

**Church of St. Sebastian**  
**September 23, 2018 - 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*From Father Jordan*

My Dear Ones,

May the Grace of our Lord remain always with us!

The biggest question I received last week was, “Are you instituting a dress code, Father?” Of course there isn’t a dress code, *per se*, just the encouragement to consider what one wears to Church. If it’s a choice between shorts and flip-flops and not going to Mass – choose the flip-flops. Let’s continue thinking about and the attitudes and dispositions we bring with us when we come to Mass:

- ✠ Are we grasping the sacred by crossing ourselves, kneeling, bowing, genuflecting, standing and sitting not just because it is a ritual, but with purpose and love?
- ✠ *Do we smell the incense, candles, and flowers – the Church itself? Do we engage our entire bodies in worship – all 5 senses – or do we just sit there and wait it out?*
- ✠ When we come into Church, do we plunge our hands into the Holy water font and remind ourselves that we were signed, sealed and delivered by our baptism and confirmation as children of God and heirs to heaven?
- ✠ *Do we bow our heads upon hearing the name of Jesus?*
- ✠ Do we genuflect by going all the way down on our right knee slowly as a sign of adoration to Christ as King who reigns from the throne of love in the tabernacle?
- ✠ *Do we put aside all earthly cares before Mass, get into a zone of prayer and enter a space of worship?*
- ✠ Do we carefully observe silence before and after Mass? Do we remember that this Church is the gate of Heaven and the only person to whom we should be speaking is to God?
- ✠ *Do we say the responses clearly and distinctly? Or, do we mumble?*
- ✠ Do we sing the ordinary of the Mass and the hymns with the beautiful, or not so beautiful, voice God gave us?
- ✠ *Parents: You are the priests of the domestic church. That means that your children and everyone else are looking for you to be a model or worship and prayer. Do your actions, responses, and attention tell your children and everyone around you that what we are doing is important?*

Let me know your thoughts about these ideas. Our discussion will continue next week.

Until we meet at the altar, *O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us, who have recourse to Thee!*

In the Lord,  
Fr. Jordan, OP



## MASS INTENTIONS

**SAT. SEPT. 22, Vigil: 25<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORD. TIME**

5:00 pm MASS

**SUNDAY, SEPT. 23, 25<sup>h</sup> SUNDAY IN ORD. TIME**

9:00 am PRO POPULO

11:00 am MAE & AL BADEAU, req. by Belle Calenda

**Monday, SEPTEMBER 24**

7:00 am MASS

**Tuesday, SEPTEMBER 25**

7:00 am MASS

7.25 am Novena Prayers - Our Lady of Perpetual Help

**Wednesday, SEPTEMBER 26**

7:00 am CHARLES LEMA, 2nd anniversary  
MARY LEMA, birthday remembrance  
Requested by their family

**Thursday, SEPTEMBER 27, Saint Vincent DePaul, Priest**

7:00 am FR. THOMAS M FINLEY, CM

**Friday, SEPTEMBER 28**

7:00 am MASS

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29**

9:00 am FOR THE HEALING OF THE VICTIMS OF  
CLERGY SEXUAL ABUSE

**SAT. SEPT. 29, Vigil: 26<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORD. TIME**

5:00 pm PRO POPULO

**SUNDAY, SEPT. 30, 26<sup>h</sup> SUNDAY IN ORD. TIME**

9:00 am MICHAEL J BONITATI, JR. birthday  
remembrance

11:00 am GAIL CAROLAN NORRIS and  
STEPHEN M NORRIS, req by Carolan Norris

## WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

**Saturday October 6, 2018 8 am to 2 pm**  
**Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul**

The day will include morning coffee, talks from our keynote speakers, lunch and more.

**Speakers:** Kelly Nieto and Danielle Bean

**Cost:** \$40 per person, please purchase by September 29th

Phone 401-278-4646

Participants must bring their tickets to the event.  
Tickets will not be sold at the door.

