

**Church of St. Sebastian**  
**December 25, 2016 - The Nativity of the Lord**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, December 24th,**  
**Vigil: The Nativity of the Lord**

**4:00 pm For the People**

**9:00 pm For the People**

**Christmas Music at 8:30 pm**

**Sunday, December 25th,**  
**The Nativity of the Lord**

**9:00 am For the People**

**11:00 am For the People**

**Monday, DECEMBER 26, Saint Stephen, The First Martyr**

7:00 am For the health of SALLY ANN DIORIO

**Tuesday, DECEMBER 27, Saint John Apostle and Evangelist**

7:00 am Mass

7.25 am Novena Prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

**Wednesday, DECEMBER 28, The Holy Innocents, Martyrs**

7:00 am DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE DELUISE AND DIORIO FAMILIES, by the Dilorio family

**Thursday, DECEMBER 29, Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord**

7:00 am Mass

**Friday, DECEMBER 30, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph**

7:00 am RONALD W DELSESTO, First anniversary by his wife Deborah

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31, VIGIL: SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

5:00 pm DR. PETER PIZZARELLO, a Mass of Healing, by Isabella Proulx

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

9:00 am Mass

11:00 am Mass

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.*

**My Dear Parishioners,**

I would like to share a few prayers you and your family can pray before the Nativity Scene you have set up in your homes:

"Lord Jesus, as I kneel before your Nativity in adoration, let my first Christmas word be: Thank you. Gift of the Father, for coming to save me from my sins and giving me the pledge of Eternal Life."

"Word become flesh, you make your dwelling among us. Yet you do not live your life for yourself, but for us. And you enable us to live in you all that you yourself lived. Help me to embrace this truth with all my mind and heart. Come and live your life in me. Empty me of my willfulness, my hardness, my cynicism. Fill me with your truth, your strength, your fortitude, your purity, your gentleness, your generosity, your wisdom, your heart and your grace."

"May your Presence, Prince of Peace, bless the world with peace, the poor with prosperity, the despairing with hope and confidence, the grieving with comfort and gladness, the oppressed with freedom and deliverance, the suffering with solace and relief. Loving Jesus, you are the only real joy of every human heart. I place my trust in you."

"Oh, divine Fruit of Mary's womb, may I love you in union with the holy Mother of God. May my life be filled with the obedience of Saint Joseph and missionary fervor of the shepherds, so that the witness of my life may shine like the star that leads the Magi to your manger. I ask all this with great confidence in your Holy Name. Amen"

Merry Christmas,

**Monsignor Montecalvo**



**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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**Annual Potluck Supper—January 28th, 2017**

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 28th at 6:00 pm. More information will follow, but mark your calendars now and plan to attend!

**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. Montecalvo

**HOSPITAL VISITATION**

Parishioners are encouraged to call the parish office if they or a family member would like a pastoral visit from Msgr. Montecalvo at the hospital, nursing home, or at home for those who are homebound. Hospitals no longer inform houses of worship of the admission of patients due to the laws protecting the right to privacy.



**PARISH PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**, which recently dropped off 24 completed prayer shawls at the Veterans' Home in Bristol, meets the first and third Tuesday each month at 7:00 pm in the Fr. Randall Room to make prayer shawls and small Baptism Blankets. Our next scheduled get-together is **Tuesday January 3rd**. Call Pat Capece 274-8632 with ideas or questions. **WE EVEN SUPPLY THE YARN AND NEEDLES!**

**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.



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

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY MASS SCHEDULE**

**Saturday, Dec. 31st, Vigil Mass 5:00 pm**

**Sunday, Jan 1st, Mass at 9:00 am and 11:00 am**



**WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT**

*Due to an early deadline from the bulletin's publisher, last week's collection information is not available at this time.*

***May God bless you for your continued support!***

***Please consider enrolling in Parish Giving, our electronic stewardship program for parish contributions. You can register online at [www.Parishgiving.org](http://www.Parishgiving.org) or on our parish website at [www.stsebastianri.org](http://www.stsebastianri.org).***

The generosity of parishioners has enabled Saint Sebastian's to serve the people of God for 101 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 Carlo Montecalvo at 751-0196 or Andrea Krupp, Director of the Catholic Foundation of Rhode Island, 277-2121.