

Church of St. Sebastian
February 6, 2011—Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scheduled Masses For This Week

Saturday, February 5, Vigil: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm Stasia Richardson, 2nd anniversary
-requested by her family

Sunday, February 6, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Marie Rohr

11:00 am For the People

Monday, February 7, Weekday

7:00 am Jack O'Neill
-requested by Sylvia Loferski and family

Tuesday, February 8, Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Wednesday, February 9, Weekday

7:00 am A Special Intention

Thursday, February 10, Saint Scholastica, virgin

7:00 am Mass

Friday, February 11, Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Next Weekend Masses

Saturday, February 12, Vigil: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm For the People

Sunday, February 13, Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Mass

11:00 am Rev. Donat Barrette, 4th anniversary

RHODE ISLAND CATHOLIC

After Mass this week, complimentary copies of Rhode Island Catholic are available near the entrance of the church. Please pick up a copy, take it home and spend time looking it over. If you are interested in subscribing to the paper, just drop the specially marked envelope in the budget collection basket next weekend.

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

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

THE PASTOR'S CORNER

Liturgical law requires that two candles should be lit near or on the altar during the celebration of the Eucharist. The origin, of course, was for lighting purposes in old cathedrals and monasteries. While their use was functional, the symbolism remains to this day. The Lord said, "I am the Light of the World."

The rectory windows are dark again with the removal of the Christmas candles after the Feast of the Presentation. The challenge remains, however, for this parish to be a Light to the East Side community.

This Gospel from the Sermon on the Mount presents us with two Light images: the city on a hill, and a lamp in the house. Neither are lit only then to be hidden. It would be foolish, eccentric, if not odd! Is it a stretch to examine our Christian commitment when we "dim" our faith-based values outside the comfort of this Church building? We're hiding the Light...we're covering our gift, we're dimming our responsibilities so as not to "offend."

I mentioned last Sunday that the Beatitudes" are to be our attitudes. They're not to remain just "nice words," but describe who we ARE. Do we believe the words of the Lord or not? Is the Light seen only within the Church building or also within as we bring that Living Light of faith into the world?

The winter world is very dark, and cold, and lonely. How bright and alive of OUR Christ Light?

Have a good week!
Msgr. Darcy

P.S.— I lit a candle for NO MORE SNOW!!

WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

	01/30/2011
# of Budgets Used	87
Checks and Budget Envelopes	\$ 3,791
Loose	\$ 382
Total Offertory	\$ 4,173
Church of Latin America	\$1,076

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Around the Parish

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.**



Parish Giving, our newly launched on line giving program is a convenient and secure way to stabilize and increase our weekly Offertory and special collections. It provides means for **you** to select the day of the month your contributions are processed on your checking or credit card account. Your credit card donations receive mileage a bonus points as usual. For more information, go to our parish web site (www.stsebastianri.org) for the convenient link, or directly to www.Parishgiving.com

PARISH BOOK CLUB

The Book Club will meet on Wednesday, February 23rd in the Randall Room at 7:00 pm to discuss Heaven's My Destination by Thornton Wilder.

VOTIVE CANDLES

You may have noticed the rack of votive candles in front of Our Lady's Shrine on the left side of the sanctuary. You are invited to light a 6 day votive candle for your private intentions. The offering is \$4. "Our Lady of Perpetual Help, pray for us!"

THIS WEEK AT ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH

Sun.	2/6	Coffee Hour	10:00 am
		Religious Education	10:00 am
		Religious Education	6:30 pm
Mon.	2/7	Religious Education	3:30 pm
Thurs.	2/10	Choir Rehearsal	7:30 pm

Around the Diocese

EVENING OF DISCERNMENT WITH BISHOP TOBIN

Attention high school and college men who are interested in learning more about the priesthood. On Tuesday, February 15th at 6:30 at Our Lady of Providence Seminary, Bishop Tobin will lead Evening Prayer, give a talk about discernment and the priesthood, and be answering questions. Food will be provided. If you are interested in attending, please contact Fr. Gregory Stowe at 331-1316 or gstowe@catholicpriest.com.

ROMAN MISSAL - THIRD EDITION

The Holy Father has approved a new translation of the Roman Missal for English speaking countries. The new Missal will be used beginning the First Sunday of Advent, November. 27, 2011. Our parish bulletin will include an insert to help explain the purpose, practice, and implementation for the celebration of the Mass beginning February 20th. You will find these inserts from the Conference of Catholic Bishops very helpful and informative. You can learn more at www.usccb.org/romanmissal

REFLECTIONS ON MATRIMONY:

THE SACRAMENT OF ENDURING LOVE

Married, engaged and dating couples are invited to join us on Saturday, March 12, 2011 from 12:30 pm to 4:00 pm at Bryant University, Smithfield, RI. The Office of Marriage Preparation and Enrichment along with the Office of Religious Education will host: **Reflections of Matrimony: the Sacrament of Enduring Love.** Nationally known speakers on marriage, Steve & Kari Collela and David & Angela Franks, from the Archdiocese of Boston, will join us for the afternoon. Steve & Kari's presentation: **Three Practical Tools for Great Marriages: Faith, Communication and Spirituality**, will allow you to reflect on key priorities in daily married life. David & Angela Frank's presentation: **Matrimony: Sacrament of Enduring Love**, will highlight the spiritual and sacramental richness of married love. Take the time to share together, and with other couples, the joys and challenges of living out a marriage commitment in today's secular world. For more information: www.dioceseofprovidence.org under Office of Religious Education. The cost is \$22 per couple or \$15 per person. Make checks payable and mail registration to: Office of Religious Education, One Cathedral Square, Providence, RI 02903