

Church of St. Sebastian
February 2, 2014 — The Presentation of the Lord

Scheduled Masses For This Week

Saturday, February 1, Vigil: The Presentation of the Lord

5:00 pm Donald Poli, memorial

Sunday, February 2, The Presentation of the Lord

9:00 am For the People

11:00 am Salvatore and Mary Commendatore
 -requested by the family

Monday, February 3, Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Tuesday, February 4, Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Wednesday, February 5, Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

7:00 am Mass

Thursday, February 6, Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs

7:00 am Mary (Buckley) Sousa, memorial
 -requested by Sal and Pat Annarummo

Friday, February 7, Weekday

7:00 am Robert T. Arrigan
 -requested by Sal and Pat Annarummo

Next Weekend Masses

Saturday, February 8, Vigil: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm Mass

Sunday, February 9, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Mass

11:00 am For the People



WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

January 26, 2014

of Budget Envelopes Used This Week 75
Contributions-Budgets and Checks \$3,380.00
Loose Contributions \$ 494.00
Total Offertory \$3,874.00
Latin America \$1,031.00

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

From the star of Bethlehem to the Word made flesh as the Light that dispels the darkness to Simeon's calling this infant the "light for revelation," Jesus Christ from his very birth has been associated with light. It is no surprise that early on the church developed a feast on the fortieth (40th) day after Jesus' birth; its early name was the "feast of the Meeting," so named because Jesus entered the temple (where God dwelled) and met Simeon and Anna. From the mid-fifth century there has been a candlelight procession, no doubt because of the gospel's mention of Jesus as "the light for revelation."

Until 1969 this was a Marian feast, the purification. Hebrew Scriptures determined that a woman was "unclean" after childbirth for forty days after a male birth and the eighty days after a female birth (see Leviticus 12:1-5). With the promulgation of the 1969 General Roman Calendar this feast is once more dominical, with the focus on Christ the Light. This is the context in which we bless candles for liturgical and family use.

Tonight the windows in the rectory will be lit for the last time during this mid-winter season. The windows may be dark, but the light of the season just concluded continues to greet those you visit within. The challenge for us remains the same. It is given to all the newly baptized within the baptismal ritual itself: "Receive the Light of Christ. This light has been entrusted to you because you have been enlightened by Christ the Light of the world. May you keep that flame of faith alive in your heart so that when the Lord comes, you may go out to greet Him with all the holy ones.

"Light of Christ," enlighten our hearts to see You in all we accomplish for You.

~ Monsignor Darcy

THIS WEEK AT ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH

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

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STUDENTS' BAKE SALE



The Religious Education students will be sponsoring a Bake Sale after each Mass next weekend, **February 8th and 9th**. The Bake Sale will help raise money for Bishop Tobin's "Keep the Heat On" program. All parishioners are invited to buy and/or donate any baked goods. Our Religious Education Students and parents will be in the vestibule of the Church after all Masses.

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.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW FAMILIES

We welcome to the parish these families who have come to join our community of faith. May you find much happiness and peace among us, and be sure to share your gifts, talents, and interests with us!

*James and Bethany Brackett
Christy and Stacy Bradley Harris
Erin and Andrew Hartnett
Janice Howard
Scott and Jane Keigwin
John and Chona McGrenery
James and Patricia McIntyre
William and Kathryn Overbay
Diane Patterson
Eric and Meredith Renner*

NEW PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 9 AM – 2 PM
Wednesday 9 AM – 4 PM
Closed Friday

Please keep our fellow parishioners and friends in your thoughts and prayers: Maureen Kenner, James Martin, 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??

Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on Tuesday February 4th 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.



**LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR—
SAINT PATRICK'S DAY DINNER**

Monday, March 17th, 11:30 am to 9:00 pm at the beautifully situated Wharf Tavern, 215 Water St, Warren.

Tickets are \$15 adult and \$7.50 child under 12.

Tickets may be purchased any of the following ways:
www.littlesistersofthepoorpawtucket.org
Jeanne Jugan Residence, 96 Main St., Pawtucket:
401-723-4314;
pwdevelopment@littlesistersofthepoor.org.
Thank you and God bless!

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.

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.