

Church of St. Sebastian
December 13, 2015 - Third Sunday of Advent

Scheduled Masses For This Week

Saturday, December 12, Vigil: Third Sunday of Advent

5:00 pm Richard Ely, anniversary
-requested by Donna Pilkington

Sunday, December 13, Third Sunday of Advent

9:00 am Rose Montecalvo and Yolanda Spillare
Christmas Remembrance, req. by grandson
11:00 am Ernest Ardente, birthday remembrance and
Emma Ciccone, anniversary
-requested by Marilyn Ardente

**Monday, December 14, Saint John of the Cross, Priest
and Doctor of the Church**

7:00 am Mass

Tuesday, December 15, Advent Weekday

7:00 am Dominic, Jennie, and Angelo Losardo
-requested by their nephew
7:25 am Novena Prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Wednesday, December 16, Advent Weekday

7:00 am Fr. Andrew P. Farina

Thursday, December 17, Advent Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Friday, December 18, Advent Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Next Weekend's Masses

Saturday, December 19, Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Advent

5:00 pm Phyllis Pilkington, month's mind
-requested by Donna Pilkington

Sunday, December 20, Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:00 am Vincent & Jean Maguire, Christmas Remembrance
requested by niece Mary Ann Maguire
11:00 am Liam Seamus Gillespie, month's mind
-request by Gail Fogarty

CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS

Floral donations in memory of our loved ones may be placed in the collection basket with the special 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.

MONTHLY PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Names of friends, family, and fellow parishioners for whom prayers are asked will be listed monthly. If you would like a person included in this month's Prayers for the Sick please call the rectory. *Sylvia Loferski, Carl Robert Dahm, John Haddad, Bob, Bob K., and Deborah Bessette.*

My Dear Parishioners,

I want to thank everyone who helped out in any way for last Sunday Open House at the rectory. I had a great time and I hope and pray all of you did also. There was a great crowd! Thank you one and all!

This week I was contacted twice by different offices at the chancery. Once from the Office of the Auxiliary Bishop and the other time by the Office of the Catholic Charity Drive Appeal. I will save the second request until I write another column.

Hopefully some of you read the announcement in the bulletin concerning visits either to your homes or the hospitals. If a parishioner is sick at home or in the hospital and would like a priest to visit them with either the Blessed Sacrament or for the Sacrament of the Sick please do not hesitate to call the rectory. Either I will visit or Fr. Almonte will visit once we receive a phone call.

The parish has only had 5 funerals since my arrival. I am proud to report that all five of the deceased received the Sacrament of the Sick before they died. I anointed four and Fr. Almonte anointed one the deceased. We want to bring the sacraments to those Catholic who can no longer come to Church. It is our privilege, honor and vocation.

Now to Bishop Evans's letter. Fr. Almonte and I provide Sacramental coverage for Miriam Hospital. During a normal month each of us cover the hospital either two or three days. The reason for me sharing this information with you is that this past week I received a letter from Bishop Evans informing me that the coverage we provide has been broadened. Now instead of providing coverage solely for Miriam Hospital, the days we cover Miriam Hospital we will also be responsible for emergency pastoral and sacramental coverage at Pawtucket Memorial Hospital. I wanted to inform you of the additional responsibilities that Fr. Almonte and I will shoulder. Please continue to pray and to wait during this holy season of Advent.

Monsignor Montecalvo

Aging religious need your help. In the United State today, there are more than 33,000 senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. These religious worked tirelessly in Catholic schools, hospitals and agencies, usually for little to no pay. As a result, many religious communities lack adequate savings for retirement and eldercare. Your gift to today's collection for the **Retirement Fund for the Religious** helps provide medications nursing care, and more. Please be generous.

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PARISH ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

Prepare your heart for Christmas by celebrating the Sacrament of Penance (Confession) at the **Parish Penance Service this Tuesday December 15th at 6:30 pm.** Three priests will be available for the Sacrament. 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.

Caroling at Area Nursing Homes

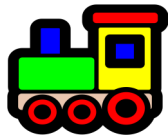
Come share the spirit of Christmas by caroling for residents of local nursing homes on **Sunday, December 20th.** Singers of all ages are welcome! It is always a wonderful and giving way to celebrate the Christmas Season. A light meal will be served following the caroling. We will meet at St. Sebastian's no later than 1:00 pm. Please sign up in the Church vestibule. Call Susan Elliott at 831-1162 for more information.

PARISH BOOK CLUB meets this **Wednesday, December 16th** in the Fr. Randall Room at 7:00 pm to discuss The End of the Affair by Graham Greene.

PARISH PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY meets the first and third Tuesday each month at 7:00 pm in the Fr. Randall Room where we make prayer shawls and small Baptism Blankets. Our next scheduled get-together is this **Tuesday December 15th.** Call Pat Capece 274-8632 with ideas or questions. **WE EVEN SUPPLY THE YARN AND NEEDLES!**

TOY COLLECTION

The Community Outreach Committee is collecting toys this Christmas season. Please consider donating one unwrapped child's toy. The toy bin is located in the vestibule. Toys will be donated to Mary House at St. Patrick Church. One child's toy creates many moments of holiday joy!



HAT AND MITTEN TREE



You are invited to decorate the tree in the vestibule with new Hats, Mittens, Gloves, and Scarves, for women, men, and children through the month of January. All proceeds will be distributed to the Mary House at St. Patrick Church. Thank you for your generous spirit and kindness.



ADVENT CHURCH CELEBRATIONS

Tuesday, Dec. 15th Advent Penitential Service
 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm

Sunday, Dec. 20th Christmas Caroling -
 Meet at Church at 1:00 pm

CHRISTMAS SEASON

Thursday, December 24th

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

Friday, December 25th

10:00 am Christmas Mass
Note: One Mass on Christmas Day

Saturday, December 26th

5:00 pm Vigil: Feast of the Holy Family

Sunday, December 27th

9:00 am Feast of the Holy Family
 11:00 am Feast of the Holy Family

Thursday, December 31st

5:00 pm Feast of Mary, Mother of God

Friday, January 1st

10:00 am Feast of Mary, Mother of God

WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

12/06/2015

# of Budget Envelopes	121
Budgets and Checks	\$ 4,112.00
Loose Contributions	\$ 487.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,151.00
Total Weekly Offertory	\$ 5,750.00
Monthly Maintenance	\$ 1,437.00

A sincere thank you for your support!
 Please remember St. Sebastian Church
 In your Will and Estate

THIS WEEK AT ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH

Sunday	12/13	Rel. Ed., Grades 6-8	10:00 am
		Adult Choir	10:00 am
		Children's Pageant Rehearsal	10:00 am
Monday	12/14	Rel. Ed., Grades 9-10	6:30 pm
		Rel. Ed., Grades 1-5	4:00 pm
Tues.	12/15	Penitential Service	6:30 pm
		Prayer Shawl Ministry	7:00 pm
Wed.	12/16	Parish Book Club	7:00 pm