavuothin* in Hebrew). Much was debated and written by Early Church scholars about the calculation of the Easter Season's fifty days and its theological significance and symbolism. The same is true for the Feast of the Ascension and its "forty day" event in the Easter / Pentecost scheme of things.

More next weekend.

Have a good week... 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.

***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.***

#### PARISH FINANCES APRIL 21-22, 2018

**WEEKLY PARISH COLLECTIONS**

Weekend Mass Donations     \$ 4,564.00

Online Parish Giving             \$ 700.00

Total Offertory                    \$ 5,264.00

**PARISH EXPENSES**                 \$ 4,579.00

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

| Parish Meetings and Activities |                                     |                    |               |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| 4/29                           | Rel. Ed., Grades 6-8                | 10 am              | Classrooms    |
| 4/30                           | Rel. Ed., Grades 1-5                | 4 pm               | Classrooms    |
| 5/1                            | Prayer Shawl Ministry               | 7 pm               | Fr Randall Rm |
| 5/4                            | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament | 4:30 pm            | Church        |
| 5/4                            | First Friday Masses                 | 7:00 am<br>5:30 pm | Church        |

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**COLLECTION REQUEST - NEXT WEEKEND**

Next weekend please place both your weekly budget envelope and your monthly maintenance envelope in the collection basket the first time it is passed. The collection basket will be passed twice next weekend. The second time please place your donation for the Mission Co-op program that Fr. Thomas Carroll will preach about next weekend. (see below)

**MISSION CO-OP SPEAKER AND COLLECTION,  
NEXT WEEKEND.**

The Piarist Fathers were founded by St. Joseph Calasanctius in Rome in 1617. In addition to the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience, the Piarists take a fourth vow to educate youths. They operate between 195 and 200 schools in 32 countries around the world. One of those schools is located in the Appalachian region of eastern Kentucky.

We are asking for your support in helping us not only in our educational work in Appalachia but also in our many outreach programs designed to help those living in poverty in the mountains.

The three Piarists stationed in eastern Kentucky minister to the Catholics in four counties who number less than 1/2 of 1% of the population.

**APPRECIATING THE FEMININE GENIUS**

At 7:00 pm on Wednesday May 9th, St. Sebastian's Church in Providence will be hosting Sarah Heaton to reflect on femininity and the unique gifts women bring to the world, as understood through the lens of Pope Saint John Paul II's Letter to Women. Sarah has been associated with the Fellowship of Catholic University Students, the Augustine Institute, Educating on the Nature and Dignity of Women, and is now the Director of Enrollment and Marketing for the Diocese of Fall River Catholic Schools. She has spoken around the country about John Paul II's writings on women.

**Catholic Charity Appeal Update**

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| Parish Goal:                   | \$ 79,822 |
| Actual to Date:                | \$ 74,536 |
| Amount Needed for Goal:        | \$ 5,286  |
| Number of Families in Parish:  | 302       |
| # of Contributing Parishioners | 137       |

**EASTER SEASON/SPRING FOOD COLLECTION**

The Outreach Committee thanks parishioners for their ongoing contributions of food for the hungry in our community. All donations go to Mary House at St. Patrick Church in Providence. Please remember those who are hungry in our annual Easter/Spring Food Collection drive the weekends of May 12/13 and May 19/20. Envelopes will be in the pews for those who wish to donate by cash or check, but donations of food continue to be collected at the back of the church. Please place the envelopes in the collection baskets. Many thanks to all for their support for the hungry.

The next **PARISH MOVIE NIGHT**, is Saturday, May 12th at 6:15 PM. The film to be shown is "**The 13th Day: the True Story of Fatima**" (2009) 85 minutes. Synopsis: At a time when the world was being torn apart by religious persecution, revolution, and war, three children were giving a message of hope. On May 13, 1917 in the poor village of Fatima, Portugal, Our Lady appeared to three shepherd children. Our Lady appeared the on the same day for six months. This story is based on the memoir of Sister Maria Lucia de Jesus, whose life was changed forever. (Refreshments will be served.)

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. 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.

**Our hands and hearts are instruments through which God shows his love.** Help us wrap each of our lonely homebound or seriously ill relatives and friends with a shawl made by the volunteers of the PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY of our Parish. Blessed Prayer Shawls are available. A shawl and prayers offer special comfort to the sick.

Everyone is invited to attend the next meeting of the **PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY Tuesday May 1st** (and on the first and third Tuesday of each month) at 7:00 pm in the Father Randall Room.

Our Lady's Candle intention: Al Badeau, birthday remembrance, requested by daughter Belle Calenda.