

Church of St. Sebastian
January 1, 2017 - The Solemnity of Mary

MASS INTENTIONS

**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

**Monday, JANUARY 2, Saint Basil the Great and
Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church**

7:00 am Mass

Tuesday, JANUARY 3

7:00 am Mass

7.25 am Novena Prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Wednesday, JANUARY 4, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

7:00 am Mass

Thursday, JANUARY 5, St. John Neumann, Bishop

7:00 am Mass

Friday, JANUARY 6

7:00 am Mass

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 7, VIGIL: THE
EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

5:00 pm EVELYN MASTRIANO, birthday
remembrance by her family

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, THE EPIPHANY OF
THE LORD**

9:00 am EVELYN POLSELLI

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.*

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

“In this year, the Diocese of Providence will renew its devotion to Mary, the Mother of God. We will strive anew to imitate her virtues, and to seek her grace and protection in our lives.”

The year 2017 will mark the 100th Anniversary of the Apparitions of our Blessed Mother to the children of Fatima. The centenary will be celebrated by the Church around the world, here in the Diocese of Providence, and in many local parishes as well. It is a privileged moment in which we should hear and heed once again the message of our Blessed Mother at Fatima – the call to conversion and repentance for sins, the invitation to intense prayer, especially the Holy Rosary, and devotion to her Immaculate Heart.

It seems to me that this anniversary, serving as a centerpiece, also provides us with a special opportunity and reason to focus once again our attention to our Blessed Mother Mary and all that she means to us as Catholics. Therefore, I am asking that in 2017 the Diocese of Providence devote itself to a special Year with Mary our Mother. In this year the Diocese of Providence will renew its devotion to Mary, the Mother of God. We will strive anew to imitate her virtues, and to seek her grace and protection in our lives.

We will observe this Marian Year in the Diocese of Providence on a number of special occasions. Additionally, I urge parishes, schools, organizations and families to use the time to talk about and pray to our Blessed Mother. Parents and grandparents should be sure to teach their children, and to pray with them, the prayers to Mary that are such an important and beautiful part of our Catholic heritage –the Hail Mary, the Angelus, the Memorare, and of course the Holy Rosary which has been a powerful source of consolation for Catholics throughout the centuries.

Dear brothers and sisters, devotion to Our Blessed Mother is a priceless part of our Catholic faith and heritage. Properly understood, it can only enrich our spiritual lives and assist us as we sojourn through this “valley of tears” to our final home in heaven. We have so many urgent needs – in our world, our nation, our Church and personal lives – and Mary, our Mother, can help us to be strong, faithful and peaceful. Please join me in making 2017 a special Year with Mary our Mother.

With my prayers and blessings for all the members of the Church in the Diocese of Providence, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Bishop Thomas J. Tobin



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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!

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.



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.

A FEW WORD OF THANKS...

The parish family thanks Toni Dumville and Margaret Pleasants for their time and talent in decorating the Church for this Christmas Season. Our Church is beautiful...and we thank you so sincerely for your dedication. Also, many thanks to Sue Elliott, who coordinated the Christmas Caroling on December 18th at the area nursing homes. Great job!

To the Parish Outreach Committee and all those who assisted with the Embrace a Family effort. You helped make Christmas very special again this year.



“A Happy & Peaceful New Year to All”

MONTHLY MAINTENANCE COLLECTION

NEXT WEEKEND

Our Monthly Maintenance Collection helps defray the cost of maintaining our beautiful church, rectory and parish grounds. The parish is very fortunate to have staff members who take great pride in keeping our facilities in magnificent shape. A monthly collection of \$3,000 would pay for this ongoing and necessary maintenance. **Please be generous to this important collection to continue necessary improvements on our parish property.**

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

PARISH PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY, 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 gathering is **Tuesday January 3rd**. Call Pat Capece 274-8632 with ideas or questions. *WE EVEN SUPPLY THE YARN AND NEEDLES!*

WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

12/18/2015

# of Budget Envelopes	89
# Online Giving	13
Budgets and Checks	\$ 5,083.00
Online Giving	\$ 585.00
Loose Contributions	\$ 567.00
Total Weekly Offertory	\$ 6,235.00

A sincere thank you for your support!
Please remember St. Sebastian Church
In your Will and Estate

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.