

**Church of Saint Sebastian**  
**January 20, 2019 - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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***From Father Jordan, O.P.***

My Dear Ones,

May the grace of Our Lord remain always with us!

The Town Hall Meeting held this past Monday was a very beneficial experience for all who were present. There was a hearty crowd of parishioners, and we were ably led by Sue and Greg Elliott and David Stanford. I found the conversation to be easy, open, honest, and very informative. Personally, I came away with a great deal to think about and consider. As many parishioners remarked, “where do we go from here?”; and, “can we meet like this again?” We can certainly gather again. As to where we go from here - - that will be one of the questions on the agenda for our Parish Council, as well as for the Finance Council and Trustees next meeting.

Thank you for turning out in such great numbers to send Ms. Marie into retirement “fulltime” on January 6: what a wonderful day! It was very touching to see parents bring their children to thank Marie; or to see parishioners whose children are away at school or working, but who stood in line to thank Marie for teaching their children: the blessings of Marie’s ministry will be felt throughout Saint Sebastian for at least the next generation.

But, how does Religious Education continue – move forward? For the remainder of this year, Ms. Marie’s responsibilities will be shared between two people. Ms. Kristen Gold, our First Communion Teacher, will direct events related to First Penance and First Holy Communion, as well as be responsible for any administrative tasks for the primary level. I am in conversation with another individual about doing the same thing but for Confirmation, helping with the Lenten Mission, and the administration for the middle school students.

In the interim, a new job description is being developed. If the budget will allow, I would like to develop a new position, *Director of Catechesis and Faith Formation*. This person would oversee not only the Religious Education program for our children, but also the Faith Formation program for the entire Parish. This person would help develop appropriate programs for adults like Bible Study, the RCIA, and more. When

it is clear what our budget for the next fiscal year will allow, a search committee will be formed, and a wide net will be cast to attract interested candidates. Please keep this intention in your prayers.

I hope many of you will be able to attend the Parish Potluck Supper celebrating the Feast of Saint Sebastian next Saturday evening. ***Sign up sheets are in the vestibule today.*** I look forward to celebrating our patron with all of you! The 5:00 pm Mass next Saturday is the annual Feast Day Mass – please join us for this as well.

And, if it can’t be Philadelphia in the Super Bowl – let’s hope our Patriots triumph over Kansas City this afternoon!

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*

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Join parishioners as we gather to [pray the Rosary](#) at 8:00 pm on Wednesday, January 30th here in Church

The [St. Sebastian Parish Book Club](#) will meet on Wednesday, January 23rd at 7:00 pm at the home of Denny Roberts, 132 Everett Avenue to discuss "The Toilers of the Sea" by Victor Hugo.

**Tax letters** will be mailed by January 31, 2019 to registered parishioners who donated \$500 or more in 2018. If you are a registered parishioner and donated less than this amount but would like a letter for tax purposes please contact the rectory at [stsebastian@cox.net](mailto:stsebastian@cox.net) or 751-0196. Thank you.

**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. A shawl and prayers offer special comfort to the sick. Everyone is invited to join in at the next meeting of the [PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY](#) Tuesday, January 22nd at 7:00 pm in the Father Randall Room.

[Saint Luke's School Open House](#) takes place on Sunday, January 27 from 12:30 to 2:00 pm for Preschool through Grade 8. We are located at 10 Waldron Avenue, Barrington RI 02806. Established in 1958 we are celebrating our 60th anniversary! Many schools now teach the STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math) method. At St. Luke's School in Barrington we add an "R" for Religion which truly sets us apart. STREAM-ing at St. Luke's School... come see what it is all about. For more information contact Director of Institutional advancement Neil Kiely at 401-246-0990 or [nkiely@stlucksri.org](mailto:nkiely@stlucksri.org).

### PASTORAL VISITS

Parishioners are encouraged to call the parish office if they or a family member would like a pastoral visit from Father Jordan at the hospital, nursing home, or at home for those who are homebound. Hospitals no longer inform houses of worship of the admission of patients due to the laws protecting the right to privacy.

### MITTEN/HAT/SCARF TREE

Please pin new mittens, hats, and scarves to our tree in the vestibule. All items will be for the benefit of Saint Patrick's Mary House.

### PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Prayers are asked for our friends, family, fellow parishioners, and especially for **Frank Dumont, and Elie Saroufim**. If you would like someone included in the Prayers for the Sick, please call the Church Rectory.

**Woodlawn Catholic Regional School** will hold its Championship Open House on Sunday, January 27, 2019 from 1:00 am - 3:00 am. Come discover why parochial and private high schools have granted more than \$300,000 in academic scholarships to Woodlawn graduates in just the last five years. Woodlawn is a loving learning community which promotes a strong academic program focused on faith, family, values and diversity. After the student-led tour, you can talk with parents and alumni about their experiences and register for the 2019-2020 school year. To register for Open House call the Woodlawn Catholic Regional School at (401) 723-3759.

