

Church of St. Sebastian
January 5, 2014 — The Epiphany of the Lord

Scheduled Masses For This Week

Saturday, January 4, Vigil: The Epiphany of the Lord

5:00 pm Charles F. Rogers, Sr.
-requested by his family

Sunday, January 5, The Epiphany of the Lord

9:00 am For the People

11:00 am Mass

Monday, January 6, Christmas Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Tuesday, January 7, Christmas Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Wednesday, January 8, Christmas Weekday

7:00 am Murlene Hall
-requested by Mary Brennan

Thursday, January 9, Christmas Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Friday, January 10, Christmas Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Next Weekend Masses

Saturday, January 11, Vigil: The Baptism of the Lord

5:00 pm Evelyn Mastriano, birthday remembrance.
-requested by her daughter Ann Carnevale

Sunday, January 12, The Baptism of the Lord

9:00 am Mass

11:00 am For the People



WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

December 22, 2013

# of Budget Envelopes Used This Week	102
Contributions-Budgets and Checks	\$ 7,031
Loose Contributions	\$ 616
Total Offertory	\$ 7,647

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

When was the last time you went looking for something? A lost cell phone, car keys, tax information for the accountant... Think of the anxiety and fear of discovering that your child or adult parent has wandered off unexpectedly. We go into panic mode very quickly until we find them. And what rejoicing when we do!

The magi from the East, search for a new king, and arrive at Jerusalem, home of King Herod. As you can imagine, he was not pleased to hear of any threat to his power. He had killed his wife, Mariame, and had his sons, Aristobulus and Alexandros strangled so insanely mad was he with power. His ruse for the magi to "go and search diligently for the child..." was not out of a desire to find and rejoice, but a mission to seek and to destroy.

Interesting...from the beginning, there are two responses to the manifestation of Jesus as King. Those who plot to destroy (Herod) and those who come to worship (Magi). Today's story is really our own: we choose to walk by the light (First Reading) and accept the revelation (Second Reading). We choose to follow and live in the Light, the Light which no darkness can ever overpower (John 1:5), and to worship the new-born King.

Our homes remain lit, the magi arrive at our mangers, and we continue to revel in the wonder of Emmanuel, "God with us." Amid the darkness of winter, our faith shines forth. Share it well with one another. I pray that your own *active* Catholic faith continues to lead others home to Christ.

Our prayer and gatherings as a parish are leading up to the Celebration of St. Sebastian Day with our pot luck supper on January 18th. Join us in the light...and invite a parishioner (or a seeker) to join you.

To all of you, a Blessed Epiphany!
Msgr. Darcy



Our Lady's Candle is lit this week in memory of Mae Badeau, requested by her daughter Belle Calenda.

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Annual Potluck Supper—January 18th, 2014

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 18th at 6:00 pm. More information will follow, but mark your calendars now and plan to attend! Sign up sheets are in the vestibule.

THIS WEEK AT ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH

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



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.*

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 7th, and Tuesday, January 21st. Call Pat Capece 274-8632 or Elaine Kehoe 273-4259 with ideas or questions. See you there!

Your generosity has enabled Saint Sebastian's to serve the people of God in this community. Continue to be a thread in the fabric of this church by leaving a bequest to Saint Sebastian's in your Will. For more information about memorial donations and legacy giving, please contact Monsignor Darcy at 751-0196.

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:)

† 20 † C † M † B † 14 †

Christus Mansionem Benedicat
(May Christ Bless This House)

Or

† 20 † Caspar † Melchior † Balthazar † 14 †

(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.*

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE 2014

Msgr. Darcy will be leading a 10 day Pilgrimage to the Holy Land October 20-30, 2014. Reservations are limited to 38 pilgrims, 22 have already reserved a place for the 4 nights in Jerusalem and 4 nights at the Sea of Galilee. *Participants must be really capable of sustained walking up/down hills and streets, on cobblestones, and possible distances.* Final cost is determined by airfares ... **present estimated price is \$3,495 pp** (double occupancy with private bath) and includes transportation to airport, flights, portage of one suitcase per person, breakfast and dinner daily. Call the rectory to receive the **Preliminary Flyer** (prepared before his sabbatical, but will be updated.)