

Church of St. Sebastian
November 23, 2014 — Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Scheduled Masses For This Week

Saturday, November 22, Vigil: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

5:00 pm Deceased members of the Haddad family
 -requested by daughter

Sunday, November 23, Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe

9:00 am Beverly Whipple Rao, 25th anniversary
 -requested by her family

11:00 am For the intentions of our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Monday, November 24, Saint Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest and Companions, Martyrs

7:00 am John T. Kaveny
 -requested by Pat and Sal Annarummo

Tuesday, November 25, Weekday

7:00 am Carl M. Annarummo, Memorial Mass
 -requested by Pat and Sal Annarummo

Wednesday, November 26, Weekday

7:00 am Vincent F. Annarummo, Memorial Mass
 -requested by Pat and Sal Annarummo

Thursday, November 27, Weekday

~~~*Thanksgiving Day Mass*~~~

**8:00 am** For the Parishioners

**Friday, November 28, Weekday**

7:00 am Margaret Corrigan  
 -requested by her family

**Next Weekend Masses**

**Saturday, Nov. 29, Vigil: First Sunday of Advent**

5:00 pm Cora Dennehy  
 -requested by Paddy Dennehy

**Sunday, November 30, First Sunday of Advent**

9:00 am Rev. Thomas Carnevale, anniversary  
 -requested by Donna Pilkington

11:00 am Stephen Daniels, 1st anniversary  
 -requested by Irene Daniels

***THIS WEEK AT ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH***

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| Sun.  | 11/23 Religious Ed. Grades 6-8 | 10:00 am |
|       | Religious Ed., Grades 9-10     | 6:30 pm  |
| Mon.  | 11/24 Religious Ed, Grades 1-5 | 3:30 pm  |
| Thur. | 11/27 Thanksgiving Mass        | 8:00 am  |

**PASTOR'S CORNER**

Today is the last Sunday of another Church Year: the Solemnity of Christ the King. The culminating Gospel from Mathew 25 is the return of the Lord in glory, and the final separation of sheep from goats. In my mind and heart, the Gospel is the motto of our Parish Outreach Committee. All that we do is as if it were done for the Lord. Ponder that: *all that we do in relation to our parish, our outreach, and our personal lives is as we would do it (or not do it) for Christ Himself.*

I am happy to commission Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion on this special day. They will assist at the altar and distribute the Body and Blood of the Lord. On behalf of the entire parish, I wish to thank you for your willingness to serve in this ministry.

Thanksgiving is upon us! It remains such a wonderful time to gather with family and friends to give thanks for our blessings as individuals, families, friends, parish, community, and nation. President Lincoln began the *annual* celebration of the holiday after our bloody Civil War:

"I do, therefore, invite my fellow-citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next as a Day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the heavens. And I recommend to them that, while offering up the ascriptions justly due to Him for such singular deliverances and blessings, they do also, with humble penitence for our national perverseness and disobedience, commend to His tender care all those who have become widows, orphans, mourners, or sufferers in the lamentable civil strife in which we are unavoidably engaged, and fervently implore the interposition of the Almighty hand to heal the wounds of the nation, and to restore it, as soon as may be consistent with the Divine purposes, to the full enjoyment of peace, harmony, tranquility, and union."

We will gather at **8 AM on Thanksgiving Day** to offer thanks to the Lord. To everyone at St. Sebastian's: A Blessed Thanksgiving Day!

~Msgr. Darcy and Staff

**ST. SEBASTIAN BOOK CLUB** will meet on Wednesday, December 10th at 7:00 pm to discuss All Quiet on the Western Front by E.K. Remarque. Questions? Call 751-0196

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**COMMUNITY OUTREACH NEWS**

**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 Food Pantry at St. Patrick's Church in Providence. At this time of year in which we give thanks for our many blessings, Saint Sebastian Parish remembers those who are hungry in an annual Thanksgiving Food Collection drive through November 22<sup>nd</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>. Envelopes will be 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.

**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.

**Parish Winter Coat Drive**

If you're cleaning out your closets, save any **winter coats** and bring them to the Parish Winter Coat Drive taking place during the month of November. Beginning November 15<sup>th</sup>, there will be 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.

**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 next month's Prayers for the Sick please call the rectory. ***Lisa Turbitt, Paula C., Debbie, Tim Cannon, Jack, Peter Pizzarello, Betty Mullaney, and Ursula Shea.***

There two male international students from China in need of housing over the Christmas holidays. Their dorm room is closing from Dec. 22 - Jan 2. Unfortunately, they will have no place to live during that period and cannot return to China for Christmas break. They are looking to possibly rent a spare room. They will only need to rent from December 24th to December 30th. Both students are males, ages 19- 20 and speak some English. They may rent together or separately. If anyone can accommodate these students please contact Luiz Bravim (one of our CCD teachers) either on his cell: 754-214-6759 or through his email: [luiz.bravim@gmail.com](mailto:luiz.bravim@gmail.com)

**THANKSGIVING DAY MASS – 8 A.M.**

**THE MORNING MASS ON THANKSGIVING DAY WILL BE AT 8 AM.** This will enable families to get to their destinations and area football games. On behalf of the staff of the parish, we wish you all a very rewarding family time.

**CHURCH CELEBRATIONS TO NOTE**

**Mon. December 8<sup>th</sup> Holy Day, Immaculate Conception**  
Masses at 7 AM and 5:30 PM

**Sun. December 14<sup>th</sup> 6:30 PM Parish Penance Service**

**Wed. December 24<sup>th</sup> 5:00 PM Christmas Vigil Mass**

**CHRISTMAS MASSES**

**Wed. December 24<sup>th</sup> at 10 pm First Mass of Christmas**  
Christmas Music at 9:30 PM

**THURS. DECEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup> AT 10 AM**  
**CHRISTMAS MASS**

**(NOTE WELL: ONE MASS ON**  
**CHRISTMAS DAY**

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION CLASSES FOR THOSE INTERESTED IN THE CATHOLIC FAITH OR FOR CATHOLICS TO BE CONFIRMED**

Msgr. Darcy will meet on *Saturday mornings (10-11 AM)* with those wanting to become a member of the Catholic Church or adults Catholics wishing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. *Sacraments will be received at the Easter Vigil, April 5, 2015.* We begin on November 22. Please call the rectory to register (751-0196).

**WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT**

**November 16, 2014**

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|-----------------------------------------|--------------------|
| <b># of Budgets and Checks Received</b> | <b>108</b>         |
| <b>Contributions-Budgets and Checks</b> | <b>\$ 4,320.00</b> |
| <b>Loose Contributions</b>              | <b>\$ 718.00</b>   |
| <b>Total Offertory</b>                  | <b>\$ 5,038.00</b> |

Please remember our joint stewardship responsibility to support the parish. You may consider *Parish Giving*, our electronic stewardship program for parish contributions. You can register online on our website [www.stsebastianri.org](http://www.stsebastianri.org).