

Church of St. Sebastian
January 13, 2013 — The Baptism of the Lord

Scheduled Masses For This Week

Saturday, January 12, Vigil of The Baptism of the Lord

5:00 pm Evelyn Mastriano, birthday remembrance
 -requested by Ann Carnevale

Sunday, January 13, The Baptism of the Lord

9:00 am For the People

11:00 am Congressman John E. Fogarty, 46th anniversary
 -requested by Thomas J. McAndrew

Monday, January 14, Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Tuesday, January 15, Weekday

7:00 am Margaret Peggy Corrigan
 -requested by Pat and Sal Annarummo

Wednesday, January 16, Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Thursday, January 17, Saint Anthony, abbot

7:00 am Mass

Friday, January 18, Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Next Weekend Masses

Saturday, January 19, Vigil: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm For the People

Sunday, January 20, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Mass

11:00 am Joseph Loferski, 16th anniversary
 -requested by wife Sylvia and children

WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

	12/30/2012	01/06/2013
# of Budgets Used	66	75
Checks & Budget Envelopes	\$ 9,403	\$ 4,071
Loose	\$ 329	\$ 793
Total Offertory	\$9,732	\$ 4,864
Parish Giving—December	\$ 4,837	_____
Monthly Maintenance	_____	\$1,720
Mary, Mother of God	_____	\$ 1,351

The Pastor's Corner

Last week, Christ was manifested to the Gentiles symbolized by the Three Magi. At the Lord's baptism by John the Baptist, there is another manifestation, but this time it is to Jesus Himself. Follow the pronouns in the passage, He (Jesus) came up from the water...and the heavens were opened for HIM...and the Spirit descended on HIM.

Biblicists note that this manifestation at the baptism is an excellent manifestation of the Trinity. The heavens open, the Spirit descends (a sign divine favor), and the Son is announced in the blessing of the Father.

The Evening Prayer of the Church concludes the Christmas Season. We have celebrated the advent of Light into our world. The Holy Family is where love is learned, The Light became an epiphany to those who did not know Him, and, today Jesus is recognized as pleasing the Father. These events summarize the Christmas Season. The public ministry of the Lord will be retold beginning next week. I pray we have been renewed and enlightened during this festive time.

I pray we are renewed to resume the challenges of parish life: deepening our spiritual life during the Year of Faith, growing the community by example and inviting others to join us. The parish celebrates its feast day with the Potluck Supper next Saturday, January 19th after the 5:00 pm Mass. Join us... meet other members of the parish! The details are here in the bulletin. People are coming to the parish... let us meet them and welcome them among us... "for thus it is fitting for US to fulfill all righteousness."

The conversion of the rectory from oil heat to natural gas has been completed. Your generous response to the Emergency Repair Appeal made this needed upgrade a reality.

My prayers for a blessed week,
 Monsignor Darcy

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Annual Potluck Dinner—January 19th, 2013

In honor of St. Sebastian, whose Feast Day is January 20th, all parishioners are invited to a Potluck Dinner this Saturday evening, January 19th at 6:00 pm. ***Sign up sheets are in the vestibule.*** We hope to see you and your family at this very popular annual parish event.

NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK

Like Jesus, you are called God's beloved. Renew your baptismal commitment and pray for those discerning a call to priesthood or religious life. (Luke 3:15-16, 21-22). If you think God is calling you to the priesthood be a priest, visit our website at www.catholicpriest.com or call Fr. Carl Fisetette at 331-1316. ***Mary: use this if you need a filler***

Thank you very much for the generous World Mission Sunday contribution of \$1,291 from the people of St. Sebastian Church. As a parish you too have been a family to your brothers and sisters throughout the Missions. Your sacrifices will be joined to those from around our country to provide help for such life-giving and hope-filled services in more than 1,150 dioceses through missions. Know that each of you remain in my prayers and in the prayers of the people of the Missions,

Sincerely yours in Christ,
 Rev. Msgr. William I. Varsanyi, Diocesan Director

ORDINATION TO THE ORDER OF DEACON

Bishop Thomas Tobin will ordain twenty-one candidates to the Order of Deacon on Saturday, February 2nd at 10:00 am in the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul. Deacons are ordained for the ministry of service within the Church. All are welcome to participate in this liturgy at the Cathedral.



THE YEAR OF FAITH

~~~Save the Date~~~

Our next adult education session is next Sunday, January 20th at 6:30pm

Topic: Catholic End of Life Issues

Father Christopher Mahar is a Roman Catholic priest from the Diocese of Providence. He earned his Bachelor in Sacred Theology from the Pontificia *Universita Gregoriana* in Rome in 2003. Fr. Mahar was instrumental in the development of end-of-life guidelines for the diocese and helped to create a Catholic Health Care Directive which is used throughout the State of Rhode Island. In 2008 he was appointed Vice Rector of the American College of the Immaculate Conception in Leuven, Belgium, and in 2010 he completed a Sacred Theology License in Theological Ethics from the *Katholieke Universiteit* Leuven. In July 2012 Bishop Thomas Tobin appointed him Rector of the Seminary of Our Lady of Providence, while continuing as a PhD candidate at K. U. Leuven. His presentation on end of life issues is entitled: *"The Right to End Life ...It's Just Wrong!"*

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ST. SEBASTIAN BOOK CLUB

The Parish Book Club will meet on Wednesday, February 6th at 7:30 pm in the Fr. Randall Room to discuss Wolf Hall by Hilary Mantel.

THIS WEEK AT ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH

Sun.	1/13	Religious Ed - Grades 1-5	10:00 am
		Community Outreach	10:00 am
		Religious Ed - Grades 9-10	6:30 pm
Mon.	1/14	Religious Ed - Grades 6-8	3:30 pm
Thurs.	1/17	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm
Sat.	1/19	Potluck Supper	6:00 pm

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

Edmund Pomon, 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.