

Church of St. Sebastian
December 6, 2015 - Second Sunday of Advent

Scheduled Masses For This Week

Saturday, December 5, Vigil: Second Sunday of Advent
 5:00 pm W. Norbert Daly, 20th anniversary

Sunday, December 6, Second Sunday of Advent
 9:00 am Margaret (Peggy) Corrigan, 3rd anniversary
 -requested by her family
 11:00 am Josephine DeRotto

Monday, December 7, Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
 7:00 am Mass

Tuesday, December 8, Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 ~ *A Holy Day of Obligation*~

7:00 am Mass
 7:25 am Novena Prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
5:30 pm John Haddad, Mass of Healing

Wednesday, December 9, Advent Weekday
 7:00 am Mass

Thursday, December 10, Advent Weekday
 7:00 am Mass

Friday, December 11, Advent Weekday
 7:00 am Fr. William Lawless, anniversary

Next Weekend's Masses

Saturday, December 12, Vigil: Third Sunday of Advent
 5:00 pm Richard Ely, anniversary
 -requested by Donna Pilkington

Sunday, December 13, Third Sunday of Advent
 9:00 am Rose Montecalvo and Yolanda Spillare
 Christmas Remembrance, req. by grandson
 11:00 am Ernest Ardente, birthday remembrance and
 Emma Ciccone, anniversary
 -requested by Marilyn Ardente



WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

	11/22/2015	11/29/2015
# of Budgets Used	83	74
Budgets and Checks	\$ 6,293.00	\$ 3,627.00
Loose Contributions	\$ 485.00	\$ 406.00
Total Offertory	\$ 6,778.00	\$ 4,033.00
Human Development	\$ 693.00	-----

My Dear Parishioners,

This Tuesday we celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary. It is a Holy Day of Obligation which means every Catholic should attend Mass on the 8th of December. To help you fulfill your Mass obligation on the 8th, two Masses will be celebrated. The first Mass will be the regular early morning Mass at 7:00 am. The second Mass will be celebrated in the early evening at 5:30 pm.

This feast dates back to the 5th century when the feast of the Conception of the Most Holy and All Pure Mother of God was celebrated on the 8th of December. Mary's complete sinlessness from the first moments of her existence was a doctrine of the early Greek Church. From the 5th century forward the Church developed certain phrases or epithets to deal with Mary, 'in every respect holy', 'in all things unstained', 'super-innocent', 'singularly holy'. Mary was referred to as Eve before the fall, she is 'earth before it was accursed.'

In 1854 Pope Pius IX defined *Ex Cathedra* the dogma of the Immaculate Conception:

"We declare, pronounce and define that the doctrine which holds that the Blessed Virgin Mary, at the first instant of her conception, by a singular privilege and grace of the Omnipotent God, in virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, the Savior of Mankind, was preserved immaculate from all stain of original sin, has been revealed by God, therefore should firmly and constantly be believed by all the faithful."

See you at Mass and have a great week -

Monsignor Montecalvo



2ND SUNDAY OF *Advent*

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.

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EMBRACE A FAMILY PARTICIPANTS

Just a reminder to drop off your packages on Sunday, December 13th between 9 am and noon at the Church hall. Any questions please contact Karin Schrott (401-465-7444). Once again, thank you for your participation in this program.

PARISH ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

Prepare your heart for Christmas by celebrating the Sacrament of Penance (Confession) at the **Parish Penance Service on Tues, December 15th at 6:30 pm**. Three priests will be available for the Sacrament. Even if you have been away for some time, *'Do not be afraid!'* Return to the Lord and Communion at Christmas. It's a wonderful free gift offered us by the Lord.

Caroling at Area Nursing Homes

Come share the spirit of Christmas by caroling for residents of local nursing homes on **Sunday, December 20th**. 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 information.

TOY COLLECTION

The Community Outreach Committee is collecting toys this Christmas season. Please consider donating one unwrapped child's toy. The toy bin will be located in the vestibule beginning this weekend. Toys will be donated to Mary House at St. Patrick Church. One child's toy creates many moments of holiday joy!



CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE



Please come over to the Rectory following the 11:00 am Mass this Sunday, December 6th for our Christmas Open House. The Rectory is decorated specially for this event. Come and enjoy a glass of egg nog or a cup of warm apple cider. Hope to see you at the Open House!

THIS WEEK AT ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH

Sunday	12/6	Rel. Ed., Grades 6-8	10:00 am
		Adult Choir	10:00 am
		Children's Pageant Rehearsal	10:00 am
		Rectory Open House	12:00 pm
Monday	12/7	Rel. Ed., Grades 1-5	4:00 pm



The **Parish Book Club** meets Wednesday, December 16th in the Fr. Randall Room at 7:00 pm to discuss The End of the Affair by Graham Greene.

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 this month's Prayers for the Sick please call the rectory. *Sylvia Loferski, Carl Robert Dahm, John Haddad, Bob, Bob K., and Deborah Bessette.*

ADVENT CHURCH CELEBRATIONS

Sunday December 6th Open House in Rectory, after 11 am Mass
Tuesday December 8th Immaculate Conception Masses at 7 am and 5:30 pm
Tuesday, Dec. 15th Advent Penitential Service 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm

CHRISTMAS SEASON

Thursday, December 24th

4:00 pm Christmas Eve Family Mass
 9:00 pm Christmas Eve Vigil Mass
 Christmas Music at 8:30 pm

Friday, December 25th

10:00 am Christmas Mass
Note: One Mass on Christmas Day

Saturday, December 26th

5:00 pm Vigil: Feast of the Holy Family

Sunday, December 27th

9:00 am Feast of the Holy Family
 11:00 am Feast of the Holy Family

Thursday, December 31st

5:00 pm Feast of Mary, Mother of God

Friday, January 1st

10:00 am Feast of Mary, Mother of God