

Church of St. Sebastian
November 29, 2015 - First Sunday of Advent

Scheduled Masses For This Week

Saturday, November 28, Vigil: First Sunday of Advent

12:00 pm Baptism - Dussel

5:00 pm Gloria Cappelli

-requested by John and Mary Cappelli

Sunday, November 29, First Sunday of Advent

9:00 am Mass

11:00 am Scott Carty, memorial Mass

-requested by Warren family

12:30 pm Baptism - Snyder

Monday, November 30, Saint Andrew, Apostle

7:00 am Mass

Tuesday, December 1, Advent Weekday

7:00 am Mass

7:25 am Novena Prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Wednesday, December 2, Advent Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Thursday, December 3, Saint Francis Xavier, Priest

7:00 am Mass

Friday, December 4, Advent Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Next Weekend's Masses

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 Mass

11:00 am Josephine DeRotto



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WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

Due to an early deadline from the bulletin's publisher, the collection information is not available at this time.

May God bless you for your continued support!

**Please remember St. Sebastian Church
 In your Will and Estate**

My Dear Parishioners,

Advent is upon us and I would like to share some thoughts taken from "The Spirit of Advent" written by Mark Searle. He writes, "But one reason we read the Old Testament during Advent is to learn what to hope for. The people of the Old Testament had the courage to hope for big things: that the desert would be turned into fertile land; that their scattered and divided people would eventually be gathered again; that the blind would see, the deaf hear, the lame walk; that not only their own people, but all peoples of the earth, would be united in the blessings of everlasting peace. Clearly, their hopes were no different from ours or from any human being's: lasting peace, tranquil lives, sufficiency of food, and an end to suffering, pain and misery.

Thus we hope for the same things as the Old Testament people, for their hopes are not yet realized. But we differ from them in two ways. First, the coming of Jesus in history, as a partial fulfillment of God's promises, immeasurably confirms and strengthens our hope. Secondly, we differ from the Old Testament people because Jesus has revealed to us that God is not afar off, but is already in our midst. Hence the importance in the Advent liturgy of John the Baptist and of Mary: because they recognized the new situation, they serve as models for the Church in discerning the presence of our Savior in the world."

Let us keep Advent holy as we prepare our lives for the coming of Jesus.

Have a good week....

Msgr. Montecalvo

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.

THIS WEEK AT ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH

NO CCD SUNDAY 11/29			
Sunday	11/29	Adult Choir	10:00 am
		Baptism - Snyder	12.:30 pm
Monday	11/30	Rel. Ed., Grades 1-5	4:00 pm
Tuesday	12/1	Prayer Shawl Ministry	7:00 pm

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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 am
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

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Thursday, December 31st

5:00 pm Feast of Mary, Mother of God

Friday, January 1st

10:00 am Feast of Mary, Mother of God

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 the weekend of December 5-6. 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 on Sunday, December 6th for our Christmas Open House. The Rectory will be decorated earlier than normal this year specially for this event. Come and enjoy a glass of egg nog or a cup of warm apple cider.

We are still in need of 15 people who are willing to bake their favorite Christmas goodies! Hope to see you at the Open House.

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.

COAT DRIVE: A SINCERE THANK YOU

The winter coats and clothing were delivered to the State House the day after Thanksgiving. Sincere thanks to the Outreach Committee for coordinating this effort. Well done!

WE EVEN SUPPLY THE YARN AND NEEDLES!

The Parish Prayer Shawl Ministry meets the first and third Tuesday each month at 7:00 pm in the Fr. Randall Room where we make prayer shawls and small Baptism Blankets. Our next scheduled get-togethers are Tuesday December 1st and 15th. Call Pat Capece 274-8632 with ideas or questions.

CLERGY SEXUAL ABUSE REPORTING & ASSISTANCE

The Diocese urges anyone who has been the victim of sexual abuse, or has credible knowledge of such abuse, by any member of the Catholic Church of Rhode Island, to report the information to Kevin O'Brien, director of the diocesan Office of Compliance at 941-0760. To seek assistance for victims or family members affected by such abuse, please contact Paula Loud, director of the diocesan Office of Outreach and Prevention at 946-0728.



St. Sebastian's distributes complimentary Wall Calendars to our parishioners each year. The 2016 Calendar is available beginning this weekend in the church vestibule. Thank you Monahan, Drabble & Sherman Funeral Home.

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.*