

Church of St. Sebastian
December 3, 2017 - First Sunday of Advent

MASS INTENTIONS

SAT., DEC. 2, VIGIL: FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

5:00 pm GILBERT F. BACKES, birthday remembrance,
 req. by daughter Joan Backes

SUN., DEC. 3, FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:00 am INTENTIONS OF PARISHIONERS

11:00 am LUCY PILKINGTON & SON BILL PILKINGTON

Monday, DECEMBER 4

7:00 am SR. LOIS DUNN, RSM

Tuesday, DECEMBER 5

7:00 am SUE MAINELLI

7.25 am Novena Prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Wednesday, DECEMBER 6

7:00 am MARGARET (PEGGY) CORRIGAN,
 5th anniversary, req. by her family

**Thursday, DECEMBER 7, Saint Ambrose, Bishop and
 Doctor of the Church**

7:00 am INTENTIONS OF PARISHIONERS

**Friday, DECEMBER 8, The Immaculate Conception of
 the Blessed Virgin Mary, A Holy Day of Obligation**

7:00 am INTENTIONS OF CELEBRANT

5:30 pm DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE MURPHY,
 GILBANE, O'HALLORAN, AND ROGERS
 FAMILIES

SAT., DEC. 9, VIGIL: SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

5:00 pm Mass

SUN., DECEMBER 10, SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:00 am MASS OF INTENTIONS OF NATALIE SWIFT,
 req. by Cummings family

11:00 am EVELYN & JOSEPH POLSELLI, Memorial, req.
 by Don & Jane Stanford and family



Parish Meetings and Activities

12/3	Rel. Ed., Grades 6-9	10 am	Classrooms
12/3	OPEN HOUSE	Noon	Rectory
12/4	Rel. Ed., Grades 1-5	4 pm	Classrooms
125	Prayer Shawl Ministry	7 pm	Fr. Randall Rm

My dear parishioners,

Advent is the Liturgical season of wonder and mystery. When I was a young boy I always wondered what I was going to get for Christmas. I remember the Christmas tree arriving at our apartment and gifts beginning to appear.

My brother was a great gift guesser. He was like a private investigator, gently shaking all the gifts, looking for some gaps in the wrappings and attempting to guess what each gift was and to whom that gift belonged.

Advent is like that first gift or package under the tree in the church. We believe Christ is coming and bringing the gifts of the sacraments and life. But like youngsters at Christmas, we long to know what these gifts are, to experience the grace that comes from the sacraments.

Life is a mystery full of delights and some sorrows. Our task is to see life and "wonder as we wander."

May your Advent be full of discovery.

--Monsignor Montecalvo

DAILY ROSARY

Start your day in quiet prayer. Please join fellow parishioners in contemplation as we pray The Rosary, Monday through Friday at 6:40 am, before daily Mass.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: 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. ***Diane C., Susan Porter, Natalie Swift, Leah Davis, Frances Geary, Sandy C., John Haddad, Bob, Sylvia L., Robert Calso, Bob K and Kathy D'Amico***

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ADVENT CHURCH CELEBRATIONS

**Sunday, Dec. 3rd Open House in Rectory after
11 am Mass**

**Friday, Dec. 8th Feast of Immaculate Conception
Mass at 7 am and 5:30 pm**

Wednesday, Dec. 13th Parish Healing Service

Saturday, Dec. 17th Christmas Caroling 1 pm

HELP CARE FOR ELDERS. “Thanks to support from the Retirement Fund for Religious, we are now in a much better position to care for our elders,” writes a religious sister. Your donation helps her religious community and hundreds of others provide for aging members and plan for long-term needs. **Please give to next week’s Retirement Fund for Religious collection.**

BISHOP TOBIN’S 25TH EPISCOPAL ANNIVERSARY

All are invited to this special Mass and the reception to follow in the Cathedral Hall on Sunday, December 17th at 1:00 pm in the Cathedral of Saints Peter & Paul.

THANK YOU for your generous contribution of \$500 to Saint Patrick Outreach Ministries. This ministry includes Mary House Meal Kitchen and Food Pantry. The Mary House Kitchen and Food Pantry serves hundreds of people monthly, providing food and the compassion of Jesus. We are deeply grateful for your generosity and thoughtfulness. God bless you. Sincerely yours, Reverend James T Ruggieri, Pastor

ADVENT LESSONS & CAROLS, Sunday December 10 at 2 pm at St. Raymond’s Church, 1240 North Main Street. Presented by St. Raymond’s Parish Choir and Religious Education Students. Please join us in song to celebrate the story behind the carols.

WEEKLY PARISH FINANCES
NOVEMBER 26, 2017

Contributions at Mass	\$ 4,354.00
Online Parish Giving	\$ 615.00
Total Weekly Contributions	\$ 4,969.00

Weekly Expenses not available

A sincere thank 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 or on our parish website at www.stsebastianri.org.

PARISH ADVENT ACTIVITIES

SPECIAL CHILDREN’S MASS

On Sunday, December 10th at the 9 am Mass, Monsignor welcomes all children to sit in the front pews. The children have all learned some new music and are ready to offer their voices together in music!

TOY COLLECTION

The Community Outreach Committee is collecting toys this Christmas season, Please consider donating 1 unwrapped child’s toy. The toy bin is located in the vestibule. Toys will be donated t the Diocese of Providence Immigration & Refugee Services. One child’s toy creates many moments of holiday joy!

YOUTH CHRISTMAS PRESENTATION

The Youth Christmas Presentation will take place on Christmas Eve at the 4 pm Mass.

There are 7 rehearsal dates:

Sundays: 12/3, 12/10, 12/17 for 30 minutes
after the 9 am Mass,

Mondays: 12/4, 12/11, 12/18 from 5:15 to
5:45 pm,

Saturday 12/23 time to be announced

If you are interested, or have any questions, please contact Mrs. Arena at marisarozek@gmail.com

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Come share the spirit of Christmas by caroling for residents of local nursing homes on **Sunday, December 17th.** 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 info.



1ST SUNDAY OF *Advent*