

Church of St. Sebastian
January 23, 2011—Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scheduled Masses For This Week

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 Rev. Donat Barrette, 4th anniversary
11:00 am Helen V. Lawlor, anniversary remembrance
-requested by her family

Monday, January 24, St. Francis de Sales, bishop and doctor of the Church

7:00 am Jane Folcarelli
-requested by Pat and Sal Annarumo

Tuesday, January 25, Conversion of St. Paul, apostle

7:00 am For the People

Wednesday, January 26, St. Timothy and St. Titus, bishops

7:00 am Mass

Thursday, January 27, Weekday

7:00 am Vincent and Jean Maguire

Friday, January 28, St. Thomas Aquinas, priest and doctor of the Church

7:00 am Mass

Next Weekend Masses

Saturday, January 29, Vigil: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm Mass

Sunday, January 30, Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am For the People
11:00 am Anthony N. Patriarca, 2nd anniversary
-requested by his family

*Let us pray for the repose of the souls of
Vincent and Jean Maguire
whose love for our parish was shown in a
bequest at the time of their death.
We remember them in gratitude and offer
Thursday's 7 am Mass for them.
May they rest in the peace of the Lord.*

THE PASTOR'S CORNER

An earlier translation of today's Gospel used the term, "Heathen Galilee." It is the northern border of Israel. It is still a beautiful land of farmers and fishermen even to this day. They were viewed as people of no cultic or national sophistication.

Interesting that it was to this area that Jesus lived during his public ministry. When you experience it, you understand why.... it is serene, peaceful, and open. It was away from the hubbub of the city, of the religious cult, and of Roman politics. Capernaum- by the sea- is where Jesus called the first followers to follow him.

Knowing *about* someone is not the same as really knowing them. All of us hear a lot about a lot of people; it doesn't mean that everything we hear is true. Knowing *about* the Truth is not the same as knowing the Truth. Anyone can teach something about Jesus, believers have made a decision to follow Him even when it is unpopular, ridiculed, or counter-cultural.

The culture and the Church are entering the public square for a discussion on many issues. We "check our coats" at restaurants, we don't check our faith when we discuss the sanctity of the human person at all stages of life, when we defend the teaching of traditional marriage, when we engage in outreach for the poor and marginalized, and when we respect the dignity even of those who ridicule and dislike the Church.

"**Follow me.**" These two words were spoken personally by the Lord to Peter, Andrew, James, and John. Their response was immediate; and at times they staggered and fell, but they continued on the journey until their work was finished. We hear, we follow, and we believe. The Light shines on in the darkness... through us.

A blessed week to you.
Msgr. Darcy

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

Kelly, 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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Around the Parish

“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, 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

THIS WEEK AT ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH

Sun.	1/23	Coffee Hour	10:00 am
		Religious Education	10:00 am
		Religious Education	6:30 pm
Mon.	1/24	Religious Education	3:30 pm
Thurs.	1/27	Women’s Morning of Recollection	10:00 am
		Choir Rehearsal	7:30 pm

WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

01/09/2011

# of Budgets Used	96
Checks and Budget Envelopes	\$ 4,107
Loose	\$ 411
Total Offertory	\$ 4,518
Catholic Education	\$1,145

Around the Diocese

MORNINGS OF RECOLLECTION FOR WOMEN

The Monthly Morning Recollection for Women will be this Thursday, January 27th from 10 am to 12:15 pm, including Holy Mass at 11:45 am. A Recollection is an opportunity to spend some time with Our Lord in quiet prayer. The format includes 2 meditations given by a priest of Opus Dei and a talk given by a layperson. The priest is available to hear confessions between meditations and after Holy Mass. The spiritual and doctrinal formation of the mornings are entrusted to Opus Dei, a personal prelature of the Catholic Church.

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

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 though 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 FATHER STOWE

If you were Peter or Andrew, James or John, would you be able to follow Jesus with abandon? What is holding you back? (Matthew 4: 12-23). If you think God is calling you to be a priest, call Fr. Stowe at 331-1316 or visit our website at www.catholicpriest.com