

Church of St. Sebastian
November 19, 2017 - 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

SAT., NOV. 18, VIGIL: 33RD SUNDAY IN ORD. TIME

5:00 pm REV. THOMAS CARNEVALE, 13th anniversary; and PHYLLIS PILKINGTON, 2nd anniversary, req. by Donna Pilkington

SUN., NOV. 19, 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 am AMELIA LOUISE BONTELL McANDREW, month's mind, req. by her family

11:00 am ERIC MONTECALVO, anniversary

Monday, NOVEMBER 20

7:00 am FR. RUSSELL B PAGE

Tuesday, NOVEMBER 21, Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 am Mass

7.25 am Novena Prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Wednesday, NOVEMBER 22, Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr

7:00 am MSGR. JOHN LOLIO

Thursday, NOVEMBER 23, THANKSGIVING DAY

9:00 am INTENTIONS OF PARISHIONERS

Friday, NOVEMBER 24, Saint Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

7:00 am INTENTIONS OF CELEBRANT

SAT., NOV. 25, VIGIL: OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

5:00 pm FOR THE SUCCESS AND CONTINUED BLESSINGS UPON THE MARRIAGE OF NICK DIORIO AND DANA BLANTON, req. by Dilorio family

SUN., NOV. 26, OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

9:00 am JAMES & ROSE CONBOY, anniversary, req. by their son Thomas and family

11:00 am STEPHEN DANIELS, 4th anniversary, req. by his wife and family

My dear parishioners,

This coming Thursday, the 23rd of November, we celebrate Thanksgiving Day. Although not a Holy Day, many people of faith choose to attend Mass. To help more parishioners attend Mass (on Thanksgiving Day) the time of Mass will be changed. The daily Mass on Thanksgiving Day will be celebrated at 9:00 am instead of 7:00 am.

Thanksgiving Day is rooted in English tradition dating from the Protestant Reformation. It also has aspects of a harvest festival, even though the harvest in New England occurs well before the late November date on which the Thanksgiving holiday is now celebrated.

Although sparsely documented we trace our Thanksgiving holiday tradition to 1621 at Plymouth, Massachusetts and also the better documented, celebration in Virginia in 1619.

President George Washington proclaimed the first national Thanksgiving celebration in America marking November 26, 1789 "as a day of public thanksgiving and prayer to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many and signed favours of Almighty God."

On December 26, 1941, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed a joint Resolution of Congress changing the national Thanksgiving Day from the last Thursday in November to the fourth Thursday . Two years earlier, Roosevelt used a Presidential Proclamation to try to achieve the change.

Anyway, don't forget to Thank God this Thanksgiving Day, enjoy your meal with family and friends and I hope your football team wins!

Happy Thanksgiving Day!

--Monsignor Montecalvo



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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THE MORNING MASS ON THANKSGIVING DAY WILL BE AT 9:00 AM. On behalf of the staff of the parish, we wish you all a very rewarding family time. The Office will be closed.

2018 Mass Book

The 2018 Mass Book is available to schedule Mass intentions for the upcoming year. Per Diocesan policy, Stipends for weekday Masses is \$20 and the Stipend for weekend and Holy Day Masses is \$25. Please note the updated Stipend amount.

Parish Meetings and Activities

11/19	Rel. Ed., Grades 6-9	10 am	Classrooms
11/20	Rel. Ed., Grades 1-5	4 pm	Classrooms
11/21	Prayer Shawl Ministry	7 pm	Fr Randall Rm
11/23	Thanksgiving Day Mass	9 am	Church



Mary Brennan, our parish secretary, is out of the office until November 27th. I try to be in the office as much as possible during Office Hours: **Mon, Tues, Thurs: 9:00 am to 2:00 pm and Wednesday: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.** If I am in the rectory I will answer the phone. Thank you. **Monsignor Montecalvo**

WEEKLY PARISH FINANCES NOVEMBER 12, 2017

Contributions at Mass	\$ 4,855.00
Weekly Expenses	\$ 8,568.00

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.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH HOLIDAY OPPORTUNITIES

LAST WEEK FOR PARISH WINTER COAT DRIVE

There is a coat rack in the vestibule for your donations **through Thanksgiving Day.** The coats collected will be delivered to and benefit the Rhode Island Buy Nothing Day Winter Coat Exchange held the day after Thanksgiving.

THANKSGIVING COLLECTION

All donations go to Mary House Meal Kitchen and Pantry at St. Patrick's Church. St. Sebastian Parish remembers those who are hungry in our annual Thanksgiving Food Collection drive takes place through next Sunday. Envelopes are in the pews for those who wish to donate cash or check, but donations of food will also continue to be collected at the back of the church.

EMBRACE A FAMILY

We continue our parish tradition of making Christmas a reality for those not as blessed as we are. If you would like to "Embrace a Family" this holiday season, please add your contact information to the sign-up sheets in the vestibule as the Outreach Committee prepares for this Christmas endeavor

The Parish Prayer Shawl Ministry meets on the first and third Tuesdays of the month and always welcomes new members. The next session is this Tuesday November 21st. If you are aware of someone who would benefit from receiving a prayer shawl, please call the rectory.

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.



CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

Please come over to the Rectory following the 11:00 am Mass on Sunday, December 3rd for our Christmas Open House. Come and enjoy a glass of egg nog or a cup of warm apple cider. We are in need of parishioners who are willing to bake their favorite Christmas goodies! Also, we will have babysitting services available at the 11:00 am Mass to accommodate the families with young children. Hope to see you at the Open House!