

Church of St. Sebastian
February 5, 2012—Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scheduled Masses For This Week

Saturday, February 4, Vigil: 5th Sunday in Ord. Time

5:00 pm Stasia Richardson, 3rd anniversary
-requested by her family

Sunday, February 5, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am For the People
11:00 am Jeannette Schinse
-requested by the Tasca family

Monday, February 6, Saint Paul Miki and Companions, martyrs

7:00 am Mass

Tuesday, February 7, Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Wednesday, February 8, Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Thursday, February 9, Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Friday, February 10, Saint Scholastica, virgin

7:00 am Mass

Next Weekend Masses

Saturday, February 11, Vigil: 6th Sunday in Ord. Time

5:00 pm Lorraine Creamer and Jackie Quirk, birthday remembrance

Sunday, February 12, Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Patricia Mullaney, 1st anniversary
-requested by her family
11:00 am For the People

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

Deborah Bessette, Peggy Corrigan, Rose Penney, Zola Ventre, and Vilma O'Connor.

Our Lady's Candle burns this week as a birthday remembrance of Edward W. Lawlor as requested by his family.



PASTOR'S CORNER

A few years ago, there was a commercial of a customer roaming around a store looking for a sales clerk. "Helloooooooooooooooooo?" they asked. "Anybody here?" Most companies have a Customer Service Department for receiving complaints and/or commendations for employees. We tend to appreciate personal (but not hovering) service. That small personal touch is very important in all our relationships.

Whether in parish, professional, or private enterprise, we desire to have human contact...not JUST ATM's, not JUST voice mail, but a REAL person who can be of genuine assistance.

People are a census number or a poll total. We have worth; we have dignity; and we should respect that in each other. The mission of Jesus always reflected this truth. No magic wand waved over a crowd to heal them; no, He gave them personal, salvific attention in his public ministry.

The Parish Outreach Committee and the students of Religious Education are teaming up to provide a donation to Keep the Heat On. As you know, Bishop Tobin began the program for heating assistance five years ago. We may not know the families that receive assistance, but we can give our personal support for the cause. The Gospel is all about service to God and neighbor.

And speaking of personal service.... We celebrate this weekend Bishop Gelineau's 40 years as a bishop; 25 as the Bishop of Providence. The parish salutes him for his ministry which has the motto: Rejoice in hope! He will celebrate Confirmation with us this spring. All are invited to the Cathedral at 1 PM this Sunday (Feb. 5) for the anniversary celebration. We wish him many more years of good health and ministry among us.

The days are longer (thank God!), there are tips of early bulbs struggling to break through the soil, and the worst of the winter may be behind us. If that's the case, then Lent is not far away. Regardless, we pray, we teach, and we serve in the name of the Lord. Your witness is wonderful! Finally, **GO PATS!!!**

Enjoy the week.
Msgr. Darcy



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BAKE SALE FOR KEEP THE HEAT ON

Religious education students in conjunction with the Parish Outreach Committee will sponsor a bake sale for Keep the Heat On, a heating assistance program sponsored by Bishop Tobin. The baked goods will be offered after both Masses on February 11 & 12.

THANK YOU to our generous parishioners for making Christmas very special for the 34 recipient/families from the Association for Retarded Citizens (ARC) and The San Miguel School through our Embrace A Family Program.



After Mass this week, complimentary copies of **Rhode Island Catholic** are available near the entrance of the church. Please take home a copy and consider subscribing to your diocesan paper to read news each week you won't find anywhere else. If you are interested in subscribing to the paper, just drop the specially marked envelope in the budget collection next week.

WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

January 28/29, 2012

# of Budget Envelopes Used This Week	73
Contributions-Budgets and Checks	\$3,326
Loose Contributions	\$ 488
Total Offertory	\$3,814
Latin America Collection	\$1,041

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.

MONTHLY MAINTENANCE COLLECTION TODAY

Thank you for your support for the upkeep of our parish grounds and buildings

THE PARISH SPIRITUAL AND FINANCIAL REPORT

A spiritual and financial reports of the parish will be presented on February 11/12 as an insert in the parish bulletin. We have many good things and a few challenges to report!



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

This would be a very meaningful way to show our prayerful support for babies on their baptism day, for those who are grieving, and for our parishioners and others in nursing homes, assisted living, and rehabilitation centers in the area. The shawl is meant to surround a person with the prayers and warmth of our parish. Think about it... could you knit or crochet a small shawl at home, or with others here at the parish? Is it a ministry that would be possible for some parishioners? If so, please contact the rectory by phone or email (office@stsebastianri.org).

Your generosity has enabled St. 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 St. Sebastian's in your Will. For more information about memorial donations and legacy giving, please contact Msgr. Darcy at 401-751-0196 or Andrea Krupp, Director of the Catholic Foundation of Rhode Island at 401-277-2121

THIS WEEK AT ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH

Sun.	2/5	Coffee Hour	10:00 am
		Religious Education	10:00 am
Mon.	2/6	Religious Education	3:30 pm