

**Church of Saint Sebastian**  
**July 21, 2019 - 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**SUNDAY MASS**

Saturday Vigil  
5:00 pm

Sunday  
9:00 am | 11:00 am

**DAILY MASS**

Monday - Friday  
7:00 am

Holidays  
9:00 am

Saturday  
9:00 am

**RECONCILIATION**

Saturday  
4:00 pm - 4:45 pm  
or by appointment

**ADORATION**

Mon-Thurs. 6:30 am - 6:55 am  
 Sunday Following the 9:00 am  
 Mass until 10:55 am

**PARISH OFFICE**

Summer Hours

Monday - Friday  
9:00 am - 1:00 pm

CHURCH OF SAINT SEBASTIAN

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THIS WEEK AT ST. SEBASTIAN'S  
 WON'T YOU JOIN US?

SUNDAY	7/21	ADORATION - FOLLOWING 9:00 AM MASS TO 10:55 AM	9:00 AM	CHURCH
.MONDAY	7/22	VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL	9:30 AM	CHURCH HALL
TUESDAY	7/23	NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP	7:20 AM	CHURCH
		VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL	9:30 AM	CHURCH HALL
WEDNESDAY	7/24	VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL	9:30 AM	CHURCH HALL
THURSDAY	7/25	VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL	9:30 AM	CHURCH HALL
FRIDAY	7/26	VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL	9:30 AM	CHURCH HALL

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### ***From Father Jordan***

My Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

May the Grace of Our Lord remain always with us!

### **The Good Samaritan, Immigration, and Tweets**

After my homily about the Good Samaritan and immigration last Sunday, several parishioners shared their thanks for hearing this message, but also their great concern about the conditions of those being detained at the border. A common thread throughout these conversations is the silence of the church, with a small “c”, and especially the silence of our Church about this atrocity. The Bishops have spoken about the need for immigration reform, but there has not been a great call to action.

Throughout this week I have continued to investigate ways for us to send relief to those living in this fetid squalor. There are many requests to send financial aid, and that is one way of helping. But I think the more urgent need is to offer physical care and relief to those who are not able to brush their teeth or have clean water to drink. I continue to search for a way to send aid to our brothers and sisters who desire to be with their family, and to live in freedom and peace.

But the lesson of the Good Samaritan and human dignity has again been brought before us this week as we are subjected to more hurtful and divisive tweets, this time not from a religious leader, but one in government. Again, putting all politics aside, but claiming our common dignity as people made in the image and likeness of God, as people of faith we cannot support or ignore such vitriol. Unless it is an objective matter of sin, anything that weakens or divides the union of people and the dignity of society is itself sinful. In all of the frustration that we experience about malignant tweeting or unjust detention, our language, our thoughts, can never stoop to a lower level. As followers of Christ we are called to take the high road. We take that high road when we pray for the unity of God’s People; we take that high road when we pray for an end to division and seek a way of unity; we take that high road when we pray for those with whom we disagree, and pray for the conversion of our hearts, living the Gospel, being ever more faithfully missionary-disciples of reconciliation and compassion. In the words of Cardinal Dougherty, “**may we be found faithful!**”

### **Vacation Bible School**

Tomorrow morning twelve children will begin “Traveling Around the World with the Saints” led by Ms. Kristen and Mr. Bob. I hope you are as delighted as I am that we have had such a great response for this new initiative. Thanks to our advertisement in the Rhode Island Catholic, we also have two students from outside of the Parish. Please pray for the success of our children’s “pilgrimage” this week; and join me in grateful prayer for Bob and Kristen!

### **Each One, Reach One**

You have heard me say this on a number of occasions, and it is not just a catchy slogan: it is our mission, a way to grow, and a way to remain a viable, joyful, life-giving Parish. **We really do have a good thing going here at Saint Sebastian!** There are times that we can accentuate what is wrong more than what is going well. When this happens our vision, and our conversation, can become clouded and depressing, and the devil is making his way in. **Let’s send him running away!** Let’s send him running and be grateful for the gifts we are given! Blessings that come to my mind are: we are blessed to be able to disagree and keep talking with one another; we are blessed to celebrate the Liturgy with love and devotion; we are blessed with people who are concerned for one another; we are blessed with new life, both through the miracle of babies that fill our Masses, and the gift of welcoming new parishioners. We are blessed with children to be formed in the faith; we are blessed with a loving concern for the poor and the marginalized; we are blessed with a beautiful physical plant, and a stunning Church; we are blessed! But most of all we are blessed by God’s abiding presence in Word, in Sacrament, in song, and in one another!! All of these blessings are a great invitation to invite others to join us to celebrate what we have seen, heard, and touched here at Saint Sebastian. **Invite a friend to Church!**

