

Church of St. Sebastian
January 27, 2013 — Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scheduled Masses For This Week

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

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

7:00 am William and Emilda Moreau
-requested by their daughter

Tuesday, January 29, Weekday

7:00 am Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, January 30, Weekday

7:00 am Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, January 31, Saint John Bosco, Priest

7:00 am Vincent and Jean Maguire

First Friday, February 1, Weekday

7:00 am Mass
5:30 pm Mass

Next Weekend Masses

Saturday, February 2, Vigil: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm Stasia Richardson, 4th anniversary
-requested by her family

Sunday, February 3, Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Peggy Corrigan
-requested by Carol and Vincent Ferraioli

11:00 am Raymond A. LaFazia
-requested by John and Mary Cappelli

WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

January 20, 2013

# of Budget Envelopes Used This Week	84
Contributions-Budgets and Checks	\$3,989
Loose Contributions	\$ 602
Total Offertory	\$4,591
Catholic University Collection	\$1,054

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

Most Excellent *Theophilus* (Friend of God):

St. Luke's Gospel, which we read this liturgical year, begins as an investigation and recollection of the teachings concerning this Jesus of Nazareth. The composition of the gospels, however, did not take place as a pious reflection on a snowy night. There are three layers to gospel composition: the *lived* experience, the communal *recollection*, and then the *written Word*. Strictly as a literary text, the gospels are very complex and technical for the serious biblical student. As a font of Revelation, it ever remains the Word of God in the language of our limited humanity.

What has excited me for almost 25 years is the intimate connection between the two: text and faith. Luke uses interesting clarifications (e.g. "according to his custom...") to inform us of Jesus' fidelity to Sabbath worship. As a true Son of Israel, Jesus *knew* where to locate a precise text in the scroll of the Prophet Isaiah. There were no vowels, only hand-written consonant words on the scroll. There were no pages, no chapters, no paragraphs, and no numbers ...just the Hebrew words on a rolled parchment of animal skin. Our Bibles have the Isaiah divided into 66 chapters and verses. Could we find a text in Isaiah without any numeration? I most likely couldn't!

A friend of God... what a sterling attribute! Our Christian faith helps guide and direct us to that ultimate relationship based on Revelation, which is both Scripture and Tradition. We proceed on the journey with the community of believers, the Church. At the end of St. Luke's investigation, we read of two disciples on their journey, but it was *away* from the Community (Lk. 24:13). These two disillusioned *friends of God* on that late Easter Sunday afternoon returned to the Community and retold what happened to them on the road and how they came to recognize Him in the breaking of the bread" (Lk. 24:35).

Read some of Luke this week... it's a gentle retelling. Perhaps for some of us it will be meeting an old friend; for others, a new acquaintance. The follow-up to today's Gospel, though, is quite shocking. Read Luke 4:30 in preparation for next Sunday, and you'll read what I mean. I'll see you next week!

Sincerely yours,
Theophilus

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COLD AND FLU PRECAUTIONS

Until the cold and flu season subsides, **please refrain from shaking hands at the Rite of Peace.** If you are sick, you are dispensed from the Sunday Mass obligation.

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.



WELCOME, CLARE ELIZABETH!

The parish celebrates the baptism of **Clare E. Fisk**, daughter of Justin and Brigid Fisk, who was baptized last Sunday at the 11 AM Mass. Welcome to the People of God at Saint Sebastian Parish.

First Friday Mass will be celebrated this Friday, February 1st at 7:00 am and 5:30 pm.

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.	1/27	Religious Ed, Grades 6-8	10:00 am
		Religious Ed, Grades 9-10	6:30 pm
Mon.	1/28	Religious Ed, Grades 1-5	3:30 pm
Thurs.	1/31	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm
Friday	2/1	First Friday Mass	7:00 am
			5:30 pm



THE YEAR OF FAITH

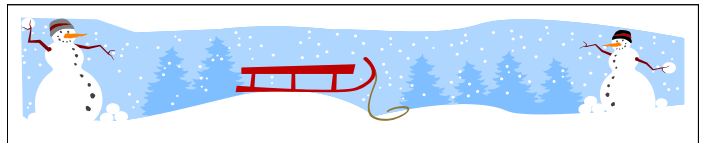
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OUR LENTEN PARISH MISSION

FR. TOM HOAR, SSE

FEBRUARY 24-27 AT 7 PM

Fr. Tom Hoar entered the Society of St. Edmund (SSE) in June of 1971. He professed religious vows on August 22, 1972. In 1977, he received his Masters of Divinity from the University of St. Michael's College, Toronto, Ontario, Canada. In 1978, he was ordained to the priesthood after earning a Master of Arts degree in Religion and Religious Education from Fordham University. He has served in various parishes staffed by the Edmundite Fathers and as a college chaplain. Fr. Tom went on to earn a PhD in Higher Education Administration from Michigan State University in East Lansing, MI in 1985. He was assigned to St. Edmund's Retreat, Enders Island, Mystic, CT in 1993 where he still resides. Father Tom has been the Retreat Director, and Director of Development. From 2003 to the present, he is the President of St. Edmund's Retreat. More recently, Fr. Tom received another PhD in 2011 from Salve Regina University in the area of *culture and technology*.



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.

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

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.*