

Church of St. Sebastian
May 13, 2018 - Seventh Sunday of Easter

MASS INTENTIONS

SAT., MAY 12, VIGIL: SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

5:00 pm INTENTIONS OF PARISHIONERS

SUNDAY, MAY 13, SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

9:00 am ROSE MONTECALVO, Mothers Day remembrance

11:00 am YOLANDA SPILLARE, Mother's Day remembrance

Monday, MAY 14. Saint Mathias, Apostle

7:00 am INTENTIONS OF PARISHIONERS

Tuesday, MAY 15

7:00 am BARBARA KIELY, 1st anniversary, requested by her family

7.25 am Novena Prayers - Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Wednesday, MAY 16

7:00 am INCREASE OF VOCATIONS TO RELIG. LIFE

Thursday, MAY 17

7:00 am FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Friday, MAY 18

7:00 am MASS

SAT., MAY 19, VIGIL: PENTECOST SUNDAY

5:00 pm INTENTION OF CELEBRANT

SUNDAY, MAY 20, PENTECOST SUNDAY

9:00 am FIRST COMMUNICANTS and THEIR FAMILIES

11:00 am ERNEST ARDENTE, 16th anniversary, requested by his wife Marilyn

My dear parishioners,

Like many traditions and festivities, Mothering Sunday began with a religious purpose. Held on the fourth Sunday in Lent, exactly three weeks before Easter Sunday, it was originally a day to honor and give thanks to the Virgin Mary, also known as Mother Mary. Such celebrations required people to visit their 'mother' church - the main church or cathedral in a family's area. The spread of Christianity throughout Europe in the 16th century increased the celebrations and firmly put Mothering Sunday on the calendar. It was believed to be essential for people to return to their home 'mother' church to make it a true family honored occasion.

While the day had a firm following for many centuries since the 16th century, by 1935 it started to decrease in popularity and was celebrated less and less in Europe, until WWII. The Americans and Canadians celebrated Mother's Day during the war, feeling a crucial need to give thanks to their mothers while away at war. The Brits and other Europeans followed their comrades and they too gave thanks to their mothers; since then it earns pride of place on the UK calendar.

The US celebrates Mother's Day on the second Sunday in May. The holiday was formed much later than Mothering Sunday, and was created in 1908 by a lady named Anna Jarvis from Grafton, West Virginia, in honor of her late mother. Jarvis pushed hard for a holiday to celebrate all mothers after the death of her own, and after lots of hard work, determination and promotion President Woodrow Wilson finally made it an official holiday for the US in 1914.

Have a good week...

Monsignor Montecalvo

PARISH FINANCES
MAY 5-6, 2018

WEEKLY PARISH COLLECTIONS

Weekend Mass Donations \$ 3,478.00

Online Parish Giving \$ 2,757.00

Total Offertory \$ 6,235.00

MONTHLY MAINTENANCE \$ 970.00

PARISH EXPENSES \$ 13,014.00

MISSION CO-OP \$ 2,535.00

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.

Mary Brennan, our parish secretary, is out of the office until May 29th. I try to be in the office as much as possible during Office Hours: **Mon, Tues, Thurs: 9:00 am to 2:00 pm and Wednesday: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.** If I am in the rectory I will answer the phone. Thank you.
Monsignor Montecalvo



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SAVE THE DATE -

MSGR. MONTECALVO'S FAREWELL PARTY

Monsignor's Farewell Parish Party will be held on Sunday, June 24th at Noon at the Church. More details to follow. Hope you will be able to join us in thanking Monsignor Montecalvo for his three years of ministry among us.

Parish Meetings and Activities			
5/13	Rel. Ed., Grades 6-8	10 am	Classrooms
5/14	Rel. Ed., Grades 1-5	4 pm	Classrooms
5/15	Prayer Shawl Ministry	7 pm	Fr. Randall Rm
5/15	Christmas Bazaar Mtg	6:30 pm	Church Hall
5/17	Women's Morning of Recollection	10 am	Church

FIRST ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR
AT ST. SEBASTIAN'S

The Annual Christmas Bazaar Meeting will be held this Tuesday, May 15th at 6:30 pm in the Church Hall. The proceeds of the Christmas Bazaar will benefit one of the charitable projects of the parish. If you are interested in sharing your ideas and talent, please join our meeting! If you are not able to attend but have some ideas, questions, or would like to help, please contact Karin Schrott at 465-7444 or karinschrott@gmail.com

Catholic Charity Appeal Update	
Parish Goal:	\$ 79,822
Actual to Date:	\$ 82,636
Amount Over Goal:	\$ 2,814
Number of Families in Parish:	302
# of Contributing Parishioners	144

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. Envelopes are 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.

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.

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.

The **Parish Book Club** will meet Wednesday, May 23rd at 7 pm in the Fr. Randall Room to discuss The Little Red Chairs by Edna O'Brien. All are welcome!

PRAYER SHAWL BLESSING: Hand-made prayer shawls for the sick and blankets for the newly baptized are being blessed at Mass this weekend. The shawls will be presented to the sick at RI Veteran's Home in Bristol. Our thanks to the women of our parish who gather to make these shawls and blankets which are created with prayers and love.

The **Parish Prayer Shawl Ministry** meets on the first and third Tuesdays of the month and always welcomes new members. The next session is this Tuesday May 15th. If you are aware of someone who would benefit from receiving a prayer shawl, please call the rectory.

First Communion
Sunday, May 20th
at the 9:00 am Mass

All parishioners are invited to this Mass and to the reception following. Thank you.