Email [etrendowski@dioceseofprovidence.org](mailto:etrendowski@dioceseofprovidence.org)

**Church of St. Sebastian**  
**Founded October 15, 1915**

***EACH ONE, REACH ONE!***

Have you ever had an invitation change your life for the good? I have to: to become a Dominican Friar. I urge you to invite a friend to come to Mass with you here at Saint Sebastian! The best way to grow is for **“each one, to reach one!”** Invite someone to come to Mass with you next weekend.

**SAINT RAPHAEL ACADEMY OPEN HOUSE**  
**SEPTEMBER 30, 2018, FROM 12 - 3 P.M.**

All interested students and their families are invited to spend an afternoon touring our historic campus, meeting our faculty, coaches and administrators, learning more about our preeminent academic, artistic and athletic curricula and seeing first-hand what it is like at a Catholic, Lasallian, college preparatory high school where each student is welcomed, inspired, and challenged.

When you arrive on campus, please check in at Alumni Hall, 194 Walcott Street, Pawtucket, RI. To allow enough time to see all the facets of our campus, families are encouraged to arrive no later than 2 pm. The last tour of the day will begin at 2:30 pm. No prior registration is required.

If you have any questions, or you cannot attend this weekend and would like a campus tour of Saint Raphael Academy, please contact the Admissions Office at 401-723-8100.

**ANNUAL RED MASS FOR STATE’S LEGAL COMMUNITY**

The annual Red Mass for the state’s legal community will be held on Wednesday, October 3 at 5:30 p.m. at Holy Ghost Church in Providence. Monsignor Albert Kenney, Vicar General of the Diocese of Providence, will be the main celebrant and Father Ryan Connors, S.T.D., Professor of Moral Theology at St. John’s Seminary will be the homilist.

The Red Mass is held annually for those who work in the judiciary and other areas of public service in Rhode Island. The Mass requests guidance from the Holy Spirit for all who seek justice, and offers the opportunity to reflect on what Catholics believe is the God-given power and responsibility of all in the legal profession. All are welcome to attend this special celebration.

Parish Meetings and Activities			
9/23	Rel. Ed. Grades 6-9	10 am	Classrooms
9/24	Rel. Ed. Grades 1-5	4 pm	Classrooms
9/25	Christmas Bazaar Mtg	6 pm	Church Hall

**CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR PRISON INMATES**

If you have unused Christmas cards or blank cards you no longer need, please bring them to the collection box in the church vestibule within the next two weeks. Cards dropped off after September will be stored for delivery in 2019. Chaplain Martha Paone is very grateful to have these cards to distribute to inmates to send to friends and loved ones.

**The Altar Flowers today are given by Carmine and Isabel Rao in celebration of their blessings from God.**

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

Prayers are asked for our friends, family, and fellow parishioners, **especially Adolf Schrott, and Angela Martalata**. If you would like someone included in the Prayers for the Sick, please call the rectory.

**SVDP Rhode Island’s 11th Annual Friends of the Poor Walk**

**Sunday, September 30, 2018**

**10:00 am to 2:00 pm**

**Music \* Food \* Family Fun**

**Clothing Drive \* Food Drive \* Toiletry Drive**  
**Garden City Center, 100 Midway Rd., Cranston, RI**

**VOLUNTEER | BE A SPONSOR**

**| WALK | DONATE**

Register as a group or an individual! Great Service Opportunity!

Registration opens at 10 am Gazebo in Garden City Center

Walk Kick-off at 11 am

Mass offered at St. Mark, Cranston 9:30 am before the Walk

**Register online or call**

**401-490-0822 x113 for more information**

**PARISH FINANCES: SEPTEMBER 16, 2018**

Mass Contributions	\$ 3,630.00
Online Parish Giving	\$ 785.00
<b><u>TOTAL PARISHIONER DONATIONS</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 4,415.00</u></b>

<b><u>TOTAL PARISH EXPENSES</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 6,627.00</u></b>
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<b><u>DIOCESAN COLLECTION</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 1,055.00</u></b>
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***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).