

Church of St. Sebastian
January 26, 2014 — Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scheduled Masses For This Week

Saturday, January 25, Vigil: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm Hon. Robert F. Arrigan, month's mind
-requested by Rachel and John Baxter

Sunday, January 26, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am For the People

11:00 am Rev. Angelo D'Agostino, SJMD, birthday remembrance
-requested by Belle Calenda

Monday, January 27, Weekday

7:00 am Vincent and Jean Maguire

Tuesday, January 28, Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church

7:00 am Mass

Wednesday, January 29, Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Thursday, January 30, Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Friday, January 31, Saint John Bosco, Priest

7:00 am Mass

Next Weekend Masses

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

5:00 pm Donald Poli, memorial Mass

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



WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

January 19, 2014

# of Budget Envelopes Used This Week	78
Contributions-Budgets and Checks	\$4,497.00
Loose Contributions	\$ 438.00
Total Offertory	\$4,935.00
Catholic University	\$ 892.00

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

As I mentioned last weekend, what attracted the first disciples to Jesus? These two sets of brothers: Andrew/Peter, James/John became some of the closest friends of the Preacher. Why did they leave their fishing nets and follow a carpenter preacher? A simple response is they responded to the call (*vocare*=to call in Latin). Our English word 'vocation' is clearly evident.

I'm speaking to a man who is finding his vocation in Christ. He doesn't know it, but he is. The questions and inquiry about the faith, a profound interest in Christian spirituality give evidence of God's profound impact in his life. I don't have a clear indication where it is taking him, but he is genuinely earnest in his questioning. He absolutely has a vocation... perhaps to priesthood or religious life, perhaps as a husband and possible father, and perhaps as a dedicated single person in the Church. As we heard in the first reading, "a light is shone," and this man has begun to see the Light (Christ).

We have a much longer pre-Lenten time this year...Lent begins on March 5th. We'll get a chance to read some priceless passages from the Sermon on the Mount. They are not often read because Lent begins so early. Those famous quotes from the world's most famous homily we will explore in the weeks ahead. For those coming with me to the Holy Land in October, the Sermon on the Mount will *never* be the same again! Nor will your reading of the call of the four disciples mentioned in this week's Gospel.

Finally, kindly remember to bring in some non-perishable food or canned goods as part of our Outreach Program. We really want to help makes a difference in the lives of those who are hungry in our city. You can leave the items in the front vestibule near the stairs to the choir loft. I would love to hear that we need to make a number of trips to Mary House at St. Patrick Parish because of the *weekly* response. I have come to know that whatever I ask you on behalf of the poor and the needy, you **ALWAYS** respond. It's what makes me so blessed to be your pastor. On behalf of those who cannot say it themselves: **THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS AND GENEROSITY!**

~ With appreciation for your vocation as a Christian,
Msgr. Darcy



*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
Monday's 7:00 am Mass for them this week.
May they rest in the peace of the Lord.*

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STUDENTS' BAKE SALE



The Religious Education students will be sponsoring a Bake Sale after each Mass the weekend of **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.

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??

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 THE FAITH

William Harrison Renner, son of Eric and Meredith (Benoit) was baptized into the Catholic Church on Saturday, January 18th. Welcome to the faith, Will!

FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

Are you curious to know more about the Roman Catholic Church and its teachings? Do you desire a deeper relationship with God as part of a vibrant faith community? Come and explore the Faith, reflect on the catechism, and participate in discussion at the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul in Providence, Mondays at 7:00 pm, January 27th through April 14th. All are welcome to attend this faith formation program which meets all RCIA requirements for the Diocese of Providence. Talks presented by Monsignor Anthony Mancini, Father Peter Mongeon and guests. For more information and to register, call the Diocese' Parish Office at 401-331-3434

MARY LOU CALCAGNI: REST IN PEACE

The parish extends its prayerful support to the Family at the death of **Mary Lou (Testa) Calcagni**, who was buried on Tuesday. Mary Lou was the devoted wife to George and the mother of Alfred and Caroline. May she rest in peace.



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. The small team will WELCOME help.

THIS WEEK AT ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH

Sun	1/26	Religious Ed., Grades 6-8	10:00 am
		Religious Ed., Grades 9-10	6:30 pm
Mon	1/27	Religious Ed., Grades 1-5	3:30 pm
Thurs	1/30	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm

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.

Please keep our fellow parishioners and friends in your thoughts and prayers: Maureen Kenner, 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.*

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