**Boston Red Sox 2018 World Series Trophy will be featured at Woodlawn Catholic School's Championship Open House on Sunday January 29 from 1 to 3 pm.**

### Won't You Join Us?

Sunday	1/21	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Morning Mass	9:00 am	Church
Tuesday	1/22	Prayer Shawl Ministry	7:00 pm	Fr. Randall Rm
Wednesday	1/23	Bible Study	7:00 pm	Fr. Randall Rm
		Parish Book Club	7:00 pm	132 Everett Avenue
Saturday	1/26	FEAST of SAINT SEBASTIAN Mass	5:00 pm	Church
		POTLUCK DINNER immediately after Mass		Church Hall

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**Save the date: March 9&10**  
**Parish Lenten Mission and**  
**Pasta with the Padres**

Join us for this weekend of reflection, led by Fr. Matthew Dougherty, O.Praem. At the beginning of Lent we will pause and reflect how Lent 2019 can be the best Lent ever!

When: Attend any of the weekend Masses as Father Matthew unveils the plan for the Best Lent Ever!

Sunday: Following Sunday's 11:00 am Mass there will be Eucharistic Adoration; plan to spend some time with the Blessed Sacrament in quiet adoration.

At 3:00 pm there will be a special session for children, while Father Matthew addresses adults.

At 4:00 pm: Closing Vespers and Benediction with preaching that ties the day together.

At 5:00 pm: *Pasta with Padres* – enjoy a homemade spaghetti dinner ***prepared and served by the Padres!*** \$5 per person; \$10 per family.

**VISIT OUR NEW WEBSITE!**  
**[www.stsebastianri.org](http://www.stsebastianri.org)**

Next week, we will take up the **Collection for the Church in Latin America**. For many in Latin America and the Caribbean, a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers present obstacles to practicing the faith. Your support to the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, and other programs to share our faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ. To learn more about how you can make a difference, please visit [www.usccb.org/latin-america](http://www.usccb.org/latin-america).



**Annual Potluck Dinner—January 26th, 2019**

In honor of St. Sebastian, whose Feast Day is January 20th, all parishioners are invited to a Potluck Dinner to be held in the Church Hall on Saturday, January 26th following the 5:00 pm Feast Day Mass.

- This year we thought we'd try something new:**
- If your last name begins with A through D, please bring a side dish.**
  - If your last name begins with E through J, please bring a main dish.**
  - If your last name begins with K through O, please bring a salad or appetizer.**
  - If your last name begins with P through Z, please bring a dessert.**

Please RSVP to [stsebastian@cox.net](mailto:stsebastian@cox.net) or the sign-up sheets in the vestibule. We hope to see you there!

**OUR LADY'S CANDLE**

Mary's Candle is available for weeklong (Sunday to Saturday) intentions with a requested stipend of \$15. Please call the parish office to schedule this intention. Thank you.

**PARISH FINANCES: 1/6/2019 & 1/13/2019**

Mass Contributions	\$ 7,989.00
Online Parish Giving	\$ 695.00
Total Weekly Donations	<u>\$ 8,684.00</u>
Monthly Maintenance	\$ 1,587.00
Total Parish Expenses	\$ 4,951.00

***We sincerely thank you for your continued support!***

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, January 19, Vigil: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5:00 pm *WILLIAM TRACEY*, requested by Ann Galligan

**Sunday, January 20, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 am *PRO POPULO*

11:00 am *DANIEL ANDREW LANDRY*, month's mind

**Monday, January 21, Saint Agnes, Virgin & Martyr  
~~Martin Luther King, Jr. Day~~ Holiday Schedule~~**

**9:00 am** *FOR THE LIVING OF SOCIAL JUSTICE*

**Tuesday, January 22, Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children**

7:00 am *FOR THE VICTIMS OF ABORTION*

7:20 am Novena Prayers - Our Lady of Perpetual Help

**Wednesday, January 23**

7:00 am *THE NORBERTINE COMMUNITY OF DAYLESFORD ABBEY*

**Thursday, January 24, Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church**

7:00 am *LEONARD T. MURPHY*, 1st anniversary

**Friday, January 25, The Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle**

7:00 am *JOHN J. HEAVEY*, 2nd anniversary, requested by daughter Lisa Evans and wife Terry Heavey

**Saturday, January 26**

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

**Saturday, January 26, Vigil: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5:00 pm *DONALD ROHR*, BEQUEST

**Sunday, January 27, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 am *VINCENT & JEAN MAGUIRE*

11:00 am *ARTHUR CICCONE*, requested by sister Marylin Ardente

Our Lady's Candle is lit this week as an anniversary remembrance for Helen V. Lawlor, requested by her daughters Regina and Patricia.

*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.

**FAITH FORMATION WHILE YOU STAY  
AT HOME!**

A number of parishioners would like to take part in different Faith Formation events offered at the Parish, but because of family and work obligations are unable or find it too difficult to get to the programs offered at Saint Sebastian.

Now you can "join" with your fellow parishioners from the comfort of your own home. Follow CREDO by following these easy steps:

1. Go to: [saintbenedictpress.com/register](http://saintbenedictpress.com/register)
2. Create profile
3. Go to the far right hand corner and click on streaming; there will be a drop down bar, choose "Credo".
4. Enter Code: CR00101

**MAKE SURE YOU GET THE DATE YOU WANT**

Frequently parishioners call and want to have Mass said for a deceased love one or as a gift. WONDERFUL! There is no better gift than the Mass. However, many times they call a few weeks or a few days before they date they would like and another Mass is already scheduled. We do all we can to accommodate every request.

I urge you to call the Rectory with your list of Masses for the year. We all know the dates that are milestones in our lives as they repeat each year. Call now and secure the dates you want well in advance!