

Church of St. Sebastian
November 30, 2014 — First Sunday of Advent

Scheduled Masses For This Week

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

Monday, December 1, Advent Weekday

7:00 am For the Parishioners

Tuesday, December 2, Advent Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Wednesday, Dec. 3, Saint Francis Xavier, Priest

7:00 am Mass

Thursday, December 4, Advent Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Friday, December 5, Advent Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Next Weekend Masses

Saturday, Dec. 6, Vigil, Second Sunday of Advent

5:00 pm Mass

Sunday, December 7, Second Sunday of Advent

9:00 am Mass

11:00 am For the Parishioners



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. **Debbie, Tim Cannon, Jack, Mary M., Peter Pizzarello, Maureen, Betty Mullaney, Heather, and Ursula Shea.**

THE PASTOR'S CORNER

WATCHFUL AND WAITING! These two descriptions of the Advent Season provide us the opportunity not only to wait, but also to be hope-filled for these four weeks of Advent. There are two schools of *praxis* in this quiet season; the liturgical purist waits until December 24th for even a hint of Christmas. The other prefers a gradual manifestation of light as if to dispel the encroaching darkness of night. I prefer the latter, a gradual intensification of light at home, in the public square, and in our hearts.

Advent presents some wonderful opportunities to reflect on Revelation, that is, God's self-disclosure in the Son. Handel's *Messiah* is performed in every major city to begin the season. Candles now grace the windows of the rectory to announce that something is happening in this Christian home. Our Church Advent Wreath will be lighted each week in anticipation of the Lord's arrival. The weeks will pass quickly...so be prepared!

The Outreach Committee is busy assigning families and gifts to those parishioners helping with these wonderful programs. We also will be gathering new mittens, gloves, and knit hats. You can pin them onto the trees in the front vestibule of the Church. To date, our Thanksgiving Food Fundraiser has brought in \$1500 for the food pantry at St. Patrick's. Your kindness will feed the poor during these weeks of Advent.

As short as this season is, there are many activities and opportunities to prepare our parish, our hearts, and our homes for the celebration of the His coming. As St. Paul writes in today's *Second Reading*: "... you wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ" in the Incarnation, God with us. May you enjoy not only the excitement but also the silence in these four weeks of Advent.

With Advent joy,
 ~Monsignor Darcy

THIS WEEK AT ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH

Sun.	11/30	NO CCD CLASSES	10:00 am
		NO CCD CLASSES	6:30 pm
Mon.	12/1	Religious Ed, Grades 1-5	3:30 pm
Tue.	12/2	Prayer Shawl Ministry	7:00 pm
Thur.	12/4	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm

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HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

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 sheet in the vestibule as the Outreach Committee prepares for this Christmas endeavor.

ADVENT 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 January 1st. All proceeds will be distributed to Mary House at St. Patrick's Church. Thank you for your generous spirit and kindness.

PARISH ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

Prepare your heart for Christmas by celebrating the Sacrament of Penance (Confession) at the **Parish Penance Service on Sunday, December 14th at 6:30 pm**. Three priests will be available for the Sacrament. Even if you have been away for some time, *'Do not be afraid!'* Return to the Lord and Communion at Christmas. It's a wonderful free gift offered us by the Lord.

CHURCH CELEBRATIONS TO NOTE

Mon. December 8th Holy Day, Immaculate Conception
Masses at 7 AM and 5:30 PM

Sun. December 14th 6:30 PM Parish Penance Service

Wed. December 24th 5:00 PM Christmas Vigil Mass
Preceded by Children's Pageant

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Wed. December 24th at 10 pm First Mass of Christmas
Lessons and Carols at 9:30 PM

THURS. DECEMBER 25TH AT 10 AM
CHRISTMAS MASS

(NOTE WELL: ONE MASS ON
CHRISTMAS DAY

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.

AROUND THE PARISH

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!

CHILDREN'S LITURGY NEXT WEEK

Children are reminded to bring a canned good or other non-perishable food item to the 9 am Mass **next week (and the first Sunday of each month)**, to bring to the altar at the regular collection time. It's the children's way of being mindful and helping of those who are hungry in our city.



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

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 2nd and 16th. Call Pat Capece 274-8632 with ideas or questions.

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