

**Church of St. Sebastian**  
**November 20, 2016 - Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19, VIGIL: OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE**

5:00 pm PHYLLIS CARNEVALE PILKINGTON,  
 1st anniversary and FR. TOM CARNEVALE,  
 14th anniversary, by Donna Pilkington

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20, OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE**

9:00 am FOR THE DECEASED ENROLLED ON  
 ALL SOULS DAY ENVELOPES

11:00 am FOR PEACE IN OUR WORLD

**Monday, NOV. 21, Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary**

7:00 am ERIC MONTECALVO

**Tuesday, NOV. 22, Saint Cecelia, Virgin and Martyr**

7:00 am CARLO MONTECALVO  
 7.25 am Novena Prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

**Wednesday, NOVEMBER 23**

7:00 am JOSEPHINE MCLAREN RYAN,  
 anniversary, by Patricia and Joseph

~~Thanksgiving Day~~Holiday Schedule~~

**Thursday, NOVEMBER 24**

9:00 am INTENTIONS OF PARISHIONERS

**Friday, NOVEMBER 25**

7:00 am MARCANGELO MONTECALVO

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26, VIGIL: FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

5:00 pm ANTONIO AND YOLANDA SPILLARE

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27, FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

9:00 am INTENTIONS OF PARISHIONERS

11:00 am STEPHEN DANIELS, 3rd anniversary,  
 by wife and family

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 Steid, 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,**

This week we will celebrate Thanksgiving Day. We can gather for Mass and to praise God for the freedom and security we enjoy, Most of us have never known anything different. We were blessed to be born and raised in these United States. Because of our daily experiences we take so many things for granted. But much of the world does not know or experience the freedoms we cherish but sometimes take for granted.

For example, in Monday's Providence Journal, the Associated Press reported a story about the Iraq Church Reopens. The title of the article is Bell Rings Again. In the small village of Keramlis, only 18 miles from Mosul, people were returning home. They had been away from their homes since the August of 2014 when ISIS captured their Christian town.

Some villagers found their homes largely standing, while others found their homes almost completely destroyed. Those who were lucky enough to find their homes standing discovered that everything inside their homes was stolen. And in the midst of wondering how they and their children were going to rebuild their lives they heard the Church bell ringing!

"It was amazing, I got goose bumps. The bell for us means a great deal." Inside the Church the priest and several men were cleaning the Bibles and other holy books. The priest offered prayers in a destroyed Church. One could hear the sound of broken glass crunched beneath worshippers' feet.

The prayers are offered under the watchful eyes of armed Assyrian Christian militiamen. The people returning to their village, their home, and their Church could not describe how they felt.

I have so many things to be thankful for this Thanksgiving Day. Hope to see you at the Thanksgiving Day Mass which will be celebrated this Thursday at 9:00 am.

**Monsignor Montecalvo**

Parish Meetings and Activities			
11/20	Rel. Ed, Grades 6-9	10 am	Classrooms
	Community Outreach	10 am	Church Hall
	Adult Choir	10 am	Fr. Randall Rm
11/21	Rel. Ed, Grades 1-5	4 pm	Classrooms
11/24	Thanksgiving Day Mass	9 am	Church



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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.



**NOVEMBER: THE MONTH OF ALL SOULS**

We remember our faithful departed during the month of November. As the earth prepares for the sleep of winter, so our loved ones sleep awaiting the Resurrection. Families and friends have been invited to the 11 am Mass on Sunday, November 6th as the parish remembers all those buried from the parish Church this past year.

You may use the All Soul's Remembrance Envelope to list the names of those who will be remembered all through November. Their names will be in repose under the icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. You can return them in the regular Offertory collection basket.

**ST. SEBASTIAN CHILDREN'S**  
**CHRISTMAS PAGEANT**

All children are welcome and encouraged to join Rehearsal Sunday 10-10:30 (immediately after 9 am Mass)

Contact Kristen Pedroso with any questions  
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 302-598-8998

**SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT**

	11/6/2016	11/13/2016
# of Budgets Used	105	84
# of Online "Parish Giving"	11	27
Budgets and Checks Rec'd	\$ 4,628.00	\$ 3,488.00
Loose Contributions	\$ 412.00	\$ 433.00
Online "Parish Giving"	\$ 496.00	\$ 3,762.00
Total Offertory	\$ 6,449.00	\$ 8,128.00
Monthly Maintenance	_____	\$ 1,345.00
Military Service	\$ 683.00	_____
All Saints/All Souls	\$ 629.00	_____

**PARISH WINTER COAT DRIVE**

If you're cleaning out your closets, save any winter coats and bring them to the 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**

The Outreach Committee thanks parishioners for their ongoing contributions of food for the hungry in our community. All donations go to Mary House Meal Kitchen and Pantry at St. Patrick's Church in Providence. At the time of year in which we give thanks for our many blessings, St. Sebastian Parish remembers those who are hungry in our annual Thanksgiving Food Collection drive takes place **through November 27th**. 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. Many thanks to all for their support for the hungry.

**CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE**

Please come over to the Rectory following the 11:00 Mass on Sunday, December 4th 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 will to back their favorite Christmas goodies! Also, we will have babysitting services available at the 11 am Mass to accommodate the families with young children. Hope to see you at the Open House!

**Caroling at Area Nursing Homes**

Come share the spirit of Christmas by caroling for residents of local nursing homes on **Sunday, December 18th**. 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.



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).