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

***Fr. Jordan, OP***



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**25<sup>TH</sup>, 40<sup>TH</sup>, 50<sup>TH</sup> AND OVER -**  
**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

The Office of Marriage Preparation and Enrichment of the Diocese of Providence is sponsoring the Annual Wedding Anniversary Celebration honoring couples of the Diocese of Providence who will be observing their 25th, 40th, 50th and Over wedding anniversaries in 2017.

The celebration will be held on ***Sunday, SEPTEMBER 15, 2019 at 1:00 pm, at the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul, Providence.*** The Celebration will include Mass, renewal of wedding vows, a personalized certificate and a reception for you and your guests. Bishop Thomas Tobin will be the main celebrant and homilist.

Couples who would like to attend this event must contact the Parish Office for the registration form which must be completed and returned to **the Parish Office before Friday, AUGUST 16TH.**

**Columban Fathers' Festival and Bazaar**  
**2019**

Columban Fathers, 65 Ferry Road, Bristol, RI 02809  
(Rte. 114 Bus Route)

**SUNDAY, JULY 28<sup>th</sup> - 12 - 6 PM**

Raffles: \$1,500 Grand Prize  
Chicken Bar-B-Q, Chowder & Clam Cakes, Stuffies,  
Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Chourico & Peppers,  
Chicken Fingers, French Fries,  
Doughboys and Ice Cream

**GIANT YARD SALE**

Face Painting, Prizes  
Music  
Free Parking and Admission

**School Tuition Assistance**

Saint Sebastian offers tuition assistance for those parents who have children attending Catholic Grammar School. Based upon taxable income, this assistance is part of the parish's assessment to the Diocese. Families seeking tuition assistance are asked to contact Father Jordan.

**Summer Financial Support**

As you travel, your continued support of our Parish is deeply needed and appreciated. Please consider giving online, or giving your offertory in advance before you travel, or making it up as soon as you return. Thank you for your constant and ongoing generosity to Saint Sebastian.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL -**  
**AROUND THE WORLD IN 5 DAYS!**  
**STARTS TOMORROW!**

How can we do that? Travel with Mr. Bob and his great co-pilots, Sts. Juan-Diego; Brigid of Ireland; Marin de Porres; Nicholas of Myrna; and Kateri Tekawitha on an adventure and discover the virtues of Faith, Hope, and Love in every place you land!

"Growing with the Saints" July 22 through 26, 9:30 am to 12:00 pm. Crafts, snacks, games, and more for children aged 3 to 12. Contact Mr. Bob at [ssricgs@gmail.com](mailto:ssricgs@gmail.com) for more information.

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** Prayers are asked for our friends, family, fellow parishioners, and especially for ***Archbishop Joseph Kurtz, Bishop Bertrand Boland, O.P., Mario Teixeira, Patricia Maciel, Timothy Hangsterfer, and Robert Davis.*** If you would like someone included in the Prayers for the Sick, please call the Church Rectory.

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### A Wish List for the Parish

- Have you wanted to donate something to the Parish? Here are some ideas of things that are needed:
- New altar cloths for the Altar of Sacrifice, the Blessed Mother's Altar, and the daily Mass Chapel.
- Volunteer to bring up the gifts at Mass on any given weekend; *(Just talk with Father Jordan before Mass)*
- Donate the altar flowers for any Sunday; for All Saints and All Souls Days; Thanksgiving Day; Christ the King; Saint Joseph's Day or for Rosary Sunday. *(Call the Rectory and talk with Mary Brennan)*
- Volunteer as a sacristan, lector, greeter or Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion; *(Please see Father Jordan or Ms. Marie.)*
- Invite a friend to Church Sunday: **each one; reach one!**
- Have a Mass said in Thanksgiving for all God's blessings in your life; or, for someone's health; or, to remember someone when they die, or on the anniversary of their death;
- Volunteer to be a substitute catechist for Religious Education (CCD) Classes *(Talk with Mr. Bob or Ms. Kristen)*
- Become an altar server;
- For young people to consider a vocation to the priesthood or religious life;
- *Help Father Jordan prepare couples for marriage*
- Donate dishes, pots and pans for the catering kitchen.
- Volunteer to help plan and execute the Founders' Day Mass and Dinner on October 19 *(See Father Jordan or Karin Schrott for more information)*

