

**Church of St. Sebastian**  
**January 22, 2012—Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Scheduled Masses For This Week**

**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

**Monday, January 23, Weekday**

7:00 am Jeannette A. Schinse  
-requested by Sylvia Loferski and family

**Tuesday, January 24, Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

7:00 am Robert F. Ironfield  
-requested by Pat and Sal Annarummo

**Wednesday, January 25, The Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle**

7:00 am Mass

**Thursday, January 26, Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops**

7:00 am Eugene G. Gallant, 4th anniversary  
-requested by Pat and Sal Annarummo

**Friday, January 27, Weekday**

7:00 am Vincent and Jean Maguire

**Next Weekend Masses**

**Saturday, January 28, Vigil: 4th Sunday in Ord. Time**

5:00 pm Holman D. Pettibone, Jr.  
-requested by Ann Courtemanche

**Sunday, January 29, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 am Margaret Mary Walsh  
-requested by Lorraine Nichols  
11:00 am Jeannette Schinse

*Let us pray for the repose of the souls of  
**Vincent and Jean Maguire**  
whose love for our parish was shown in a  
bequest at the time of their deaths.  
We remember them in gratitude and offer  
Friday's 7:00 am Mass for them.  
May they rest in the peace of the Lord.*

Our Lady's Candle burns this week as an anniversary remembrance of the passing of Mrs. Edward W. Lawlor as requested by her daughters Patricia and Regina

**PASTOR'S CORNER**

As mentioned last weekend, the public ministry of Jesus begins with the calling of the disciples. We hear St. Mark's version this weekend (last week we heard St. John's). **Jesus calls** two sets of brothers: Simon/Andrew and James/John, and **they follow**. Can't you just hear the dinner conversation that night: 'Ah, Dad; James and I are leaving the boats for a bit to catch people for the Kingdom with Jesus!' Do you think that must have been a great conversation starter at dinner that night!

Ordinary Time, the longest liturgical season of the Church Year, begins with the now famous call of the first Apostles. The season lasts for 34 weeks! Through it, we learn how to be a disciple... a follower of the Lord. In order to follow ...we have to learn how to LET GO! We have to let go of many nets that only hold old habits, laziness, and the seemingly ever-present bad attitudes. Do you really think that it was that easy for these two sets of brothers just to let everything go and follow Jesus? Indeed, the Kingdom *is* at hand... we need to believe it, to trust Him, and then follow Him.

Talk about believing... The Parish Council met on Wednesday of this week, and I must say we are making steady fiscal progress. Your most generous response to the *Emergency Rectory Repair Campaign* has been overwhelming. New donations are still coming in! As projected from the returns, replacement windows should be ordered this month. Like many of the old homes on the East Side, you need to make steady progress on repairs and reasonable upgrades. Thank you for your support and generosity. A financial report will be shared with you soon after I return.

Until I see you next weekend, remain a faithful disciple. Remember; the Christian journey is a life-long marathon. Like every race, however, it begins with that first determined step. Someone will take their first step today. Give them encouragement along the way.

~Msgr. Darcy



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

Deborah Bessette, Peggy Corrigan, and Rose Penney.

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**Annual Potluck Supper—Next Saturday!!**

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.

The **Community Outreach Committee** meets this Sunday, January 22nd at 10:00 am in the Church Hall. All are invited!



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!

**WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT**

January 14/15, 2012

<b># of Budget Envelopes Used This Week</b>	<b>73</b>
<b>Contributions-Budgets and Checks</b>	<b>\$3,544</b>
<b>Loose Contributions</b>	<b>\$ 535</b>
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$4,079</b>
<b>Catholic University</b>	<b>\$ 786</b>

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).



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.

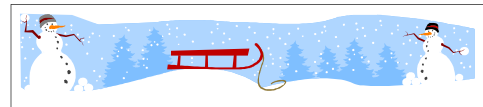
**CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME!**

The parish celebrates the baptism of Charlotte Rose Fitzgerald, daughter of Stephen Fitzgerald and Janet Gorman. Welcome, Charlotte, to our parish community!!

**BISHOP GELINEAU'S 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

On Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.dioceseofprovidence.org) for more information.



Your support is invaluable to the future of the Church in Latin America. Please give with a joyful and generous heart to the collection next weekend. Your donations help spread the Gospel of Christ and encourage our sisters and brothers in the religious to **keep faith**. Thank you for your generosity to this collection next weekend.

**REST IN PEACE, MARGARET MARY WALSH**

The parish extends its support and sympathy to Margaret (Walsh) Burgess and family at the recent death of their mother, Margaret Mary Walsh. Margaret Mary was a daily communicant for years at St. Sebastian's. May she rest in peace!

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

<b>Sun.</b>	<b>1/22</b>	<b>Coffee Hour</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>
		<b>Religious Education</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>
		<b>Community Outreach Committee Meeting</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>
		<b>Religious Education</b>	<b>6:30 pm</b>
<b>Mon.</b>	<b>1/23</b>	<b>Religious Education</b>	<b>3:30 pm</b>
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>1/28</b>	<b>Potluck Supper</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>