

Church of St. Sebastian
January 19, 2014 — Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scheduled Masses For This Week

Saturday, January 18, Vigil: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm Dr. Joseph Loferski
-requested by his wife and children

Sunday, January 19, 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am For the People

11:00 am Mass

Monday, January 20, Weekday

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

9:00 am Mass

Tuesday, January 21, Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

7:00 am Hon. Eugene G. Gallant
-requested by Pat and Sal Annarummo

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

7:00 am Mass

Thursday, January 23, Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Friday, January 24, Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

7:00 am Mass

Next Weekend Masses

Saturday, January 25, Vigil: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm Hon. Robert F. Arrigan, month's mind
-requested by Rachel and John Baxter

Sunday, January 26, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am For the People

11:00 am Rev. Angelo D'Agostino, SJMD, birthday remembrance
-requested by Belle Calenda



THE PASTOR'S CORNER

It's amazing the difference a week makes! Christmas trees have been collected, windows are falling dark once again, and the Church returns to Ordinary Time. We celebrate our own local solemnity of St. Sebastian this weekend. His feast day is January 20th. As the patron of archers, soldiers, and athletes, we keep in mind Fr. Luke, a world-class runner and US Army Chaplain in Afghanistan. May St. Sebastian protect and intercede for him and all our men and women in uniform and in harm's way.

Our very spirited Outreach Committee has decided to focus on hunger during 2014. As we return to Ordinary Time in the church calendar, the Committee very rightfully sees hunger as something that should be *extraordinary in Rhode Island*. The parish is teaming up with Mary House at St. Patrick Parish, Smith Street, to bring food and monetary support for this most worthy cause not far from this parish.

As a means of supporting the apostolic ministry of the Outreach Committee, they and I are asking our parishioners and friends to **bring a few non-perishable canned goods to Mass each week and deposit them in the collection area near the choir loft stairs**. *The children can plan to bring a canned good to the next Children's Liturgy on February 2nd at 9:00 am..*

The annual *March for Life* takes place this week on January 22nd in Washington, DC. We continue to pray for the protection of all life from conception to natural death. Life is a gift... we need to act to protect its dignity for everyone. Consider performing an act of kindness this week for someone in need: a shut-in, the elderly, a donation to Mary House to support the hungry and/or homeless, or get involved with our Outreach Committee. Whatever it is, do it as if for Christ Himself. Testify to the Light and to the Truth as did John the Baptist in today's Gospel! The choice can be life changing, indeed!

Enjoy the holiday.
Msgr. Darcy



Our Lady's Candle is lit this week as an anniversary remembrance of Helen V. Lawlor, requested by her family.

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HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

A reminder that morning Mass on Monday, January 20th will be at 9:00 am as we honor Martin Luther King Day. *It's also the actual feast day of St. Sebastian!*

COLD AND FLU SEASON

During the cold and flu season, we will verbally offer each other the Sign of Peace. Communion will be restricted to the Body of Christ. Pray for those who are sick during this winter season.



Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on Tuesday January 21st at 7:00 pm in the Fr. Randall Room to create prayer shawls and small Baptism blankets. Call Pat Capece 274-8632 or Elaine Kehoe 273-4259 with ideas or questions. Please join us in this lovely way to spread joy to others.

ST. SEBASTIAN BOOK CLUB

The Parish Book Club will meet on Wednesday, February 12th at 7:30 pm in the Fr. Randall Room to discuss Far From the Madding Crowd by Thomas Hardy. All are welcome.

Please keep our fellow parishioners and friends in your thoughts and prayers: Maureen Kenner, Carol Anne Theroux, Nicole Ruffine, Beverly DiLello, Elizabeth Dugan, Deborah Bessette, Beatrice Calvo Crozier, James Mullaney, Mariella, Amy, and Ursula Shea. *Please contact the rectory if you would like to add a person to our prayers.*

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE- OCTOBER 20-30



Have you ever wanted to visit the Holy Land?

Msgr. Darcy is escorting a limited group of 38 people next October 20th to 30th. To date, **31 reservations have been secured**. Please call Msgr. Darcy as soon as possible for more details before the announcement goes public! Do you want to join us ...or be on the waiting list??

babysitting services

BABYSITTING AT THE 9:00 AM MASS

It's a great service for parents and the parish. Please be welcome to attend Mass while having your child in a secure environment with approved caregivers. They gather on the stage area in the Church Hall. If anyone would like to give a helping hand, please call Karin Schrott at 401-465-7444. The small team will WELCOME help.

WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

January 12, 2014

# of Budget Envelopes Used This Week	93
Contributions-Budgets and Checks	\$5,164.00
Loose Contributions	\$ 431.00
Total Offertory	\$5,595.00

Please consider enrolling in Parish Giving, our electronic stewardship program for parish contributions. You can register online at www.Parishgiving.org or on our parish website at www.stsebastianri.org.



Tax letters will be mailed by January 31, 2014 to registered parishioners who donated \$500 or more in 2013. If you donated less than this amount and require a letter for tax purposes please contact the rectory at 751-0196. Thank you.