

Church of St. Sebastian
January 8, 2012—The Feast of the Epiphany

Scheduled Masses For This Week

Saturday, January 7, Vigil: The Epiphany of the Lord

5:00 pm Charles F. Rogers, Sr., anniversary
-requested by the Rogers family

Sunday, January 8, The Epiphany of the Lord

9:00 am For the people
11:00 am Lucia Marcelli
-requested by Aurelia Uriati

Monday, January 9, The Baptism of the Lord

7:00 am Jane Rita McDonald
-requested by her son Thomas

Tuesday, January 10, Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Wednesday, January 11, Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Thursday, January 12, Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Friday, January 13, Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Next Weekend Masses

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

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

Sunday, January 15, The Epiphany of the Lord

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

Our Lady's Candle burns this week in memory of Mae Badeau on the anniversary of her death.



Next weekend's second collection is for the Catholic University of America.

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. He had killed his wife, Mariame, and had his sons, Aristobulus and Alexandros strangled so insanelly mad was he 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 to 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 28th. Join us in the light...and invite a parishioner (or a seeker) to join you.

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

When there is a will there is a way to be an angel for our parish. Please remember St. Sebastian's in your will. Your attorney can add a simple, inexpensive amendment or codicil to your existing will. Learn more by calling the Diocesan Stewardship and Development Office at 277-2121 or speak to Msgr. Darcy.

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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.



WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

	12/25/2011	01/01/2012
# of Budgets Used	73	82
Checks & Budget Envelopes	\$ 8,492	\$ 4,869
Loose	\$ 2,023	\$ 447
Total Offertory	\$10,505	\$ 5,216
Parish Giving—December	\$ 3,747	_____
Christmas	\$ 7,427	_____
Mary, Mother of God	_____	\$ 1,203

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.

BOOK CLUB

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

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.

AN EPIPHANY HOUSE BLESSING

(All make the Sign of the Cross.)

Head of Household: *"Peace be to this house and to all who dwell here, in the name of the Lord.*

All: *Blessed be God forever.*

Reader: *In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came to be through him, and without him nothing came to be..... And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth. (John 1:1-3.14)*

(Using chalk, write on wall above the main door:)

† 20 † C † M † B † 12 †

Christus Mansionem Benedicat
 (May Christ Bless This House)

Or

† 20 † Caspar † Melchior † Balthazar † 12 †

(The names of the Three Magi)

(Each name could be written by a different member of the household.)

All: *Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it. May we be blessed with health, goodness of heart, gentleness and the keeping of your law. Fill us with the light of Christ, so that our love for each other may go out to all. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

THIS WEEK AT ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH

Sun.	1/08	Coffee Hour	10:00 am
		Religious Education	10:00 am
		Religious Education	6:30 pm
Mon.	1/09	Religious Education	3:30 pm
Thurs.	1/12	Choir	7:30 pm