

Church of St. Sebastian
January 15, 2012—Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scheduled Masses For This Week

Saturday, January 14, Vigil: 2nd Sunday in Ord. Time

5:00 pm Anna Smith, 1st anniversary
-requested by her family

Sunday, January 15, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Athalie Cummings, 10th anniversary
11:00 am For the people

Monday, January 16, Weekday

~~Holiday Mass Schedule~~Martin Luther King, Jr~~

9:00 am Margaret K. Ward, 6th anniversary
-requested by the Pettibone family

Tuesday, January 17, Saint Anthony, abbot

7:00 am Mass

Wednesday, January 18, Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Thursday, January 19, Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Friday, January 20, Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Next Weekend Masses

Saturday, January 21, Vigil: 3rd Sunday in Ord. Time

5:00 pm Joseph J. Loferski, 15th anniversary
-requested by wife Sylvia and children

Sunday, January 22, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am For the people
11:00 am Mrs. Edward W. Lawlor, anniversary
-requested by her family



*Let us pray for the repose of the soul of
Athalie Cummings
whose love for our parish was shown in a
bequest at the time of her death.
We remember her in gratitude and offer
Sunday's 9:00 am Mass for her.
May she rest in the peace of the Lord.*

PASTOR'S CORNER

With the Church returning to Ordinary Time, our Church and homes are hunkering down for the remaining two months of winter. It's a quiet time of year, but like the sleeping earth, there is always life below the surface. St. Sebastian's Feast Day is January 20th. Parishioners and friends will be joining us for the **Annual Potluck Supper on Saturday, January 28th after the 5 PM Mass.** Last year, 125 people joined us for the celebration. The sign up list is in the front vestibule. Bring an appetizer, a main course, or a dessert...beverages will be provided. Please feel welcome to invite a friend as well!

Today's Gospel is one of my favorites. Two reflections result from this passage. In the new Roman Missal, the Church incorporates the words of John the Baptist when he first sees Jesus by the Sea of Galilee. John says to two of his own disciples, "Behold the Lamb of God!" What has always moved me is the response of Andrew, then a disciple of John the Baptist. Andrew hears John's words and sees Jesus. Andrew is the 'first called.' Yet, the first thing he did was go and tell his brother, "***We have found the Messiah!***" Shocking words for anyone to hear... and then to behold Him.

The episode summarizes aspects of any genuinely Christian journey: we are called *and* then we respond; we see *and* then we acknowledge. Finally, we find *and* then we share the Good News with others. A great passage to underscore that for the Christian, nothing is taken as ordinary!

I am leaving you in good hands beginning Thursday with Fr. Ernie and Fr. Bodah, Chaplain at Brown as I enjoy some sun. Your homework during my absence is to begin reading the Gospel of Mark; the gospel assigned for this liturgical year. Enjoy the week, and remember: *Nothing is ordinary when we walk with Christ in the Light.*

~Msgr. Darcy

Please keep our fellow parishioners and friends in your thoughts and prayers:
Deborah Bessette, Maureen Baker, Peggy Corrigan,
and Margaret Mary Walsh

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Annual Potluck Supper—January 28th, 2012

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 28th at 6:00 pm. Sign-up sheets are in the vestibule.



Martin Luther King, Jr. Day is a United States federal holiday marking the birthday of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. It is observed on the third Monday of January each year, which is around the time of King's birthday, January 15th. Morning Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 am on this day.

WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

January 7/8, 2012

# of Budget Envelopes Used This Week	76
Contributions-Budgets and Checks	\$3,296
Loose Contributions	\$ 634
Total Offertory	\$3,930
Monthly Maintenance	\$1,440

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.

BISHOP GELINEAU'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY

On Sunday, February 5th at the 1 PM Mass, the Diocese of Providence will join the Most Reverend Louis E. Gelineau in celebration of his 40 years as a bishop. All are invited to worship with priests, religious and laity of the local Catholic community in celebrating this blessed occasion. A light reception will follow the Mass in the Cathedral Hall.

Visit www.dioceseofprovidence.org for more information.



BOOK CLUB

The Parish Book Club will meet on Wednesday, February 1st at 7:30 pm in the Fr. Randall Room to discuss George Schuyler's Black No More (a satirical novel of the Harlem Renaissance.) Everyone is welcome!



HAT AND MITTENS- THANK YOU!

The Parish Outreach Committee thanks of parishioners and friends who provided scarves, hats, and mittens for the residents and guests at Cross Roads on Broad Street. Your kindness will help the poor and the homeless stay a bit warmer this winter. Thank you for kindness to them.



Tax letters will be mailed by January 31, 2012 to registered parishioners who donated \$500 or more in 2011. If you donated less than this amount and require a letter for tax purposes please contact the rectory at 751-0196. Thank you.

THIS WEEK AT ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH

Sun.	1/15	Coffee Hour	10:00 am
Mon.	1/16	Martin Luther King, Jr.— Holiday Mass Schedule	9:00 am
Wed.	1/18	Finance Council Meeting	7:00 pm
Thurs.	1/19	Choir	7:30 pm