

**Church of St. Sebastian**  
**January 16, 2011—Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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**Scheduled Masses For This Week**

**Saturday, January 15, Vigil: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5:00 pm Athalie Cummings, 9th anniversary

**Sunday, January 16, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 am For the People

11:00 am Maureen Garrahy

**Monday, January 17, St. Anthony, abbot**

*~~Martin Luther King, Jr. Day~~Holiday Schedule*

9:00 am William Moreau

-requested by Gertrude Gaudet

**Tuesday, January 18, Weekday**

7:00 am Emilda Moreau

-requested by Therese A. Moreau

**Wednesday, January 19, Weekday**

7:00 am For Souls in Purgatory

-requested by a parishioner

**Thursday, January 20, St. Sebastian, martyr**

7:00 am For Souls in Purgatory

-requested by a parishioner

**Friday, January 21, St. Agnes, virgin and martyr**

7:00 am Eugene G. Gallant, 3rd anniversary

-requested by Pat and Sal Annarummo

**Next Weekend Masses**

**Saturday, January 22, Vigil: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5:00 pm Joseph J. Loferski, 14th anniversary

-requested by wife Sylvia and children

**Sunday, January 23, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 am For the People

11:00 am Helen V. Lawlor, anniversary remembrance

-requested by her family

*Let us pray for the repose of the soul of  
**Athalie Cummings**  
whose love for our parish was shown in a  
bequest at the time of her death.  
We remember her in gratitude and offer  
Saturday's 5 pm Mass for her.  
May she rest in the peace of the Lord.*

*THE PASTOR'S CORNER*

The return to Ordinary Time in the liturgical years seems, well, a bit boring! Gone are the lights and festivities of Christmas. What seems to be left is another major storm and a foot of snow. Not fun, at least for me!

The Christian, however, never looks upon this new era redeemed by Christ as *ordinary*. Our life in Christ is anything that.

We will hear again the public ministry of Christ: healings, revelations, conversions to a new way of living. John gives testimony that he saw the One on whom God's favor rests. We are challenged to do the same...to testify to the Truth.

Every parish is very complex and living reality. There is public worship, religious education, well-coordinated outreach efforts, and social events all with the purpose to bring others to know the Lord in each other. Today there are opportunities to serve in the ministry of music, **to join in the Pot Luck Supper on Saturday, Jan. 22 after the 5 PM Mass**, or to ensure our financial contribution to the parish even when not physically present. The total of all these well intentioned endeavors has only one clear purpose. To help us to become holy as we call upon the name of our Lord. The ultimate goal of every Christian life is to become holy: as a husband/wife, father/mother, priest/layperson, old/young...all called to partake in the very nature of God...holiness!

So, you see, there is no such time as Ordinary Time as a Christian on the journey to holiness. Perform your daily tasks with extraordinary, transforming faith. Like for John the Baptist, it's our testimony, too, after all!

Enjoy the snow!

Msgr. Darcy

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

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

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### **ST. SEBASTIAN FEAST DAY CELEBRATION**

~~~ANNUAL POT LUCK SUPPER~~~

We celebrate our parish name day on the weekend of January 23/24. **The Pot Luck Supper will be held after the 5 pm Mass on January 24th.** A sign up is available in the front vestibule of the Church. Register to bring a hot or cold appetizer, main course, or dessert; meet some of our new parishioners; and help enliven our St. Sebastian's Community. **Please bring food to the Church Hall before the 5 PM Mass.** Wine, soft drinks, and coffee will be provided. **Sign up today!!!!**

### Daughters of Isabella

The RI State Circle, Daughters of Isabella is once again offering scholarships to memorialize Rev. Msgr. Thomas V. Cassidy, who served this organization so well for many years as the RI State Chaplain and was also very dedicated to Catholic Education.

A total of \$4000 in scholarships will be awarded, two (2) eight grade girls entering a Catholic High School of their choice will each be awarded a \$2000 scholarship based on **scholastic merit and financial need.**

Any girl interested in applying for a scholarship is asked to request an application in writing and return it by the March 15, 2011 **deadline** to:

Mrs. Helen Maiella, Chairperson

Msgr. Thomas V Cassidy Scholarships

1 Robin Hood Drive

East Providence, RI 02915

### **BOOK CLUB**

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

### **ST. MARY –BAY VIEW ACADEMY OPEN HOUSE**

St. Mary –Bay View Academy Open House, a Catholic school sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy for girls and young women in grades Pre-K through High School, will hold two Open Houses for our Lower School. These Open Houses are for students and parents of the Pre-kindergarten for three and four year olds, and kindergarten to fifth grade programs. They will be held on Monday, January 31st and Tuesday, February 1st from 9 am to 2 pm. For more information contact Betty Sepe, Admissions Director, at 434-0113 ext. 150.

### **VOCATION MOMENTS WITH FR. STOWE**

Through your baptism you are God's servant and a light to others. With whom will you share your light? Consider a vocation to the consecrated life or priesthood. (Isaiah 49: 3, 5-6). If you think God is calling you to be a priest, visit our website at [www.catholicpriest.com](http://www.catholicpriest.com) or call Fr. Gregory Stowe at 331-1316.

### **“ONE WHO SINGS, PRAYS TWICE!”**

We owe a sincere thanks to Bill Cooper and the parish choir for their music ministry during the Advent/Christmas Seasons. We want to strengthen our parish choir with parishioners interested in singing with the choir at the 11AM Mass from September thru May. Rehearsals are on Thursdays at 7:30 pm in the Fr. Randall Room. Please call our music director, Mr. Bill Cooper (438-2465) or speak with him after any of the weekend Masses for more information. Join us....and give praise to God in song!

### **Parish Giving**

As mentioned last weekend, **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](http://www.stsebastianri.org)) for the convenient link, or directly to [www.Parishgiving.com](http://www.Parishgiving.com)

### ***THIS WEEK AT ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH***

|             |             |                                               |                 |
|-------------|-------------|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Sun.</b> | <b>1/16</b> | <b>Coffee Hour</b>                            | <b>10:00 am</b> |
|             |             | <b>NO Religious Education</b>                 |                 |
| <b>Mon.</b> | <b>1/17</b> | <b>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day—Daily Mass</b> | <b>9:00 am</b>  |
|             |             | <b>NO Religious Education</b>                 |                 |
| <b>Wed.</b> | <b>1/19</b> | <b>Parish Book Club</b>                       | <b>7:30 pm</b>  |
| <b>Sat.</b> | <b>1/22</b> | <b>Potluck Supper</b>                         | <b>6:00 pm</b>  |

### **WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT**

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|-----------------------------|------------|
|                             | 01/09/2011 |
| # of Budgets Used           | 93         |
| Checks and Budget Envelopes | \$ 4,469   |
| Loose                       | \$ 461     |
| Total Offertory             | \$ 4,930   |
| Monthly Maintenance         | \$1,839    |