

Church of St. Sebastian
January 2, 2011—The Epiphany of the Lord

Scheduled Masses For This Week

**Saturday, January 1, The Blessed Virgin Mary,
 Mother of God**

9:00 am Mass

*Note: There is NO Vigil Mass for Sunday's Feast of
 the Epiphany*

Sunday, January 2, The Epiphany of the Lord

9:00 am Mass

11:00 am For the Parishioners

Monday, January 3, The Most Holy Name of Jesus

7:00 am Mass

Tuesday, January 4, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, religious

7:00 am Mass

Wednesday, January 5, St. John Neumann, bishop

7:00 am Mass

Thursday, January 6, St. André Bessette, religious

7:00 am Mass

**First Friday, January 7, St. Raymond of Penafort,
 priest (Patron of Canon Lawyers)**

7:00 am Mass

5:30 pm Mass

Next Weekend Masses

Saturday, January 8, Vigil: Baptism of the Lord

5:00 pm Charles F. Rogers, 30th anniversary
 -requested by his family

Sunday, January 9, The Epiphany of the Lord

9:00 am Jane Rita McDonnell

-requested by her son Thomas

11:00 am Eloris Blackwell

-requested by the Religious Education Staff

WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

	12/12/2010	12/19/2010
# of Budgets Used	88	111
Checks and Budget Envelopes	\$2,753	\$5,115
Loose	\$ 481	\$ 762
Total Offertory	\$3,234	\$5,877
Retirement for Religious	\$1,690	_____

THE PASTOR'S CORNER

Epiphany is a Greek word for manifestation, or the unveiling of a mystery. We're all familiar with the Epiphany hymn, "We Three Kings." Kings...perhaps not, astrologers or star gazers more likely according to the tradition. Their names: Casper, Balthazar, and Melchior. They represent the foreign world, people not of the Covenant; they were outsiders to the Law of Moses. Nevertheless, they arrive seeking the Light, who is Christ the Lord.

On the Feast of the Epiphany, chalk is blessed. The chalk is used to write the initials of the three magi over the doors of churches and homes. The letters stand for the initials of the Magi and also the phrase *Christus mansionem benedicat*, which translates as "May Christ bless the house." You are most welcome to come forward to the manger and take a piece of blessed chalk and the home blessing prayer. Over the doors, you begin with the first two numerals of the year followed by a cross, then the first letter of each of the Wise Men, each followed by a cross, and then the last two numerals of the new year. (20 + C + M + B + 11). Gather as a family in prayer, and mark your homes as a reminder we have received the Light of the World.

We celebrate our Christian faith by living in the light. Keep those windows candles burning brightly for all to see until next Sunday, the Baptism of the Lord, which concludes the Christmas season. The rectory, however will remain lit until February 2, the Presentation of the Lord.

You all our parishioners, students, families and visitors, a very blessed New Year of grace.

~ Msgr. Darcy

**Please keep our fellow parishioners and friends in
 your thoughts and prayers:**

Anna Washington, BAW, Mary Doherty, CG, Mary Chatterton, Willy, Hugh Taylor, Jackie, Maureen Baker, Rose Conboy, Jeff Cavanaugh, Steve, Michael Simonette, and Connie.

THIS WEEK AT ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH

Sun.	01/02	Coffee Hour	10:00 am
Mon	01/03	Religious Education	3:30 pm
Friday	01/07	First Friday Services	7 am and 5:30 pm



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ADVENT HAT AND MITTEN TREE

You are invited to decorate the trees in the vestibule with *Hats and Mittens* for women, men and children through January 3rd. All proceeds will be distributed to the homeless by Crossroads RI. Thanks for your generous spirit and kindness.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH COMMITTEE MEETING

The Outreach Committee will hold its next meeting on Sunday, January 9th at 10 am in the church hall. All interested parishioners are invited to attend.



ST. SEBASTIAN ELECTRONIC GIVING

Parish Giving (www.ParishGiving.org) is a website that enables you, our parishioners, the ability to have your weekly or monthly offerings automatically debited from your checking account or credit card. You can choose how much to give, how often to give and what method of payment is to be used. As a parishioner, you can also make special offertory donations for second collections, and the Church Restoration Fund. More news soon as we officially launch this easy stewardship program.

WELCOME TO ST. SEBASTIAN'S PARISH

The parish welcomes our new parishioners who have registered at our parish:

Rita Lynch
Harold Arcaro
John and Kathy O'Connor
Stephanie Benedetti
Karen Bentley
Pat and Sue Leonard
JR and Carmen Neville

Welcome to all of you. We hope forward to you sharing your time, talent, and treasure as active members of the parish

VOCATION MOMENTS WITH FR. STOWE

Look about you! Can you see the glory of God? Open your heart to receive the gifts God is offering you. (Isaiah 60: 1-6). If you think God is calling you to be a priest, visit our website at www.catholicpriest.com or call Fr. Gregory Stowe at 331-1316.

FIRST FRIDAY MASS—JANUARY 7TH

The First Friday Masses are celebrated at 7 AM and 5:30 PM. Members of RI Chapter of the Order of Malta will be with us for the evening liturgy.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES RESUME

Grades 1 through 5 will meet on Monday, January 3 at 3:30 pm. Grades 6 through 8 will meet next Sunday, January 9 at 10 am. Students in grades 9 and 10 students will meet on Sunday, January 9 at 6:30 pm. We hope all our students enjoyed their Christmas vacation!

MONTHLY MAINTENANCE COLLECTION

NEXT 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 improvements on our parish property.**

BOOK CLUB

The Parish Book Club will meet on Wednesday, January 19th at 7:30 pm in the Fr. Randall Room to discuss The Power and the Glory by Graham Greene.



ANNUAL POTLUCK SUPPER—JANUARY 22, 2011

In honor of St. Sebastian, whose Feast Day is January 20th, all parishioners are invited to a Potluck Supper to be held in the Church Hall on Saturday, January 22nd at 6 pm. More information will follow, but mark your calendars now and plan to attend!