

**Church of St. Sebastian**  
**February 9, 2014 — Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Scheduled Masses For This Week**

**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

**Monday, February 10, Saint Scholastica, Virgin**  
 7:00 am Mass

**Tuesday, February 11, Weekday**  
 7:00 am Mass

**Wednesday, February 12, Weekday**  
 7:00 am Mass

**Thursday, February 13, Weekday**  
 7:00 am Mass

**Friday, February 14, Weekday**  
 7:00 am Mass

**Next Weekend Masses**

**Saturday, February 15, Vigil: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 5:00 pm Mass

**Sunday, February 16, Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 9:00 am For the People

11:00 am Dorothy and Raymond Higgins, anniversary remembrance  
 -requested by Edward and Gail Higgins Fogarty

Our Lady's Candle is lit this week in memory of Edward W. Lawlor, in remembrance of his birthday; requested by his family.

**WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT**  
 February 2, 2014

# of Budget Envelopes Used This Week 85  
 Contributions-Budgets and Checks \$4,529.00  
 Loose Contributions \$ 463.00  
 Total Offertory \$4,992.00  
 Monthly Maintenance \$1,820.00  
 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**

If someone asked you, "What is the most memorable speech you have read or heard?" the response would be quite interesting. The Gettysburg Address by President Lincoln, the "I have a dream" speech of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, John's Kennedy's inaugural address, or the soliloquy from Shakespeare's *Hamlet*, "To be or not to be...?" As a preacher, my choice is the Sermon on the Mount as found in the Gospel of Matthew. Today's Gospel contains some of the more famous images from this historic sermon.

We are all familiar with the symbol of light in Christian worship. Candles burn in the Church: near the tabernacle, at the altar, near the shrine to Our Lady. We proclaim Christ as the Light of the world. We give a baptismal candle to the newly baptized and admonish them to "keep the flame of faith alive in their heart."

Light. It is needed for growth of all living things; it is used as therapy for those with SAD - seasonal affective disorder. Light therapy helps those with SAD to offset symptoms of depression. Light also helps us avoid stumbling in the night.

Jesus tells us, "*You are the light of the world.*" Our Christ light can guide us to the Kingdom, and it can serve as a beacon for those living in darkness (First Reading). Jesus is not referring to the liturgical use of light. He is referring to works that are enlightened by the Spirit. Our prayer and actions manifest our concern for the hungry with our weekly food collection, with the bake sale after Masses today for the 'Keep the Heat On' program, and especially all the good works that the Outreach Committee accomplishes for the various charities with which they are involved. All these things, done in the Lord's Name, reflect our light of faith and our ultimate love for Him as seen in our concern for our brothers and sisters.

"Let your light shine before others..." Stop hiding your faith...do something with it in the parish, in the school, in the community...do it with enthusiasm and let it be seen. Jesus tells us that we do it to "glorify your heavenly Father."

Shine for the glory of God!

~Msgr. Darcy

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

Sun	2/9	Religious Ed., Grades 6-8	10:00 am
		Religious Ed., Grades 9-10	6:30 pm
Mon	2/10	Religious Ed., Grades 1-5	3:30 pm
Wed	2/12	Parish Book Club	7:30 pm
Thurs	2/13	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm

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**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STUDENTS' BAKE SALE**



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

**THEOLOGY ON TAP**

Thursday, February 20th, 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm  
Welcoming young adults, single or married, in their 20's and 30's!  
Cancun Family Mexican Restaurant, 15 Putnam Pike (Rte. 44), Johnston  
**Pope Francis: Everything is New Again**  
Guest Speaker: Dr. Holly Taylor-Coolman, Theology Department, Providence College  
Pope Francis has captured the attention of the world, but in the race to determine whether he is 'liberal' or 'conservative,' many have missed the way in which he has revived some of the most basic themes of the gospel message.  
There is no fee for this event. A free-will donation will be collected. Participants are welcome to purchase food and beverages. Must be 21 to order alcoholic beverages.  
Sponsored by the Diocese of Providence Young Adult Ministry.. For more information, visit [www.discovercatholicfaith.org](http://www.discovercatholicfaith.org) or contact Michelle Donovan at [mndonovand@dioceseofprovidence.org](mailto:mndonovand@dioceseofprovidence.org).

**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, Jane 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.*

**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.

**MAGNIFICAT** is a woman to woman ministry for Catholic/Christian women inspired by the beautiful Visitation passage in the Gospel of St. Luke 1:39-56. You are invited to a breakfast and sharing of our faith on Saturday, February 22nd, 8:30 am to 12 noon, at the Providence Marriott. The guest speaker will be Jeanne Page.  
The cost is \$25 per person. For more information or registration, call 401-433-2565.



**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](http://www.littlesistersofthepoorpawtucket.org)  
Jeanne Jugan Residence, 96 Main St., Pawtucket:  
401-723-4314;  
[pwdevelopment@littlesistersofthepoor.org](mailto: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.