

Church of St. Sebastian
December 23, 2012 — Fourth Sunday of Advent

Scheduled Masses For This Week

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

Monday, December 24

7:00 am Winifred Kiernan, 8th anniversary

5:00 pm *Vigil of Christmas*

For all parishioners & their families

11:00 pm *Solemn Christmas Liturgy*

For all parishioners & their families

-preceded by Carols at 10:30 pm

Tuesday, December 25

The Nativity of the Lord

9:00 am For all parishioners & their families

11:00 am For all parishioners & their families

Wednesday, December 26, Saint Stephen, The First Martyr

7:00 am Eve Procaccianti

-requested by Heather Bell

Thursday, December 27, Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist

7:00 am Mass

Friday, December 28, The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

7:00 am Mass

Next Weekend Masses

Saturday, December 29, Vigil of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

5:00 pm Mass

Sunday, December 30, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

9:00 am For the People

11:00 am Peggy Corrigan

-requested by Carol and Vincent Ferraioli

*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
Monday's 7:00 am Mass for her this week.
May she rest in the peace of the Lord.*

The Pastor's Corner

This Advent Season is one of the shortest with Christmas upon us in just two days! Today's gospel of the Visitation brings Mary to her cousin Elizabeth in the village of Ein Karem, 4.5 miles Southwest from Jerusalem. It's still a quiet little town nestled in the hill country. As cousins, both pregnant with new life, they share their amazement and divine blessing. If anything, Christmas is about 'THE' encounter of God with us! (*Emmanuel*).

There will be encounters all around us these next few days: students returning home from campuses, families travelling to be with relatives and friends, and the return of brothers and sisters to the parish community. All of them, and all of you, are messengers of the encounter which is Christmas. Celebrate the gift of family during this entire Christmas Season. Nothing is more precious than the time we spend with others; nothing!

A special thanks to Toni, Margaret, Dave, and Maria who decorated the Church. The names of our loved ones are "wrapped in a swaddling cloth and placed in the manger." Thank you for the floral offerings that make the Church so beautiful with Christmas flowers. May they rest in the peace of Christ.

On behalf of Ms. Marie, Bill Cooper with choir and cantors, Mary Brennan, Maria Sousa, and Dave Belanger, the faithful staff at the parish, I extend to you and your loved ones our greetings for a Holy and Merry Christmas.

With prayers for a blessed season!
~ Msgr. Darcy



MEMORIAL ALTAR CLOTHS

New altar cloths on the main and chapel altars are dedicated this Christmas In Loving Memory of the parents of a generous parishioner. May they rest in peace.

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HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Vigil Mass 5:00 pm

First Mass of Christmas at 11:00 pm
preceded by a choral selections at 10:30 PM.

Christmas Day at 9:00 and 11:00 am



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 FLOWER MEMORIALS

A special envelope to be used towards floral decorations for the church this Christmas season can be found in your budget packet and in the church vestibule. You are invited to provide a memorial gift for a relative or friend, who will be remembered during this holy season. Please place your completed donation envelope in the collection



THIS WEEK AT ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH	
Sun.	12/23 NO Religious Education
Mon.	12/24 NO Religious Education
	Christmas Vigil Mass 5:00 pm
	Christmas Carols 10:30 pm
	First Mass of Christmas 11:00 pm
Tues.	12/25 Christmas Mass 9:00 am
	Christmas Mass 11:00 am

AROUND THE PARISH

THE YEAR OF FAITH
~~~Save the Date~~~

Our next adult education session is on Sunday, January 20th 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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SOLEMNITY OF MARY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, December 31st, Vigil Mass 5:30 pm

Tuesday, January 1st, Mass at 9:00 am

POTLUCK

Annual Potluck Supper—January 19th, 2013

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 19th at 6:00 pm. More information will follow, but mark your calendars now and plan to attend!

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.