

Church of St. Sebastian

December 10, 2017 - Second Sunday of Advent

MASS INTENTIONS

SAT., DEC. 9, VIGIL: SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

5:00 pm Mass

SUN., DECEMBER 10, SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:00 am MASS OF INTENTIONS OF NATALIE SWIFT, req. by Cummings family

11:00 am EVELYN & JOSEPH POLSELLI, Memorial, req. by Don & Jane Stanford and family

Monday, DECEMBER 11

7:00 am MSGR. DiFILIPPI, month's mind

Tuesday, DECEMBER 12, Our Lady of Guadalupe

7:00 am MSGR. CONTI, Christmas Remembrance

7.25 am Novena Prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Wednesday, DECEMBER 13, Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

7:00 am FR. FRED DEAN

Thursday, DECEMBER 14, Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

7:00 am INTENTIONS OF PARISHIONERS

Friday, DECEMBER 15

7:00 am FR. ALFRED ALMONTE, Christmas remembrance

SAT., DEC. 16, VIGIL: THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

5:00 pm RICHARD ELY, 6th anniversary, requested by Donna Pilkington

SUN., DECEMBER 17, THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:00 am JAMES SHANNI, Christmas remembrance, req. by Cummings family

11:00 am JEAN SCHINSE, 6th anniversary, requested by sister Belle



2ND SUNDAY OF *Advent*

DAILY ROSARY

Start your day in quiet prayer. Please join fellow parishioners in contemplation as we pray The Rosary, Monday through Friday at 6:40 am, before daily Mass.

My dear parishioners,

Our mystery ghost writer (Ralph Daniels) has an update to our parish program, Micro-Saints.

Mahalia Jackson and Louis Armstrong yearned "to be in that number when the saints go marching in." Did you perform a 'micro-saintly' deed during the week around All Saints Day? If so, then you are one of the roughly 125 parishioners (that we know of) who've shown you're heaven-bent on joining Mahalia and Satchmo at the Golden Gates when your day comes.

For your inspiration, here are just some of the pretty cool deeds performed - a small sampling of the many we collected.

- ✚ I didn't spread gossip when I had the desire and opportunity to.
- ✚ Brought things to Esmerelda (not her real name) when I didn't 'feel' like it
- ✚ Reached out and waved to a neighbor who was recently arrested so he would know I still cared.
- ✚ I gave blood.
- ✚ I forgave a person who hurt me.
- ✚ I made it a point to thank a clerk for their hard work.
- ✚ Said I was sorry.
- ✚ Spent time listening to a young man's travails of life.
- ✚ I love to feed people! I started a 'meal train' for a friend who recently had surgery. It will provide homemade dinners for her family of five during her recovery.
- ✚ Took an elderly woman to the doctor
- ✚ Rather than judging a person who was acting 'odd', I said a prayer of empathy for them. You never know...

From time to time we may publish additional examples. In the meantime please keep looking for micro-saintly deeds to perform. It's not a bad habit to form or to strengthen. And many people find it pleasurable.

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Thanks Dan and a happy Advent week to all.

*Monsignor Montecalvo*

| Parish Meetings and Activities |                      |         |                |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|---------|----------------|
| 12/10                          | Rel. Ed., Grades 6-9 | 10 am   | Classrooms     |
| 12/11                          | Rel. Ed., Grades 1-5 | 4 pm    | Classrooms     |
| 12/12                          | Bible Study          | 6:30 pm | Fr. Randall Rm |
| 12/13                          | Healing Service      | 6:30 pm | Church         |
| 12/13                          | Book Club            | 7 pm    | Fr. Randall Rm |
| 12/14                          | Women's Opus Dei     | 9:30 am | Church         |

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**PARISH HEALING SERVICE**

Those seeking wholeness in body and soul are encouraged to attend a healing service on Wednesday, December 13th here at St. Sebastian's. Come at 6:30 pm for music, teaching, Eucharistic Adoration, the anointing of the sick, and prayer. Monsignor Montecalvo will be our host and will hear confessions. Retreat director Barbara Wright will present a conference as we come to recognize the nearness, mercy, and tenderness of God in this time of spiritual preparation and worldly stress. Prepare the way of the Lord!.

**Morning of Recollection for Women**

Women from any parish are invited to the monthly Morning of Recollection, this Thursday, December 14th, here at St. Sebastian's from 9:30 am to 12 noon.

These recollections are opportunities to spend quiet time with Christ in prayer. They include two meditations by a priest of Opus Dei, and a talk by a lay woman about a practical aspect of living our faith. Confessions are available and Mass is offered at 11:30 am. If you need onsite child care, contact Mary at 646-453-9345.

**NEW HELP FOR CAREGIVERS**

The Diocesan-run St. Clare Newport has opened an Adult Day Care Center at 309 Spring Street, Newport RI. The center is licensed by the State of RI and provides a full day of care and supervision for up to 25 individuals, Monday through Friday. Affordable, quality day care for elders and adults with disabilities - this might be just what you have been praying for! For further information please contact [adulthealth@stclairnewport.org](mailto:adulthealth@stclairnewport.org)

**WEEKLY PARISH FINANCES**  
**DECEMBER 3, 2017**

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|----------------------------|--------------|
| Contributions at Mass      | \$ 4,425.00  |
| Online Parish Giving       | \$ 2,708.00  |
| Total Weekly Contributions | \$ 7,133.00  |
| Weekly Expenses            | \$ 16,802.00 |

***A sincere thank you for your continued support!***

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).

**PARISH ADVENT ACTIVITIES**

**TOY COLLECTION**

The Community Outreach Committee is collecting toys this Christmas season, Please consider donating 1 unwrapped child's toy. The toy bin is located in the vestibule. Toys will be donated to the Diocese of Providence Immigration & Refugee Services. One child's toy creates many moments of holiday joy!

**YOUTH CHRISTMAS PRESENTATION**

The Youth Christmas Presentation will take place on Christmas Eve at the 4 pm Mass.

There are 5 remaining rehearsal dates:

Sundays: 12/10, 12/17 for 30 minutes after the 9 am Mass,\

Mondays: 12/11, 12/18 from 5:15 to 5:45 pm

Saturday 12/23 time to be announced

Please email Mrs. Arena at [marisarozek@gmail.com](mailto:marisarozek@gmail.com) if you are interested or have any questions,

**CHRISTMAS CAROLING**

Come share the spirit of Christmas by caroling for residents of local nursing homes on **Sunday, December 17th**. Singers of all ages are welcome! It is always a wonderful and giving way to celebrate the Christmas Season. A light meal will be served following the caroling. We will meet at St. Sebastian's no later than 1:00 pm. Please sign up in the Church vestibule. Call Susan Elliott at 831-1162 for more info.



The **PARISH BOOK CLUB** will meet this Wednesday, January 13th at 7 pm. n January 10, 2017 in the Fr. Randall Room to discuss Remains of the Day by Kazuo Ishiguro. All are welcome!

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** Prayers are asked for these friends, family, and fellow parishioners. If you would like someone included in the Prayers for the Sick please call the rectory. ***Diane C., Susan Porter, Natalie Swift, Leah Davis, Frances Geary, Sandy C., John Haddad, Bob, Sylvia L., Robert Calso, Bob K and Kathy D'Amico***