

**Church of St. Sebastian**  
**January 29, 2012—Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Scheduled Masses For This Week**

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

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

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

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

11:00 am Jeannette Schinse

**Monday, January 30, Weekday**

7:00 am For the People

**Tuesday, January 31, Saint John Bosco, Priest**

7:00 am Mrs. Emilda Moreau  
-requested by her daughters

**Wednesday, February 1, Weekday**

7:00 am For the Souls in Purgatory

**Thursday, February 2, The Presentation of the Lord**

7:00 am Anthony N. Patriarca, 3rd anniversary  
-requested by his family

**Friday, February 3, Weekday**

7:00 am For the Souls in Purgatory

**Next Weekend Masses**

**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

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

Deborah Bessette, Peggy Corrigan, and Rose Penney.

Our Lady's Candle burns this week as a birthday remembrance for Rev. Angelo D'Agostino, SG/MD, requested by Belle Calenda.



**GIVING AT YEAR END**

Do you own appreciated securities? Gifting stock to St. Sebastian's allows you to bypass capital gains taxes and gives you an immediate income tax deduction. Please call Msgr. Darcy for instructions on how you can do this.

*PASTOR'S CORNER*

**OUR PATRON: SAINT SEBASTIAN**

**Saint Sebastian** (died c. 288) was a Christian saint and martyr, who is said to have been killed during the Roman emperor Diocletian's persecution of Christians. Sebastian was appointed as a captain of the Praetorian Guard. The emperor was unaware that Sebastian was a Christian. When Diocletian learned of Sebastian's faith, the emperor commanded Sebastian to be led to the field, and there to be bound to a stake to be shot with arrows. He was left for dead. Miraculously, the arrows did not kill him. The widow of Castulus, St. Irene of Rome, went to retrieve his body in order to bury it, and found that he was still alive. She brought him back to her house and nursed him back to health.

Sebastian later confronted and harangued Diocletian as he passed by in his carriage. Surprised that his former guard was still alive, the emperor had him beaten to death and his body thrown in a well. The early Christians retrieved the body and buried it in one of the catacombs. His relics still are venerated at the *Catacomb of St. Sebastian*, located on the ancient Appian Way.

Because Sebastian had been thought to have been killed by the arrows, and yet was not, and then later was killed by the same emperor who had ordered him shot, he is sometimes known as the saint who was martyred twice. He is venerated in the Roman Catholic and Orthodox Churches.



**PRAYER TO ST. SEBASTIAN**

*Dear Commander at the Roman Emperor's court, you chose to be also a soldier of Christ and dared to spread faith in the King of Kings, for which you were condemned to die. Your body, however, proved athletically strong and the executing arrows extremely weak. So another means to kill you was chosen and you gave your life to the Lord. May Soldiers be always as strong in their faith as their Patron Saint so clearly has been. Amen*

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**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**

In today's second reading St. Paul talks about the fact that married couples have to deal with the anxieties of the world. Sometimes these stresses can really have a negative impact on our marriages. Get away from all those worldly anxieties and take time to just focus on each other by making a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. Deepen your communication, strengthen your relationship, rekindle your romance and renew your sacrament by attending **the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter, taking place here in Rhode Island on February 10—12.** For more information please call Ralph and Jane Becker at 1-800-710-WWME or visit our webpage at [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org).

**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.

**MONTHLY MAINTENANCE COLLECTION**

**NEXT WEEKEND**

Our Monthly Maintenance Collection helps defray the cost of maintaining our beautiful church, rectory and parish grounds. The parish is very fortunate to have staff members who take great pride in keeping our facilities in magnificent shape. A monthly collection of \$3,000 would pay for this ongoing and necessary maintenance. **Please be generous to this important collection to continue necessary improvements on our parish property.**

**PARISH BOOK CLUB**

The Parish Book Club will meet this 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!



***FIRST FRIDAY MASS— FEBRUARY 3RD***

The First Friday Masses are celebrated at 7:00 am and 5:30 pm. Members of RI Chapter of the Order of Malta will be with us for the evening liturgy.



**WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT**

January 21/22, 2012

# of Budget Envelopes Used This Week	60
Contributions-Budgets and Checks	\$2,526
Loose Contributions	\$ 403
Total Offertory	\$2,929

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).

**A VOCATION THOUGHT**

God chooses ordinary people to speak his message. Can you perceive the voice of God in those around you? If you hear God's voice, harden not your heart. (Deuteronomy 18:15-20). If you think God is calling you to be a priest, call Fr. Carl Fissette at 331-1316 or visit the vocation office website at [www.catholicpriest.com](http://www.catholicpriest.com).

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

Sun.	1/29	Coffee Hour	10:00 am
		Religious Education	10:00 am
		Religious Education	6:30 pm
Mon.	1/30	Religious Education	3:30 pm
Wed.	2/1	Parish Book Club	7:30 pm
Fri.	2/3	First Friday Services	7:00 am and 5:30 pm

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.