

# Church of St. Sebastian

January 4, 2015

## Scheduled Masses For This Week

**Saturday, Jan. 3, Vigil: The Epiphany of the Lord**  
5:00 pm Mass

**Sunday, January 4, The Epiphany of the Lord**  
9:00 am Mass

11:00 am Mae Badeau  
-requested by her daughter Belle Calenda

**Monday, January 5, Saint John Neumann, Bishop**  
7:00 am Mass

**Tuesday, January 6, Christmas Weekday**  
7:00 Mass

**Wednesday, January 7, Christmas Weekday**  
7:00 am Mass

**Thursday, January 8, Christmas Weekday**  
7:00 am Mass

**Friday, January 9, Christmas Weekday**  
7:00 am Mass

## Next Weekend Masses

**Saturday, January 10, Vigil: The Baptism of the Lord**

5:00 pm Evelyn Mastriano, birthday remembrance  
-requested by her family

**Sunday, January 11, The Baptism of the Lord**  
9:00 am Mass

11:00 am Breffny Feely Walsh  
-requested by her brother Don Feely



### WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

December 21, 2014

# of Budget Envelopes Used This Week	96
Contributions-Budgets and Checks	\$ 4,219.00
Loose Contributions	\$ 720.00
Total Offertory	\$ 4,939.00

Please consider enrolling in Parish Giving, our electronic stewardship program for parish contributions. You can register online at [www.Parishgiving.org](http://www.Parishgiving.org) or on our parish website at [www.stsebastianri.org](http://www.stsebastianri.org).

### THE PASTOR'S CORNER

*Epiphany* is a Greek word for manifestation, or the unveiling of a mystery. We're all familiar with the Epiphany hymn, "We Three Kings." Kings...perhaps not, astrologers or star gazers more likely according to the tradition. Their names: Casper, Balthazar, and Melchior. They represent the foreign world, people not of the Covenant; they were outsiders to the Law of Moses. Nevertheless, they arrive seeking the Light, who is Christ the Lord.

On the Feast of the Epiphany, chalk is blessed. The chalk is used to write the initials of the three magi over the doors of churches and homes. The letters stand for the initials of the Magi and also the phrase *Christus mansionem benedicat*, which translates as "May Christ bless the house." You are most welcome to come forward to the manger and take a piece of blessed chalk. Over the doors, you begin with the first two numerals of the year followed by a cross, then the first letter of each of the Wise Men, each followed by a cross, and then the last two numerals of the new year. (20 ✕ C ✕ M ✕ B ✕ 15). Gather as a family in prayer, and mark your homes as a reminder we have received the Light of the World.

We celebrate our Christian faith by living in the light. Keep those windows candles burning brightly for all to see until next Sunday, the Baptism of the Lord, which concludes the Christmas season. The rectory, however will remain lit until February 2, the Presentation of the Lord.

You all our parishioners, students, families and visitors, a very blessed New Year of grace.

~ Msgr. Darcy



### 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. *Debbie, Tim Cannon, Jack, Mary M., Peter Pizzarello, Maureen, Betty Mullaney, M. Rachel, Lisa Turbitt, Paula C., Heather, and Ursula Shea.*

**Church of St. Sebastian**  
**1915 ~ Celebrating 100 Years of Faith ~ 2015**



**Annual Potluck Supper—January 17th, 2015**

In honor of St. Sebastian, whose Feast Day is January 20th, all parishioners are invited to a Potluck Supper to be held in the Church Hall on Saturday, January 17th at 6:00 pm. Sign up sheets are in the church vestibule. See you there!

**AN EPIPHANY HOUSE BLESSING**

*(All make the Sign of the Cross.)*

**Head of Household:** *Peace be to this house and to all who dwell here, in the name of the Lord.*

**All:** *Blessed be God forever.*

**Reader:** *In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came to be through him, and without him nothing came to be.... And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth. (John 1:1-3.14)*

*(Using chalk, write on wall above the main door: )*

*Christus Mansionem Benedicat*  
 (May Christ Bless This House)

Or

(The names of the Three Magi)

*(Each name could be written by a different member of the household.)*

**All:** *Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it. May we be blessed with health, goodness of heart, gentleness and the keeping of your law. Fill us with the light of Christ, so that our love for each other may go out to all. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*



The generosity of parishioners has enabled Saint Sebastian's to serve the people of God for 100 years. Continue to be a thread in the fabric of this church by leaving a bequest to Saint Sebastian's in your will or estate planning. For more information about memorial donations and legacy giving, please contact Monsignor Darcy at 751-0196.

**The Parish Prayer Shawl Ministry** meets the first and third Tuesday each month at 7:00 pm in the Fr. Randall Room where we make prayer shawls and Baptism Blankets. Our next scheduled get-togethers are Tuesday, January 6th, and Tuesday, January 20th. Call Pat Capece 274-8632 or Elaine Kehoe 273-4259 with ideas or questions. See you there!



**ADVENT HAT AND MITTEN TREE**

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.

***THIS WEEK AT ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH***

Sun	1/4	Religious Ed., Grades 6-8	10:00 am
		Religious Ed., Grades 9-10	6:30 pm
Mon	1/5	Religious Ed., Grades 1-5	3:30 pm
Tues	1/6	Prayer Shawl Ministry	7:00 pm