

Church of St. Sebastian

May 6, 2018 - Sixth Sunday of Easter

MASS INTENTIONS

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

5:00 pm WORLD MISSIONS

SUNDAY, MAY 6, SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

9:00 am INTENTIONS OF PARISHIONERS

11:00 am MASS

Monday, MAY 7

7:00 am FR. RUSSELL PAGE

Tuesday, MAY 8

7:00 am FR. FRED DEAN

7.25 am Novena Prayers - Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Wednesday, MAY 9

7:00 am MARCO & MADELINE CARROLO

Thursday, MAY 10, ASCENSION THURSDAY

7:00 am INCREASED VOCATIONS

5:30 pm THOSE WHO DONATED EASTER FLOWERS

Friday, MAY 11

7:00 am INTENTIONS OF CELEBRANT

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

5:00 pm MASS

SUNDAY, MAY 13, SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

9:00 am ROSE MONTECALVO, Mothers Day remembrance

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

My dear parishioners,

While the Church gave much attention to the solemnity of the first week following Easter, it established a fifty-day period during which it continuously witnessed to the paschal mystery of the suffering, dying, and rising of Jesus Christ. It is from this fifty-day period that the title Pentecost is derived. The period is also marked by the gospels for each Sunday being taken from that of the evangelist John. Another special mark of the season is the use of the sprinkling rite during the liturgy on the Sundays of Easter, another reminder of our baptism. Another distinction of the season is that each Sunday during the period is denoted in the liturgical calendar as the Sunday of Easter, not a Sunday after Easter, indicative of its special relationship to the Easter feast.

The crowning close of the season is the feast we now know as Pentecost which for many centuries was considered the glorious close to the Easter season, especially in the churches of the Easter rite. While recalling the specific connection to the Easter feast, Pentecost became uniquely devoted to the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples of Jesus gathered in the upper room, praised in hymn by the sequence "*Veni Spiritu Sancte.*" While historically white was the color of the vestments used on this feast recalling Easter, red soon became the color to mark this feast, interpreted by Pope Innocent III in the 12th century to symbolize the tongues of fire descending upon the disciples

In some European countries, customs developed to honor the feast of Pentecost, such as scattered rose leaves from church roofs (Italy), the blowing of trumpets to recall the sound of mighty wind (France), reading of poetic prayers at vespers (Eastern Europe), processions with flowers and green branches (Russia). None of these traditions have carried over to the American church, although the sacrament of confirmation is frequently celebrated on this day.

Have a good week...

Monsignor Montecalvo

PARISH FINANCES
APRIL 28-29, 2018

WEEKLY PARISH COLLECTIONS

Weekend Mass Donations \$ 4,300.00

Online Parish Giving \$ 851.00

Total Offertory \$ 5,151.00

PARISH EXPENSES \$ 3,442.00

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

5/6	Rel. Ed., Grades 6-8	10 am	Classrooms
	Community Outreach	10 am	Church Hall
5/7	Rel. Ed., Grades 1-5	4 pm	Classrooms
5/9	Appreciating the Feminine Genius	7 pm	Church
5/10	Ascension Thursday Masses	7 am 5:30 pm	Church
5/12	Movie Night	6:15 pm	Church Hall

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COLLECTION REQUEST - THIS WEEKEND

This 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 during Mass. The second time please place your donation for the Mission Co-op program that Fr. Thomas Carroll preached

MISSION CO-OP SPEAKER AND COLLECTION, THIS 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.

MONTHLY MAINTENANCE COLLECTION THIS 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.

Catholic Charity Appeal Update

Parish Goal:	\$ 79,822
Actual to Date:	\$ 76,186
Amount Needed for Goal:	\$ 3,636
Number of Families in Parish:	302
# of Contributing Parishioners	140

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.

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 this weekend and next. 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.

The next PARISH MOVIE NIGHT, is this 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.)

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.