

Church of St. Sebastian

December 11, 2011—Third Sunday of Advent

Scheduled Masses For This Week

- Saturday, December 10, Vigil: 3rd Sunday of Advent**
 5:00 pm James Pizzuti, Birthday Remembrance
 -requested by his family
- Sunday, December 11, Third Sunday of Advent**
 9:00 am Ernest Ardente
 -requested by his wife Marilyn
- 11:00 am For the People
- Monday, December 12, Our Lady of Guadalupe**
 7:00 am Mass
- Tuesday, December 13, Saint Lucy, virgin and martyr**
 7:00 am Joseph Iplito, Sr.
 -requested by the Landry family
- Wednesday, December 14, Saint John of the Cross,
 priest and doctor of the Church**
 7:00 am Mass
- Thursday, December 15, Advent Weekday**
 7:00 am Mass
- Friday, December 16, Advent Weekday**
 7:00 am Mass

Next Weekend Masses

- Saturday, December 17, Vigil: 4th Sunday of Advent**
 5:00 pm Robert Bertoncini
 -requested by John and Rachel Baxter
- Sunday, December 18, Fourth Sunday of Advent**
 9:00 am The deceased members of the O'Connor
 and Rigley families
 -requested by John and Kathleen O'Connor
 and Dorothy and Ernest Suter
- 11:00 am For the People



WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

December 3-4, 2011

# of Budget Envelopes Used This Week	82
Contributions-Budgets and Checks	\$3,594
Loose Contributions	\$ 481
Total Offertory	\$4,075
Parish Giving—November	\$2,739

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.

PASTOR'S CORNER

REJOICE! It's the word for this Third Sunday of Advent; *Gaudete Sunday*. The rose candle and vestment is worn today signifying the day draws near. The rectory windows (old and new) are lit to announce and celebrate this festive season. Speaking of windows, the "**Roof Report**" will be shared with the parish next weekend. If any of you wish to help with this rectory restoration project, kindly get your donation to the rectory as soon as possible.

We prepare also our hearts with the parish Penance Service on this Third Sunday of Advent at 6:30 PM. There will be five priests available for Confessions. The Lord awaits the arrival of his loved ones in the Sacrament of Penance. **DO NOT BE AFRAID**; come to the service and receive the gift of God's love...so freely given at this Christmastide.

Our Religious Education students in Grades 3,4,5 are sponsoring a Cake Sale after all the Masses this weekend. They wanted to help with the "Embrace a Family" project of the Parish Outreach Committee. Many thanks to our students and their teachers for this outpouring of care for others this Christmas Season.

Finally, St. Paul offers us some wonderful spiritual advice as we prepare for Christmas. Take a moment to read today's Second Reading before Mass begins. In the words of the new Roman Missal; The Grace and Peace of the Lord be with you always! ***And with your spirit!***

A Happy and Holy Advent!
 Msgr. Darcy

CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS

Special envelope are available to donate towards the floral decorations for the church this Christmas season. You are invited to provide a memorial gift for a relative or friend, who will be remembered during this holy season. Please place your completed donation envelope in the collection



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ADVENT HAT AND MITTEN TREE

You are invited to decorate the trees in the vestibule with Hats and Mittens for women, men and children through January 3rd. All proceeds will be distributed to the homeless by Crossroads RI. Thank you for your generous spirit and kindness.

CAROLING AT AREA NURSING HOMES

Come share the spirit of Christmas by caroling for residents of local nursing homes next Sunday, December 18th. Singers of all ages are welcome! Refreshments will be served following the caroling. We will meet at St. Sebastian's at 1:10 pm. Please sign up in the Church vestibule. Call Susan Elliott at 831-1162 for more information.



~~ CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR SCHEDULE ~~

Saturday, December 24 – Christmas Eve

5:00 pm Christmas Vigil Mass
 11:00 pm Christmas Vigil Mass
 - Choir Concert at 10:30 pm

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25 – CHRISTMAS DAY

9:00 am Christmas Day Mass
 - Children's Pageant at 9:00 am
 11:00 am Christmas Day Mass

Saturday, December 31, Vigil: Octave Day of Christmas

5:00 pm Vigil Mass

Sunday, January 1 – Blessed Virgin Mary, The Mother of God

9:00 am Sunday morning Mass
 11:00 am Sunday morning Mass



THIS WEEK AT ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH

Sun.	12/11	Coffee Hour	10:00 am
		Religious Education	10:00 am
		Community Outreach	10:00 am
		Religious Education	6:30 pm
		Parish Penitential Service	6:30 pm
Mon.	12/12	Religious Education	3:30 pm
Wed.	12/14	Book Club	7:30 pm
Thu.	12/15	Choir Rehearsal	7:30 pm

PARISH ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

Prepare your heart for Christmas by celebrating the Sacrament of Penance (Confession) at the Parish Penance Service **THIS Sunday, December 11th at 6:30 pm**. Five 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.

ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH ORNAMENT A 2011 LIMITED EDITION CHRISTMAS GIFT

A beautiful, gold plated, limited edition Christmas tree ornament has been struck of the Church. They are available after all the Masses for \$20 at the front doors of the Church (or at the rectory weekdays between 10-2).

What a perfect gift for family and friends who have moved away from the parish. Thank you to Dick Beaupre of *ChemArt* for this memento of our parish.

2011 HOLIDAY ORNAMENT



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PARISH BOOK CLUB

The Parish Book Club will meet at 7:30 pm on Wednesday, December 14th in the Fr. Randall Meeting Room to discuss The Last Tycoon by F. Scott Fitzgerald. All are welcome.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH MEETING

The Community Outreach Committee will meet **THIS Sunday, December 11th at 10:00 am** in the church hall. Please join us!

MUSIC NOTES

Interested in singing with the choir for the Advent-Christmas-Epiphany season? Rehearsals of the season's music have begun. Please note that attending rehearsals is necessary to participate. Choir rehearsals are held on Thursday evenings at 7:30 pm. If you have any questions or would like more information, please speak with our parish organist Bill Cooper after Mass.



The annual Thanksgiving collection for the Holy Name St. Vincent de Paul food pantry totaled \$1,769.00. Many bags of canned goods were also collected. Thank you for your generosity.