

Church of St. Sebastian
February 1, 2015 - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scheduled Masses For This Week

Saturday, January 31, Vigil: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm For our Parishioners

Sunday, Feb. 1, Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Mass

11:00 am Mass

Monday, February 2, the Presentation of the Lord

7:00 am Mass

Tuesday, February 3, Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Wednesday, February 4, Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Thursday, Feb. 5, Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

7:00 am Mass

Friday, Feb. 6, Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs

7:00 am Mass

Next Weekend Masses

Saturday, Feb. 7, Vigil: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm Mass

Sunday, Feb. 8, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am For our Parishioners

11:00 am Mass

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.

WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

January 25, 2015

# of Budget Envelopes Used This Week	93
Contributions-Budgets and Checks	\$ 4,035.00
Loose Contributions	\$ 590.00
Total Offertory	\$ 4,625.00
Church in Latin America	\$ 355.00

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.

THE PASTOR'S CORNER

As mentioned last week, the initial evaluation of the bell tower with the project engineer of 2003 and a member of the Diocesan Building Commission was postponed due to the snow storm this week. I will be sharing it with the parish as soon as some news of available

Strictly as an aside, estimates are that last year 117.7 million watch the last hour of the Super Bowl (Seahawks vs. Broncos). This year with all the controversy over the psi of a football, I am willing to wager that 120 million will watch sometime during the game. Now that's an audience! The 6 million who attended the Mass offered by Pope Francis in Manila was a world record in the history of the Church!

While the audience in the synagogue of Nazareth was probably no more than 100 people, they heard and saw something that must have spread like wild fire in their time and place. This is a *new* teaching with authority, with power, and with the power of God. Not only did they hear something revolutionary, but also they witnessed the healing of a man with an unclean spirit. "His fame spread everywhere throughout the whole region of the Galilee." The population of this section of Israel today is about 1.4 million. That's not even a challenge for today's social media (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, WhatsApp, etc.) where a healing would be "seen" by billions in a nanosecond.

There's the instruction in Canon Law that the faithful should avoid giving public *wonderment* or *scandal*. Saying or doing something that creates a stir among the People of God can be a good thing (e.g. Pope Francis). Let's try this week to give a true sense of wonderment to others as we attempt to live our faith in the Light of the Lord. Opportunities abound if we but take them, and, like the Patriots tonight, run with it.

I will be away for a week. Until we celebrate Mass together again, let's constantly review our own p.s.i (Personal Sin Inventory).

Have a Blessed Week!

~Monsignor Darcy



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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STUDENTS' BAKE SALE



In conjunction with Bishop Tobin's "Keep the Heat On" program, the Religious Education Program is sponsoring a Bake Sale. The Bake Sale will take place after all Masses on the weekend of February 7th and 8th and we will add our proceeds to the donation being made by the Outreach Committee. All parishioners are kindly requested to make baked goods for the sale. Thank you, Ms. Marie.

WITH SYMPATHY

The parish extends with prayers and sympathy to the family of long time parishioner, **Margaret (Burke) Wilcox**, who was buried last Monday. Margaret married the late Ralph Wilcox in 1949 here at St. Sebastian's. May she rest in the peace of Christ.

WELCOME TO THE FAITH

We welcome **Amy Rose Cavanaugh**, daughter of Gerald and Vicki (Hindle) Cavanaugh who was baptized last Sunday. May you grow in age, grace and knowledge of God with your big brothers!

THIS WEEK AT ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH

Sun.	2/1	Religious Ed, Grades 6-8	10:00 am
Mon.	2/2	Religious Ed, Grades 1-5	3:30 pm
Tues.	2/3	Prayer Shawl Meeting	7:00 pm
Wed.	2/4	Book Club Meeting	7:00 pm

PARISH BOOK CLUB

The next meeting of the Parish Book Club takes place Wednesday, February 4th at 7:00 pm to discuss ***A Prayer for Owen Meany*** by John Irving. Until further notice the Book Club meets in the Fr. Randall Room.

Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on Tuesday February 3rd 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.

2015 CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL

"Faith and Good Works"

The start of the 2015 Catholic Charity Appeal is fast approaching. Many of our parishioners will be receiving a mailing from Bishop Tobin asking for your support of the 2015 Appeal. For your convenience, a pledge card has been enclosed within this mailing. **Please be assured that your parish will receive credit for the gift that you make through the mail.**

Your gift to the 2015 Appeal reaches out to countless people in need throughout our diocese. No matter where you turn, you find someone who will benefit from your kindness.

Please give generously to the 2015 Catholic Charity Appeal.

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES 2015 - WITH POPE FRANCIS IN PHILADELPHIA

Join the Diocese of Providence as we celebrate this once in a lifetime event! Families from around the world will come together on **September 21 - 27, 2015** for prayer, speakers, celebrations, and activities for all ages. The conference theme will be, "**Love Is Our Mission: The Family Fully Alive.**" Travel options include a 7 day, 6 night pilgrimage or a 4 day, 3 night pilgrimage. Join our Holy Father Pope Francis in his first visit to the USA for the Festival of Families and a Papal Mass to conclude this event. For more information, please contact Keith and Lisa Kline at [401-349-0428](tel:401-349-0428) or at leeleejack@aol.com. **REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!**

MONTHLY PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Names of friends, family, and fellow parishioners for whom prayers are asked will be listed monthly. If you would like a person included in next month's Prayers for the Sick please call the rectory. ***John Haddad, Deborah Bessette, Debbie, Tim Cannon, Jack, Mary M., Peter Pizzarello, Virginia Gallagher, Maureen, Betty Mullaney, M. Rachel, Lisa Turbitt, Paula C., Heather, and Ursula Shea.***