***Thank you for your consideration of an item or items on the list!***

### Congratulations and Welcome

The Community of Saint Sebastian extends our deepest and happiest congratulations to Jamie and Mary Hill upon the birth of their son, Andrew. Andrew was born on July 11 and joins his big sisters and brother, Ella, Timmy, and Reese. Welcome Andrew!!!

### Around the Rectory

Our new maintenance man, Paul Castaldi, is worth his weight in gold and is much more than a maintenance man. Paul has a degree in architecture, has owned his own design firm, and has worked as a maintenance supervisor in many places.

There was recently a leak in my bathroom that increased falling plaster in the main hallway on the first floor of the rectory. Paul repaired the leak and all of the falling plaster. The ceiling required a little more work than expected causing the ceiling needing to be repainted. We are taking the opportunity to paint the main hallway and the "counting room" at the end of the hallway. The parish is supplying the materials, and the Dominican Friars are paying for the paint. As for Paul, it's all part of a day's work. Thank you, Paul!

### New Cell Phone Number for Father Jordan and for Sacramental Emergencies

If you need to call Father Jordan for any reason, and especially in the case of a Sacramental Emergency, please call Father's new cell phone number: **(401) 500 – 2462.**

### May He Rest in the Arms of God

The Community of Saint Sebastian extends our deepest sympathy to our parishioners John and Mary Cappelli upon the death of their brother Tony. May Tony's soul and the soul of all the faithful departed rest in peace and rise in glory!

*Let us pray for the repose of the soul of  
**Dorothy Ricci**  
whose love for our parish was shown in a  
bequest to St. Sebastian Church.  
We remember her in gratitude and offer  
Wednesday's 7:00 am Mass for her this week.  
May she rest in the peace of the Lord.*

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### PARISH FINANCES: 7/14/2019

Mass Contributions	\$ 3,352.00
Online Giving	\$ 820.00
<b><u>TOTAL WEEKLY OFFERING</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 4,172.00</u></b>

TOTAL REGISTERED FAMILIES	324
TOTAL NUMBER OF GIFTS RECEIVED (19% OF REG. FAMILIES)	61
MEDIAN OFFERING	\$30.00

#### PARISH EXPENSES

Wages	\$ 4,429.00
Benefits	\$ 2,077.00
Utilities	\$ 2,057.00
Lawn and Shrub Service	\$ 100.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$ 294.00
<b><u>TOTAL EXPENSES</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 9,015.00</u></b>

<b><u>NET INCOME (EXPENSE)</u></b>	<b><u>\$4,843.00</u></b>
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### Meet the Family of Saint Vincent de Paul

Given our Parish's great dedication to the service of the poor, I thought you might like to learn about the life and legacy of one of the great apostles to the poor, Saint Vincent de Paul.

Priests and Brothers: Formally known as the Congregation of the Mission (CM), or Vincentians, Saint Vincent founded his "little company" 1625. He founded it to evangelize the poor through words and works, especially the poor people of the countryside through missions to the people and formation of the clergy. Its motto is ***"He has sent me to bring Good News the poor."***

Saint Louise de Marillac was a wife and mother. After the death of her husband she and her son began to help Saint Vincent and the early Fathers and Brothers of the Congregation of Missions. Inspired by the work of Saint Vincent and his early followers, Saint Vincent and Saint Louise founded The Company of the Daughters of Charity in 1633 to "be servants of the poor and that is to be servants of Jesus Christ" and to serve the poor corporally and spiritually." Their motto is: ***"The charity of Jesus Christ impels us."*** Today, the "Daughters", as they are referred to colloquially, continue the noble work of Saints Vincent and Louise through health care, education, missionary work, and direct service to the poor.

To learn more about the Vincentian Family go to: [www.famvin.org](http://www.famvin.org).



