

Church of St. Sebastian
December 11, 2016 - Third Sunday of Advent

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, DEC. 10, VIGIL: THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:00 am STEPHAN HICKS, anniversary remembrance by Lindsay Ruckowski

11:00 am ERNEST ARDENTE, birthday remembrance by wife Marilyn

Monday, DECEMBER 12, Our Lady of Guadalupe

7:00 am REV. NORMAND GODIN

Tuesday, DECEMBER 13, Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

7:00 am FOR THOSE WHO NEED FORGIVENESS
7.25 am Novena Prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

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

7:00 am FOR PEACE IN THE WORLD

Thursday, DECEMBER 15

7:00 am ANN PERIK AND PERIK FAMILY, by Bell family

Friday, DECEMBER 16

7:00 am INTENTIONS OF CELEBRANT

SATURDAY, DEC. 17, VIGIL: FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

5:00 pm ROBERT GUERIN, 20th anniversary by his family

SUNDAY, DEC. 18, FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:00 am LUCY SCLAMA, 21st anniversary, by her family
11:00 am JEAN SCHINSE, 5th anniversary, by her sister Belle

My Dear Parishioners,

We had a great Open House at the rectory last Sunday. There are so many people to thank so let me start by thanking David Belanger. This Open House may have been David's last major program at St. Sebastian's. He has been working at St. Sebastian's for many years. Because of his full-time post at Our Lady of Mercy parish he has decided to terminate his employment here at the end of December. I will certainly miss him and his great work for the parish. I want to thank Karin Schrott and the members of her committee for their hard work. Thank you to everyone who donated baked goods for the Open House. Also thank you to Dominic Conte who volunteers his time, energy, and talents at every one of our affairs.

For those who attended (especially our younger folks) wasn't Santa great? I want to thank Santa for taking time out of his busy schedule to make an appearance at our Open House! He made time for each youngster, and I heard that Santa is planning to return next year.

This Tuesday evening, Fr. Bourdon and I will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation at our Parish Penitential Service. Both of us will be in the Church from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm. What a great way to prepare for Christmas. I hope to see you Tuesday early evening.

Have a good week...

Monsignor Montecalvo



3RD SUNDAY OF *Advent*

SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT
DECEMBER 4, 2016

# of Budget Envelopes Used This Week	107
# Online Giving	40
Contributions-Budgets and Checks	\$ 4,765.00
Online Contributions	\$ 3,828.00
Loose Contributions	\$ 524.00
Total Offertory	\$ 9,117.00
Monthly Maintenance	\$ 1,305.00

A sincere thank you for your support!

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.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS

Floral donations in memory of our loved ones may be placed in the collection basket using the budget envelopes provided for this purpose. Extra envelopes are at the doors of the Church. A gentle reminder to spell names CLEARLY. Thank you for your continued generosity.

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ADVENT CHURCH CELEBRATIONS

Tuesday, Dec. 13th Parish Penance Service
6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Prepare your heart for Christmas by celebrating the Sacrament of Penance (Confession) at our **Advent Penance Service, Tuesday, December 13th at 6:00 pm.** Even if you have been away for some time, *'Do not be afraid!'* Return to the Lord and Communion at Christmas. It's a wonderful free gift offered us by the Lord.

Saturday, December 18th Christmas Caroling
1:00 pm

Come share the spirit of Christmas by caroling for residents of local nursing homes on **Sunday, December 18th.** 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.

Today's Second Collection is the Retired Religious Collection. Please be generous.

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. *Bartholomew Steib, Sal Spagnoli, Jacob Kenner, Natalie Swift, Leah Davis, Frances Geary, Maureen Kenner, Sandy C., John Haddad, Bob, Sylvia L., and Bob K.*

CHRISTMAS SEASON MASSES

Saturday, December 24th

4:00 pm Christmas Eve Family Mass
9:00 pm Christmas Eve Vigil Mass
Christmas Music at 8:30 pm

Sunday, December 25th

9:00 am Christmas Mass
11:00 am Christmas Mass

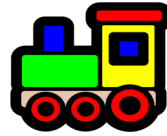
Saturday, December 31st

5:00 pm Feast of Mary, Mother of God

Sunday, January 1st

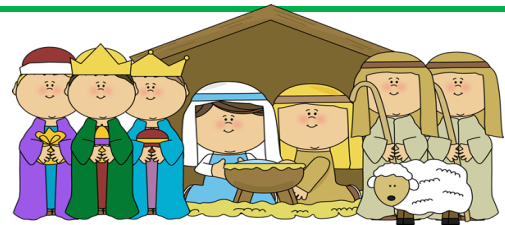
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TOY COLLECTION



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 and toys will be donated to The Diocese of Providence Immigration & Refugee Services. One child's toy creates many moments of holiday joy!

The next meeting of the **PARISH BOOK CLUB** will take place on January 10, 2017 to discuss My Brilliant Friend by Elena Ferrante



ST. SEBASTIAN CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

All children are welcome and encouraged to join. Rehearsal: Sundays 10-10:30, immediately after 9 am Mass. Contact Kristen Pedroso with any questions: 302-598-8998 Kristenpedroso1@gmail.com

Parish Meetings and Activities

12/11	Religious Ed	10 am	Classrooms
12/12	Religious Ed	4 pm	Classrooms
12/13	Parish Penitential Service	6 pm to 7 pm	Church



A Gentle Reminder

If you donate to St. Sebastian's by check please be sure your checks are made payable to St. Sebastian Church. This includes checks for food drives and all special collections. Our bank will not deposit any check that is not made out to St. Sebastian Church. Thank you!