

Church of St. Sebastian
January 20, 2013 — Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scheduled Masses For This Week

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

Monday, January 21, Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

7:00 am Eugene G. Gallant
-requested by Pat and Sal Annarummo

Tuesday, January 22, Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

7:00 am Mass

Wednesday, January 23, Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Thursday, January 24, Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

7:00 am Mass

Friday, January 25, The Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle

7:00 am Mass

Next Weekend Masses

Saturday, January 26, Vigil: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm Philip Bessette, month's mind
-requested by Ms. Marie

Sunday, January 27, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Jean Schinse, birthday remembrance
-requested by her sister, Belle Calenda

11:00 am Mrs. Edward W. Lawlor, anniversary Mass
-requested by her family

WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

January 13, 2013

# of Budget Envelopes Used This Week	75
Contributions-Budgets and Checks	\$3,728
Loose Contributions	\$ 545
Total Offertory	\$4,273

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

The return to Ordinary Time in the liturgy, (characterized by green vestments) begins the public liturgy of the Lord. The First Sign (miracle) in St. John's Gospel is read today; the Wedding Feast at Cana. Next Sunday, we begin the Gospel of Luke which will be read for most of the liturgical year. We'll read of people being changed as they encounter Him...changed forever.

While often times read at weddings, the instruction of Mary for the waiters always strikes me. They are the first words Mary speaks in John's Gospel. As the first of the disciples, her words are quite poignant even as we read them today. **"Do whatever he tells you."** Her instruction is meant even for us: every member of the laity, every vowed religious, and every priest. All of us: "Do whatever he tells *you*."

Tonight (**Sunday, January 20th at 6:30 in the Church**), we have a presentation on Catholic medical ethics and end of life issues by Fr. Chris Mahar. Obviously, our contemporary medical/moral concerns are not found detailed explicitly in the Gospels. Intravenous hydration, feeding tubes, and high-tech ventilators were not even conceived for the people attending a wedding feast in Cana. Yet, as a people of faith down to this present day, we still are called to "do whatever he tells you" even when we may hear a very different voice telling us to do otherwise. Faith formation is a lifelong process that confronts contemporary issues from a stand point of faith.

Enjoy the week and make serious time to listen to the *Voice*. No, I'm not referring the recent television talent search, but His voice. Signs still abound if we but look and listen for them in faith.

Until we celebrate again,
Monsignor Darcy



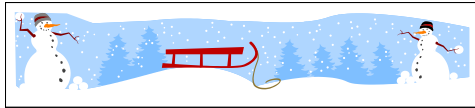
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BAKE SALE

On the weekend of February 9th-10th, the children of the Religious Education Program will once again sponsor a bake sale after all Masses. The proceeds from the bake sale, along with a donation for the Outreach Committee, will go to benefit Bishop Tobin's "Keep the Heat On" campaign.

The Parish Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet THIS Tuesday January 22nd at 7:00 pm in the Fr. Randall Room. These beautiful shawls surround others with the prayers of our parish. Can you help with this ministry here at the church or maybe even at home? If so, please contact Pat Capece (274-8632) or Elaine Kehoe (273-4259). If you are aware of someone you feel would benefit from receiving a prayer shawl, please call the rectory.



NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK

GOD'S Spirit is given to each person for the common good. What are your gifts? Be willing to share them for the good of others. (1 Corinthians 12:4-11). If you think God is calling you to be a priest, visit our website at www.catholicpriest.com or call Fr. Carl Fiset at 331-1316.

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.



Tax letters will be mailed by January 31, 2013 to registered parishioners who donated \$500 or more in 2012. If you donated less than this amount and require a letter for tax purposes please contact the rectory at 751-0196. Thank you.



THE YEAR OF FAITH

Our next adult education session is THIS 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.	1/20	NO Religious Ed	
		"The Right to End Life.. It's Just Wrong!"	6:30 pm
Mon.	1/21	NO Religious Ed	
Tues.	1/22	Prayer Shawl Ministry	7:00 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.