

Church of St. Sebastian
December 26, 2010—The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Scheduled Masses For This Week

Sunday, December 26, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

9:00 am For the Parishioners

11:00 am Mass

Monday, December 27, St. John, apostle and evangelist

7:00 am Mass

Tuesday, December 28, The Holy Innocents

7:00 am Souls in Purgatory

-requested by a parishioner

Wednesday, December 29, The Fifth Day in the Octave of Christmas

7:00 am Mass

Thursday, December 30, The Sixth Day in the Octave of Christmas

7:00 am Mass

Friday, December 31, The Seventh Day in the Octave of Christmas

7:00 am Mass

Next Weekend Masses

Saturday, January 1, The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God

9:00 am Mass

Note: There is NO Vigil Mass for Sunday's Feast of the Epiphany

Sunday, January 2, The Epiphany of the Lord

9:00 am Mass

11:00 am Mass

THE PASTOR'S CORNER

The blessing of this Christmas Season be with you!! Although the Advent Season was one of the longest, this Christmas Season hurries along with the Feast of the Holy Family the first day after Christmas. The Annunciation to Mary, the dreams of Joseph, and today's recalling of the flight to Egypt to save the infant from King Herod, all mention angels (*angelus* in Latin, *angelos* in Greek); translated as messengers). These heavenly messengers, however, leave no fluffy white feathers behind when they depart! They bring a word from God; as Gabriel announced the Good News to Mary, the virgin of Nazareth. We, too, have angels in our own daily lives. They "visit" us sometimes in the most unique places...but we need keep our eyes and ears alert for their presence.

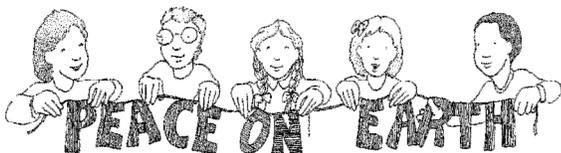
With my return to parish ministry, and this first Christmas among you, there are messengers of God appearing in every corner of our parish and our rectory. Our students are home for Christmas, family and friends join us again at Mass, new parishioners are registering, and young adults are preparing for marriage. All of them, and all of you, are messengers of the promise and hope of Christmas.

On behalf of Fr. Stowe, Miss Marie, and the staff of St. Sebastian's, we extend to all of you our prayerful best wishes for this continuing Christmas season. May you enjoy the blessings of a holy and happy New Year.

See you in the New Year!
~ 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.



Please keep our fellow parishioners and friends in your thoughts and prayers:
Anna Washington, BAW, Mary Doherty, CG, Mary Chatterton, Willy, Hugh Taylor, Jackie, Maureen Baker, Rose Conboy, Jeff Cavanaugh, Steve, Michael Simonette, and Connie.

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~ NEW YEAR SCHEDULE ~

Saturday, January 1 - Feast of Mary, Mother of God

9:00 AM Morning Mass

There will not be a 5:00 PM Vigil Mass on Saturday, January 1.

Sunday, January 2 – Solemnity of the Epiphany

9:00 AM Sunday morning Mass

11:00 AM Sunday morning Mass

On this celebration of Christmas, the main and side altars are dressed with new altar clothes provided from donations given in loving memory of the late John W. Walsh. Jack died on August 18th, 2010. May he rest in peace.



“A Happy & Peaceful New Year to All”

ADVENT HAT AND MITTEN TREE

You are invited to decorate the trees in the vestibule with *Hats and Mittens* for women, men and children through January 3rd. All proceeds will be distributed to the homeless by Crossroads RI. Thanks for your generous spirit and kindness.



ST. SEBASTIAN ELECTRONIC GIVING

Parish Giving (www.ParishGiving.org) is a website that enables you, our parishioners, the ability to have your weekly or monthly offerings automatically debited from your checking account or credit card. You can choose how much to give, how often to give and what method of payment is to be used. As a parishioner, you can also make special offertory donations for second collections, and the Church Restoration Fund. More news after the New Year as we officially launch this easy stewardship program.

CHRISTMAS WINDOW CANDLES

A distinctive feature of Christmas decorations is the very large candle placed near the front window and lighted on Christmas Eve. According to one belief, the candle long served as a symbol of welcome to Mary and Joseph who sought shelter in vain on that first Christmas Eve. The ceremony of lighting the candle is one of simple ancient rituals during which prayers are said for the departed and the privilege of striking the match is usually given to a daughter named Mary. (Another tradition is that the candle be lighted by the youngest member of the family and snuffed out only by someone named Mary).

VOCATION MOMENTS WITH FR. STOWE

Honor your father and mother, your wife, your husband, your children, your brother, your sister. Family ties bind us in love and root us in faith. What will you do to strengthen your family ties? (Sirach 3: 2-6, 12-14). If you think God is calling you to be a priest, visit our website at www.catholicpriest.com or call Fr. Gregory Stowe at 331-1316.