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### LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR - PAWSOX FAMILY FUN DAY

**Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup> —**

**PawSox vs. Rochester Red Wings**

**Pre-Game BBQ 11:00 am to 1:00 pm.**

First Pitch: 1:05 pm

Tickets include a delicious summertime barbecue including hamburgers, hot dogs, cheese burgers, pulled BBQ chicken, mac & cheese, pasta salad, chips, iced tea, water, lemonade, and ice cream!

Watch the game from the BBQ, the bleachers, or in the covered blue seat section!

**Advance Registration is Required. Please purchaser your tickets by July 20, 2019. Tickets are \$29 for adults and \$15 for children under 12.**

**To purchase tickets, order online at  
[www.littlesistersofthepoorpawtucket.org](http://www.littlesistersofthepoorpawtucket.org)**

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## MASS Intentions

Saturday	July 20	5:00 pm	<b>Vigil: 16th Sunday in Ord. Time</b> † Evelyn Mastriano, birthday remembrance
Sunday	July 21	9:00 am 11:00 am	<b>16th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> † Anthony S. Pacheco, birthday remembrance † Anthony Cappelli
Monday	July 22	7:00 am	<b>Saint Mary Magdalene</b> Intentions of Daniel Arteaga and the Novices of the Dominican Order
Tuesday	July 23	7:00 am	<b>Weekday</b> Dominican Sisters of Mary
Wednesday	July 24	7:00 am	<b>Weekday</b> † Dorothy Ricci BEQUEST
Thursday	July 25	7:00 am	<b>Saint James, Apostle</b> Dominican Sisters of Mary
Friday	July 26	7:00 am	<b>Saint Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> † John A. O'Neill
Saturday	July 27	9:00 am	<b>Weekday</b> For the Healing of Victims of Clergy Sexual Abuse
Saturday	July 27	5:00 pm	<b>Vigil: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Pro Populo
Sunday	July 28	9:00 am 11:00 am	<b>17th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> † Roth Family Anthony Cappelli

## Welcome!

In my own name and on behalf of the People of Saint Sebastian's, welcome to our Parish! If you are visiting, coming back to the Church and Mass after some time away, or looking for a Parish, you are most welcome here at Saint Sebastian's.

### BAPTISM

Congratulations of the birth of your child!

We require all parents and godparents to attend Sacramental Preparation Classes. Once you have called the rectory to plan for the baptism of your child, we will have someone contact you to set up a special appointment for Preparation Classes. These classes are usually done one on one with each family and are conducted by a couple who are well prepared to teach and assist in Baptismal Preparation.

### MARRIAGE

Congratulations on your engagement and decision to enter into a Catholic marriage! St. Sebastian Parish will help you in your preparation to ensure that you make this serious and sacred step in your life a holy and happy one.

The day and time of your wedding must be arranged in person by the prospective bride and groom themselves as soon as they feel called to marry. No arrangement can be made by phone or parents. All arrangements should be made nine months prior to the wedding date and done prior to scheduling the reception.

The first meeting with the Pastor may be scheduled by calling the Parish Office at (401) 751-0196.

Spiritual preparation is a key part of this special time. Frequent participation in the sacraments during this time is important, particularly weekly Mass attendance. It is also strongly recommended that you bring yourselves to the Sacrament of Reconciliation during this time of preparation.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

By their word and their example, parents are the first and principal teachers of their children concerning our Catholic Faith. The Religious Education of Saint Sebastian's stands ready to assist parents in their sacred and most important responsibility.

Should you have any questions about the program please contact Ms. Kristen Gold at [ssriprimaryre@gmail.com](mailto:ssriprimaryre@gmail.com) or Mr. Bob Short at [ssricgs@gmail.com](mailto:ssricgs@gmail.com)

### CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Saint Sebastian's also offers Level One, ages 3 - 6, of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, commonly referred to as CGS. CGS is a Montessori-based program of faith formation. Please contact Mr. Bob Short, Catechist, at [ssricgs@gmail.com](mailto:ssricgs@gmail.com)

### PARISH REGISTRATION

Registration is the official way we join a parish community, please stop in the Parish Office or register online to become a registered parishioner. To be considered an active registered member of the parish, members are asked to give of their time, talent and treasure. The parish is in need of and welcomes all three parts of your stewardship.