

Church of St. Sebastian
December 2, 2012 — First Sunday of Advent

Scheduled Masses For This Week

Saturday, December 1, Vigil of First Sunday of Advent

5:00 pm Joel D. Landry, 10th anniversary
-requested by his wife and family

Sunday, December 2, First Sunday of Advent

9:00 am Beatrice Dulgarian
-requested by Thomas and Farisa Mulvey

11:00 am For the People

Monday, December 3, Saint Francis Xavier, Priest

7:00 William and Emilda Moreau
-requested by their daughter

Tuesday, December 4, Advent Weekday

7:00 am Peggy Corrigan, her husband and caregivers
-requested by Karin Schrott and Rita Watson

Wednesday, December 5, Advent Weekday

7:00 am Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, December 6, Advent Weekday

7:00 am Souls in Purgatory

First Friday, December 7, Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

7:00 am Mass
5:30 pm Mass

Next Weekend Masses

Saturday, December 8, Feast of the Immaculate Conception

9:00 am Mass

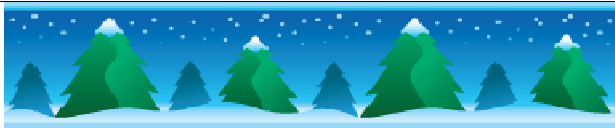
Saturday, December 8, Vigil of Second Sunday of Advent

5:00 pm Richard Ely, 1st anniversary
-requested by his family

Sunday, December 9, Second Sunday of Advent

9:00 am Irene O'Keefe Melville
-requested by Pam and John Cummings

11:00 am Madonna Maggiacomo
-requested by Msgr. Darcy and St. Sebastian Parish



Please keep our fellow parishioners and friends in your thoughts and prayers:

Denise Walker, Beverly DiLello, Kathy McCaughey, Deborah Bessette, Peggy Corrigan, Beatrice Calvo Crozier, James Shanni, and Vilma O'Connor.

Please contact the rectory if you would like to add a person to our prayers.

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* with 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!

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. Then, a "surprise" from some dear friends will be added this year to our parish Christmas celebration...stay tuned for this one! I know you'll love it!

The Outreach Committee will be gathering new mittens, gloves, and knit hats. You can pin them onto the trees in the front vestibule of the Church. Others are participating in *Adopt a Family*. Our donations of \$2,271 were forwarded to the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry.

As an update completely unrelated to the liturgical season, but relevant to the *heating season*, a new gas line was installed at the rectory as we prepare for the change over from oil to natural gas. The new, efficient, two zone system is funded by your generous response to last year's renovation project. Let's all pray for another mild winter!

With Advent joy,
Monsignor Darcy



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HOLY DAY- SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8
 Mass for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception will be celebrated at 9:00 am Saturday morning. The Vigil Mass at 5:00 pm Saturday evening will be for the Second Sunday of Advent.



PARISH ADVENT Penance SERVICE
 Prepare your heart for Christmas by celebrating the Sacrament of Penance (Confession) at the **Parish Penance Service on Sunday, December 9th at 6:30 pm.** Four 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.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE
Vigil Mass 5 PM
First Mass of Christmas at 11 PM
preceded by a choral selections at 10:30 PM.
Christmas Day at 9 and 11 AM



ADVENT HAT AND MITTEN TREE
 You are invited to decorate the trees in the vestibule with Hats, Mittens, Gloves and Scarves for women, men and children through January 1st. All proceeds will be distributed to the homeless by Crossroads RI. Thanks 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 on Sunday, **December 16th.** Singers of all ages are welcome! It is always a wonderful and giving way to begin the Christmas Season. 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.

FIRST FRIDAY MASS- DECEMBER 7TH.
 First Friday Masses will be celebrated at 7 am and 5:30 pm this Friday, December 7th..

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY
 Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet Tuesday December 4th and 18th at 7:00 pm in the Fr. Randall Room. We have received three generous donations of yarn and accessories but still **need your help to knit/crochet more shawls.** The shawls which were blessed at Masses on November 17/18 will be distributed to our parishioners who are in nursing homes and in rehab. These beautiful shawls surround others with the prayers of our parish. Can you help with this ministry? Even at home? If so, please contact Pat Capece (274-8632) or Elaine Kehoe (273-4259). If you are aware of someone you feel would benefit from receiving a prayer shawl, please call the rectory.

ST. SEBASTIAN BOOK CLUB
 The Parish Book Club will meet on Wednesday, December 12th at 7:30 pm in the Fr. Randall Room to discuss Persuasion by Jane Austen.

THIS WEEK AT ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH

Sun.	12/2	Religious Ed. Grades 6-8	10:00 am
		Religious Ed, Grades 9-10	6:30 pm
Mon.	12/3	Religious Ed, Grades 1-5	3:30 pm
Tues.	12/4	Prayer Shawl Ministry	7:00 pm
Thurs.	12/6	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm
Friday	12/7	First Friday Mass	7:00 am
			5:30 pm
Sat.	12/8	Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass	9:00 am

WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

	11/18/12	11/25/12
# of Budget Envelopes Used	88	84
Contributions-Budgets/Checks	\$ 4,645	\$ 4,648
Loose Contributions	\$ 757	\$ 573
End of Year Gift	\$ 0	\$ 5,000
Total Offertory	\$ 5,402	\$10,221
Campaign for Human Dev.	\$ 1,058	\$ 0