

Church of St. Sebastian
January 6, 2013 — The Epiphany of the Lord

Scheduled Masses For This Week

Saturday, January 5, Vigil of The Epiphany of the Lord

5:00 pm Anna Hoey Smith, 2nd anniversary
-requested by Joan Soper

Sunday, January 6, The Epiphany of the Lord

9:00 am Mass

11:00 am For the People

Monday, January 7, Christmas Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Tuesday, January 8, Christmas Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Wednesday, January 9, Christmas Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Thursday, January 10, Christmas Weekday

7:00 am Mass

First Friday, January 11, Christmas Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Next Weekend Masses

Saturday, January 12, Vigil of The Baptism of the Lord

5:00 pm For the People

Sunday, January 13, The Baptism of the Lord

9:00 am Mass

11:00 am Congressman John E. Fogarty,
46th anniversary
-requested by Thomas J. McAndrew

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. Herod had killed his wife, Mariame, and had his sons, Aristobulus and Alexandros strangled so insanelly mad was Herod 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 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 19th. Join us in the light...and invite a parishioner (or a seeker) to join you.

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

WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

12/23/2012	
# of Budget Envelopes Used	93
Contributions-Budgets/Checks	\$ 7,845
Loose Contributions	\$ 635
End of Year Gift	\$ 0
Total Offertory	\$ 8,435
Christmas Donation	\$10,661



"A Happy & Peaceful New Year to All"

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Annual Potluck Dinner—January 19th, 2013

In honor of St. Sebastian, whose Feast Day is January 20th, all parishioners are invited to a Potluck Dinner to be held in the Church Hall on Saturday, January 19th at 6:00 pm. More information will follow, but mark your calendars now and plan to attend!

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Parish Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet THIS Tuesday January 8th at 7:00 pm in the Fr. Randall Room. We have received another generous donation yarn and accessories, thank you!! We are still in need of your help in order to knit/crochet more shawls. These beautiful shawls surround others with the prayers of our parish. Can you help with this ministry here at the church or maybe even at home? If so, please contact Pat Capece (274-8632) or Elaine Kehoe (273-4259). If you are aware of someone you feel would benefit from receiving a prayer shawl, please call the rectory.



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



THE YEAR OF FAITH

~~~*Save the Date*~~~

*Our next adult education session is on Sunday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm*

*Topic: Catholic End of Life Issues*

Father Christopher Mahar is a Roman Catholic priest from the Diocese of Providence. He earned his Bachelor in Sacred Theology from the Pontificia *Universita Gregoriana* in Rome in 2003. Fr. Mahar was instrumental in the development of end-of-life guidelines for the diocese and helped to create a Catholic Health Care Directive which is used throughout the State of Rhode Island. In 2008 he was appointed Vice Rector of the American College of the Immaculate Conception in Leuven, Belgium, and in 2010 he completed a Sacred Theology License in Theological Ethics from the *Katholieke Universiteit* Leuven. In July 2012 Bishop Thomas Tobin appointed him Rector of the Seminary of Our Lady of Providence, while continuing as a PhD candidate at K. U. Leuven. His presentation on end of life issues is entitled: *"The Right to End Life ...It's Just Wrong!"*

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**Bay View Academy Open House**

Please join the members of the Bay View community at Open House which will be held on Monday January 28th to Friday February 3rd from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm and on Wednesday, January 30th from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Please visit our website at [www.bayviewacademy.org](http://www.bayviewacademy.org) for pre-registration options during Catholic Schools Week. St. Mary Academy Bay View is a Catholic school for girls sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy, grades pre-K (including three and four year olds) through 12. Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Elizabeth Sepe, Admissions Director, at 401-434-0113, ext. 150 or [bsep@bayviewacademy.org](mailto:bsep@bayviewacademy.org).

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

Edmund Pomon, 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.*