

**Church of St. Sebastian**  
**February 10, 2013 — Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Scheduled Masses For This Week**

**Saturday, February 9, Vigil: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5:00 pm Charles F. Rogers, anniversary

**Sunday, February 10, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 am Patricia Mullaney, 2nd anniversary  
-requested by her family

11:00 am Peggy Corrigan  
-requested by John and Mary Cappelli

**Monday, February 11, Weekday**

7:00 am Donald and Elaine Martire  
-requested by Grace Dugan

**Tuesday, February 12, Weekday**

7:00 am For the people

**Wednesday, February 13, Ash Wednesday**

7:00 am Cecylia Turyn, 31st anniversary  
-requested by Boni family

5:30 pm Mass

**Thursday, Feb. 14, Thursday after Ash Wednesday**

7:00 am Special Intention

**Friday, February 15, Friday after Ash Wednesday**

7:00 am Mass

**Next Weekend Masses**

**Saturday, February 16, Vigil: First Sunday of Lent**

5:00 pm Mass

**Sunday, February 17, First Sunday of Lent**

9:00 am Mass

11:00 am For the people

*Ash  
Wednesday*

**WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT**

February 3, 2013

# of Budget Envelopes Used This Week	77
Contributions-Budgets and Checks	\$4,098
Loose Contributions	\$ 492
Total Offertory	\$4,580
Monthly Maintenance	\$1,524

Please consider enrolling in *Parish Giving*, our electronic stewardship program for parish contributions. You can register online at [www.Parishgiving.org](http://www.Parishgiving.org) or on our parish website at [www.stsebastianri.org](http://www.stsebastianri.org).

***The Pastor's Corner***

Let's say a few words about election... no, not in politics, but in the Scriptures. Election, being called and chosen, is one of the central themes in the Sacred Text. We heard it for Jeremiah last week, and we hear it for Isaiah and Peter this week. We are called to bring a message of hope, and to invite women and men on the journey of faith.

Lent begins with a day of fast and abstinence for the Christian faithful. These forty days prepare us for the holiest night of the year, the Easter Vigil, which we will celebrate on March 30<sup>th</sup>. Our adult candidates are responding to Christ in the Catholic Church. We welcome and encourage them on their way. Married, engaged, and single, these already baptized Christians have been "caught" by the love of Jesus. Like St. Peter, they are preparing to live their life as members in full communion with Jesus.

The Lenten schedule is highlighted. Morning Mass at 7:00 am, Stations of the Cross, the Rice Bowl Program, the Parish Mission, the weekly opportunity for Confession, daily prayer, and our private works of charity all help us intensify our spiritual life during this penitential season. I'll have more suggestions for you next week.

You'll see the Bake Sale being sponsored by the Religious Education student to benefit the **Keep the Heat On!**, the heating assistance program of the Diocese. Here's your chance for one last baked treat before you give up sweets as your Lenten sacrifice. Our young people are learning at an early age that we have a responsibility in Christ to help our brothers and sisters in time of need. Their encouraging parents are fulfilling their role as the primary teachers in the faith. Great job, young people and parents!!

Lent is Old English for springtime! If Lent is here, spring is only a month away. Now that, too, is something really to celebrate!

Happy Mardi Gras!

Monsignor Darcy

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

Anastasia Beaupre, Adam Ringguth, Denise Walker, Beverly DiLello, Kathy McCaughey, Deborah Bessette, Beatrice Calvo Crozier, James Shanni, Vilma O'Connor, Mariella, and Amy.

*Please contact the rectory if you would like to add a person to our prayers.*

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**COLD AND FLU PRECAUTIONS**  
 Until the cold and flu season subsides, **please refrain from shaking hands at the Rite of Peace.** If you are sick, you are dispensed from the Sunday Mass obligation.



**BAKE SALE**  
 This weekend the children of the Religious Education Program are sponsoring a bake sale after all Masses. The proceeds from the bake sale, along with a donation from the Outreach Committee, will go to benefit Bishop Tobin's "Keep the Heat On" campaign.

Our Lady's Candle is lit this week as a birthday remembrance for Edward W. Lawlor as requested by his family.




**MISSION TRIP TO AFRICA**  
 Providence Country Day is sponsoring a Mission Trip including assisting at the HIV/AIDS ministry of Fr. Bobby in Ghana. For more information contact our parishioner, Sarah Garcia-Mata for more information (433-1707). The trip is scheduled for June 16-30 departing from Boston. An information flyer is in the front vestibule.

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

Sun.	2/10	Religious Ed, Grades 6-8	10:00 am
		Community Outreach	10:00 am
		Religious Ed, Grades 9-10	6:30 pm
Mon.	2/11	Religious Ed, Grades 1-5	3:30 pm
Wed.	2/13	Ash Wednesday	7:00 am
			5:30 pm
Thurs.	2/14	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm

**THE YEAR OF FAITH**  
**OUR LENTEN PARISH MISSION**  
**FR. TOM HOAR, SSE, PH.D.**  
**FEBRUARY 24-27<sup>TH</sup> AT 7:00 PM**



As we prepare to love the Gospel life, we are called to reflect upon the love of God the Father. In baptism, every Christian is called to be "holy, as Our Father in heaven is holy." This parish Mission will give you with an opportunity to rediscover and prepare for the Season of Lent as a time of healing, repentance, and prayer.  
 Fr. Tom, the Director of St. Edmund's Retreat, Mystic, CT will preach on these themes:

**Sunday-** *Reconciliation:* An Encounter with the Healing Love of Jesus Christ (Opportunity for Confession)  
**Monday-** *Virtue:* As the Foundation of the Life of Holiness  
**Tuesday-** *The Cross:* The Key to Victory  
**Wednesday-** *Prayer:* Thy Will Be Done

Join us and invite a friend to prepare for the glory of Easter.

**LENTEN SCHEDULE**

**ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES**  
**MASSES AT 7:00 AM AND 5:30 PM**  
**Ashes to be distributed during Mass**

**Daily Mass Monday - Friday at 7:00 am**  
**Stations of the Cross - Mondays at 6:30 pm**  
**Confessions - Saturdays at 4:00 - 4:45 pm**

**Rice Bowls are available in the vestibule beginning Ash Wednesday**

**+++ PARISH MISSION +++**  
**Fr. Tom Hoar**  
**Sunday to Wednesday, February 24<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM**

**Days of Fast and Abstinence**

**Weekdays of Lent:**  
 There is no obligation to fast. However, voluntary acts of self-denial are recommended.

**Ash Wednesday and Good Friday**  
 These are days of **FAST and ABSTINENCE from meat.** There is a limit of one full meal on these days for all between the ages of 18-59 inclusive.

**Days of Abstinence (All Fridays in Lent)** All who have reached their 14<sup>th</sup> year are bound to abstain totally from meat.