

Church of St. Sebastian
January 25, 2015 - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scheduled Masses For This Week

Saturday, January 24, Vigil: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm Jack O'Donnell
-requested by David and Elizabeth Smith

Sunday, Jan. 25, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am For our Parishioners

11:00 am David Lauble, 7th anniversary
-requested by his sister Elaine Kehoe

Monday, Jan. 26, Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops

7:00 am Mass

Tuesday, January 27, Weekday

7:00 am Vincent and Jean Maguire

Wednesday, Jan. 28, Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church

7:00 am Mass

Thursday, January 29, Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Friday, January 30, Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Next Weekend Masses

Saturday, January 31, Vigil: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm For our Parishioners

Sunday, Feb. 1, Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Mass

11:00 am Mass



WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

January 18, 2015

# of Budget Envelopes Used This Week	93
Contributions-Budgets and Checks	\$ 4,035.00
Loose Contributions	\$ 590.00
Total Offertory	\$ 4,625.00
Catholic University	\$ 1,006.00

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

The Annual Potluck Supper celebrating St. Sebastian Day was quite the success in our newly painted hall. About 85 parishioners and friends joined in the festivities. Jaime, our part-time maintenance man is doing a fantastic job finishing painting the hall, and David, of course, did a great job in preparing for the event. **Our next parish event will be St. Patrick's Day on Saturday, March 21st!! Mark your calendars for traditional Irish fare with music once again provided by Jesse Jack'Son. Save the date!**

Speaking of marks, I began noticing marks on the Reconciliation Room ceiling a few weeks ago. They have increased and lengthened. I feared the worse, and I was correct...water infiltration from the bell tower. Max Girouard from the Diocesan Building Commission visited, and we invited a building/masonry contractor to a follow-up exploratory meeting. The engineer from the 2003 renovation project will be consulted as the next step in this exploratory phase. There definitely is upper level deterioration on the bell tower walls that permits moisture to down the entire length of the structure. What that means is unclear at this point. I will keep the parish aware of the situation, as more information is available. Masonry work will be needed to seal eroded mortar joints and replace some of the deteriorating limestone frieze on the exterior of the Church in the spring.

The Gospel today sounds like a re-run from last week. Then, we heard St. John's version; today we hear the call of the first Apostles in the Gospel of St. Mark. The difference is what the call requires; it needs our response...*now*. The time to respond to the invitation to "Come and Follow," is now.

Jonah told his fellow citizens of Nineveh (near Mosul, Iraq) to reform and repent, *now*; and they did. It seems to me that if there's one thing needed in today's world it's reform and repentance. By the way, Lent begins on February 18th. And, there's only 54 days till Spring!!

Enjoy the week!
Monsignor Darcy

PARISH BOOK CLUB

The next meeting of the Parish Book Club takes place Wednesday, February 4th at 7:00 pm to discuss *A Prayer for Owen Meany* by John Irving. New members are welcome!

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STUDENTS' BAKE SALE



In conjunction with Bishop Tobin's "Keep the Heat On" program, the Religious Education Program is sponsoring a Bake Sale. The Bake Sale will take place after all Masses on the weekend of February 7th and 8th and we will add our proceeds to the donation being made by the Outreach Committee. All parishioners are kindly requested to make baked goods for the sale. Thank you, Ms. Marie.



COFFEE HOUR: COMMUNITY PARISH SOCIAL

Join our Parish Community **after this Sunday's 9:00 am Mass** for our first coffee hour of 2015. By popular request, we will continue this each month to strengthen the bond between our young people, parents, family, and friends. We look forward to seeing you there.

HAT AND MITTEN TREE - FINAL WEEK

You are invited to decorate the tree in the vestibule with new Hats, Mittens, Gloves and Scarves for women, men and children through January. All proceeds will be distributed to Mary House at St. Patrick's Church in Providence. Thank you for your generous spirit and kindness.



Tax letters will be mailed this week to registered parishioners who donated \$500 or more in 2014. If you donated less than this amount and require a letter for tax purposes please contact the rectory at 751-0196. Thank you.

2015 CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL

"Faith and Good Works"

The start of the 2015 Catholic Charity Appeal is fast approaching. Many of our parishioners will be receiving a mailing from Bishop Tobin asking for your support of the 2015 Appeal. For your convenience, a pledge card has been enclosed within this mailing. **Please be assured that your parish will receive credit for the gift that you make through the mail.**

Your gift to the 2015 Appeal reaches out to countless people in need throughout our diocese. No matter where you turn, you find someone who will benefit from your kindness.

Please give generously to the 2015 Catholic Charity Appeal.

*Let us pray for the repose of the souls of
Vincent and Jean Maguire
 whose love for our parish was shown in a bequest to St. Sebastian Church.
 We remember them in gratitude and offer Tuesday's 7:00 am Mass for them this week.
 May they rest in the peace of the Lord.*

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.

MONTHLY PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Names of friends, family, and fellow parishioners for whom prayers are asked will be listed monthly. If you would like a person included in next month's Prayers for the Sick please call the rectory. **John Haddad, Deborah Bessette, Debbie, Tim Cannon, Jack, Mary M., Peter Pizzarello, Virginia Gallagher, Maureen, Betty Mullaney, M. Rachel, Lisa Turbitt, Paula C., Heather, and Ursula Shea.**

THIS WEEK AT ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH

Sun.	1/25	Religious Ed, Grades 6-8	10:00 am
		Religious Ed, Grades 9-10	6:30 pm
Mon	1/26	Religious Ed, Grades 1-5	3:30 pm
Thurs	1/22	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm