

Church of St. Sebastian
December 21, 2014 — Fourth Sunday of Advent

Scheduled Masses For This Week

Saturday, Dec. 20, Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Advent

5:00 pm Thomas Mager
-requested by Tim and Amy Brown

Sunday, December 21, Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:00 am Members of the Backes and Sills Families
-requested by Joan Backes

11:00 am Dan Lancellotti
-requested by Al & Stephen Lancellotti
and Families

Monday, December 22, Late Advent Weekday

7:00 am Thomas Mager
-requested by Tim and Amy Brown

Tuesday, December 23, Late Advent Weekday

7:00 am Winifred Kiernan, 10th anniversary

Wednesday, December 24, Late Advent Weekday

7:00 am Mass

SOLEMNITY OF CHRISTMAS

WED., DEC. 24

5:00 PM ***VIGIL OF CHRISTMAS***

FOR ALL PARISHIONERS & THEIR FAMILIES

10:00 PM ***FIRST MASS OF CHRISTMAS***

FOR ALL PARISHIONERS & THEIR FAMILIES

-PRECEDED BY CAROLS AT 9:30 PM

~ THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25 ~
THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

10:00 AM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS & THEIR
FAMILIES

Friday, December 26, St. Stephen, The First Martyr

7:00 am Hon. Robert F. Arrigan, 1st anniversary
-requested by Pat and Sal Annarummo

Next Weekend Masses

**Saturday, December 27, Vigil: The Holy Family of
Jesus, Mary, and Joseph**

5:00 pm Mary Haddad, 7th anniversary. & Christmas
remembrance
-requested by her daughter

**Sunday, December 28, The Holy Family of Jesus,
Mary, and Joseph**

9:00 am Dan Lancellotti
-requested by Al & Stephen Lancellotti
and Families

11:00 am Jean Schinse
-requested by her sister Belle Calenda

THE PASTOR'S CORNER

This fourth and final week of Advent begins the liturgical shift from the expected second coming of the Lord, to his proximate coming that we celebrate on Christmas. Today's Gospel is the same as for the Immaculate Conception on Dec. 8th. In sequence, the daily Gospel readings for this week recall the Magnificat, the birth and naming of John The Baptist, and the canticle of Zechariah. We then celebrate Christmas, the birth of the Messiah in time and history.

Today at 1 pm, parishioners will meet at the Church and visit Epic on Blackstone Ave, Bethany Home, and Tockwotton. If you can join us for one or all of the visits, wonderful! Thank you to Greg and Sue Elliott who so graciously coordinate this caroling event.

*The Christmas Mass schedule is easy to remember: 5 and 10! The **Vigil** with the children's pageant is at 5 PM, Lessons and Carols at 9:30 PM before the **FIRST MASS OF CHRISTMAS AT 10 PM**, and **CHRISTMAS DAY MASS IS AT 10 AM**.*

As we prepare for this very busy week, some important thanks are appropriate: To Karin, Janice, and Harriet for coordinating the Adopt a Family or Individual gift programs, to Richard, Bob, and Dennis for preparing the beautiful outdoor crèche, to Bill Cooper and the choir for their commitment to the praise of God with music, to Toni, Margaret, Jamie and David for preparing our Church, and the Ms. Marie, Marcie, Kristen, Neile and Elizabeth for their direction of the children for the Christmas Eve pageant. And to all our active and kind parishioners, who offer their prayers throughout the entire year, my sincere thanks for your dedication to the parish. I will remember at Mass you for your faithfulness.

On behalf of the entire staff of the parish, I extend to all our parishioners, friends and visitors a most holy and blessed Christmas Day and season.

A Blessed Christmas to All,
~Msgr. Darcy

OUR LADY'S CANDLE burns this week for the special intentions of all of our parishioners, relatives, and friends as we prepare for Christmas. May her prayers bring us the light and grace of her Son and foster peace throughout the Church and the world.

*Let us pray for the repose of the soul of
Winifred Kiernan
whose love for our parish was shown in a
bequest to St. Sebastian Church.
We remember her in gratitude and offer
Tuesday's 7:00 am Mass for her this week.
May she rest in the peace of the Lord.*

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MASSES THIS WEEK

Sun. December 14th 6:30 PM Parish Penance Service

Wed. December 24th 5:00 PM Christmas Vigil Mass
Preceded by Children's Christmas Pageant

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Wed. December 24th at 10 pm First Mass of Christmas
Lessons and Carols at 9:30 PM

THURS. DECEMBER 25TH AT 10 AM
CHRISTMAS MASS

***(PLEASE NOTE: ONE MASS ON
CHRISTMAS DAY)***

Caroling at Area Nursing Homes

Come share the spirit of Christmas by caroling for residents of local nursing homes **this Sunday, December 21st**. Singers of all ages are welcome! It is always a wonderful and giving way to celebrate the Christmas Season. Refreshments will be served following the caroling. We will meet at St. Sebastian's at 1:00 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 tree in the vestibule with new Hats, Mittens, Gloves and Scarves for women, men and children through January 1st. All proceeds will be distributed to Mary House at St. Patrick's Church. Thank you for your generous spirit and kindness.



Annual Potluck Supper—January 17th, 2015

In honor of St. Sebastian, whose Feast Day is January 20th, all parishioners are invited to a Potluck Supper to be held in the Church Hall on Saturday, January 17th at 6:00 pm.



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.

KUDOS TO THE MR. COOPER AND THE CHOIR

Thank you, Bill Cooper, Marie and Lori our cantors, our small but enthusiastic choir comprised of volunteer parishioners, and our visiting instrumentalists who prepare so well for our Christmas Masses. We thank for your dedication, loyalty, and commitment to the parish.

MY SINCERE THANKS TO YOU AT CHRISTMAS

Please accept my most sincere thanks and appreciation for your cards, greetings, gifts, and support as your pastor at this Christmas Season. You are remembered in my daily Mass and prayers all throughout this holy season. God bless and keep you.

~Msgr. Darcy

Due to the early electronic transmission date for this weekly bulletin on December 11th, financials will be posted in the next edition of the parish bulletin.

WE EVEN SUPPLY THE YARN AND NEEDLES!

The 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 Tuesday January 6th. Call Pat Capece 274-8632 with ideas or questions.

The generosity of parishioners has enabled Saint Sebastian's to serve the people of God for 100 years. Continue to be a thread in the fabric of this church by leaving a bequest to Saint Sebastian's in your will or estate planning. For more information about memorial donations and legacy giving, please contact Monsignor Darcy at 751-0196.



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 next month's Prayers for the Sick please call the rectory. **Debbie, Tim Cannon, Jack, Mary M., Peter Pizzarello, Maureen, Betty Mullaney, M. Rachel, Lisa Turbitt, Paula C., Heather, and Ursula Shea.**