

Church of St. Sebastian
December 16, 2012 — Third Sunday of Advent

Scheduled Masses For This Week

Saturday, December 15, Vigil of Third Sunday of Advent

5:00 pm Richard Pizzuti
 -requested by Elizabeth Dugan

Sunday, December 16, Second Sunday of Advent

9:00 am For the People
 11:00 am Madonna Maggiacomo
 -requested by John and Mary Cappelli

Monday, December 17, Late Advent Weekday

7:00 am Alice and Carana Belisle
 -requested by their nieces

Tuesday, December 18, Late Advent Weekday

7:00 am John T. Kaveny, Memorial Mass
 -requested by Pat and Sal Annarummo

Wednesday, December 19, Late Advent Weekday

7:00 am Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, December 20, Late Advent Weekday

7:00 am Marilyn Carroll, Memorial Mass
 -requested by Pat and Sal Annarummo

Friday, December 21, Souls in Purgatory

7:00 am Souls in Purgatory

Next Weekend Masses

Saturday, December 22, Vigil of Fourth Sunday of Advent

5:00 pm Mass

Sunday, December 23, Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:00 am Mass
 11:00 am For the People



WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

12/9/2012

# of Budget Envelopes Used	89 of 326
Contributions-Budgets/Checks	\$ 4,985
Loose Contributions	\$ 717
End of Year Gift	\$ 0
Total Offertory	\$ 5,702
Religious Retirement Fund	\$ 1,796

The Pastor's Corner

Well, the immediacy of the Advent Season has arrived. This Third Sunday of Advent, *Gaudete* (Rejoice!) Sunday, features the lighting of the rose candle on the Advent wreath. It's the color of sunrise as we look toward the rising sun. The scriptural and liturgical foci shifts beginning on December 17th to recall the events of the Annunciation and leading us to the great Christ event. His name is to be: "*Emmanuel: God with us!*" Pause and ponder this sometime during the week; ***God is with me.***

Did you notice the new crèche on the parish lawn? It was a gift by two anonymous parishioners. Thank you for this beautiful Nativity Scene, which is now a part of our Christmas decorations. (N.B.- The babe is *not* yet in the crèche until December 24th, at the Vigil Mass!).

Today we listen to the guidance of John the Baptist, who continues to instruct *us* on how *we* are to prepare for the Lord is near. We continue to pray, to watch, and yes, to decorate. The neighborhood has more Christmas lights than last year...that's for sure! We're preparing to celebrate the Lord of light.

It's a great expectation to have our young adults also returning to the parish. Our boarding and college/university students will soon arrive home for Christmas. Talk about bringing life and light among us! They are the hope of our parish and of the Church. I extend to them and their families my heartfelt prayers for grace filled reunion during time at home.

Finally, we meet at 1:10 pm today in front of the Church to sing Christmas Carols at our local nursing homes. Wear a Santa hat, bring some sleigh bells, and your Christmas joy for those we'll meet. The residents really enjoy the visit.

Enjoy these special Advent days!

Monsignor Darcy



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HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

Caroling at Area Nursing Homes TODAY

Come share the spirit of Christmas by caroling for residents of local nursing homes **TODAY, Sunday, December 16th**. Singers of all ages are welcome! It is always a wonderful and giving way to begin the Christmas Season. Refreshments will be served following the caroling. We will meet at St. Sebastian's at 1:10 pm. Please sign up in the Church vestibule. Call Susan Elliott at 831-1162 for more information.



ADVENT HAT AND MITTEN TREE

You are invited to decorate the trees in the vestibule with Hats, Mittens, Gloves and Scarves for women, men and children through January 1st. All proceeds will be distributed to the homeless by Crossroads RI. Thanks for your generous spirit and kindness.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Vigil Mass 5 PM

First Mass of Christmas at 11 PM
preceded by a choral selections
at 10:30 PM.



Christmas Day at 9 and 11 AM

THIS WEEK AT ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH

Sun.	12/16	Religious Ed. Grades 6-8	10:00 am
		Religious Ed, Grades 9-10	6:30 pm
Mon.	12/17	Religious Ed, Grades 1-5	3:30 pm
Tues.	12/18	Prayer Shawl Ministry	7:00 pm
Thur.	12/20	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm

AROUND THE PARISH



THE YEAR OF FAITH

~~~*Save the Date*~~~

*Our next adult education session is on*  
**Sunday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm**

**Topic: Catholic End of Life Issues**

Father Christopher Mahar is a Roman Catholic priest from the Diocese of Providence. He earned his Bachelor in Sacred Theology from the Pontificia *Universita Gregoriana* in Rome in 2003. Fr. Mahar was instrumental in the development of end-of-life guidelines for the diocese and helped to create a Catholic Health Care Directive which is used throughout the State of Rhode Island. In 2008 he was appointed Vice Rector of the American College of the Immaculate Conception in Leuven, Belgium, and in 2010 he completed a Sacred Theology License in Theological Ethics from the *Katholieke Universiteit* Leuven. In July 2012 Bishop Thomas Tobin appointed him Rector of the Seminary of Our Lady of Providence, while continuing as a PhD candidate at K. U. Leuven. His presentation on end of life issues is entitled: *"The Right to End Life ...It's Just Wrong!"*

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**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

The Parish Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet THIS Tuesday December 18th at 7:00 pm in the Fr. Randall Room. We have received several donations of yarn and accessories but still **need your help to knit/crochet more shawls**. The shawls which were blessed recently will soon be distributed to our parishioners who are in nursing homes and in rehab. These beautiful shawls surround others with the prayers of our parish. Can you help with this ministry? Even at home? If so, please contact Pat Capece (274-8632) or Elaine Kehoe (273-4259). If you are aware of someone you feel would benefit from receiving a prayer shawl, please call the rectory.



**Please keep our fellow parishioners and friends in your thoughts and prayers:**

Edmund Pomon, Anastasia Beaupre, Adam Ringguth, Denise Walker, Beverly DiLello, Kathy McCaughey, Deborah Bessette, Beatrice Calvo Crozier, James Shanni, Vilma O'Connor, Mariella, Amy, and Mrs. Beaudoin.  
*Please contact the rectory if you would like to add a person to our prayers.*