

Church of St. Sebastian
December 25, 2011—Christmas Day

Scheduled Masses For This Week

Saturday, December 24, Vigil: The Nativity of the Lord

5:00 pm For all parishioners and their families

11:00 pm For all parishioners and their families

Sunday, December 25, The Nativity of the Lord

9:00 am For all parishioners and their families

11:00 am For all parishioners and their families

Monday, December 26, Saint Stephen, first martyr

7:00 am Mr. and Mrs. William Moreau

Tuesday, December 27, Saint John, apostle and evangelist

7:00 am Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, December 28, The Holy Innocents, martyrs

7:00 am Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, December 29, Saint Thomas Becket, bishop and martyr

7:00 am Mass

Friday, December 30, The Holy Family of Jesus

7:00 am Mass

Next Weekend Masses

Saturday, December 31, Vigil: Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God

5:00 pm Mass

Sunday, January 1, Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God

9:00 am For the people

11:00 am Mass



OUR LADY'S CANDLE burns this week for the specials intentions of all of our parishioners, relatives, and friends as we prepare for Christmas. May her prayers bring us the light and grace of her Son and foster peace throughout the Church and the world.

PASTOR'S CORNER

A Blessed and Merry Christmas to all!

The hope and joy of the season is reflected in the sights and sounds of this holy night and day. The announcement of the heavenly messengers echoes through the centuries and down even to this small parish on the East Side. *"Peace to all people of good will; a Savior is given to you!"*

Our parish, too, celebrates the holy birth this holy season. We see people returning to visit their families and friends at Christmas. Just watch our college students greeting each other again. They are happy and excited...reactions that are so much a part of the first Christmas night. These young adults are the hope of our families, our Church, our nation and the world. Welcome home, and enjoy your rest!

As announced last weekend, we celebrate and give thanks as a parish that the Emergency Repair Fund has yielded over **\$97K** for needed repairs and upgrades on the rectory. Many, many thanks to our parishioners and friends who generously responded to the appeal. We have and will continue to meet the fiscal challenges to the parish. But for now, we give thanks for our life and strengthening as a Catholic parish family of faith.

The Christmas Season is a bit truncated this year due to the solemnity falling on a Sunday. The Feast of the Holy Family is celebrated on Friday, December 30th (instead of the first Sunday after Christmas). The Baptism of the Lord, which ends the Christmas Cycle, will be celebrated on Monday, January 9th rather than traditional Sunday after the Epiphany. Reason? Even at Christmas, we set the stage for the most important solemnity of the Church Year, Easter, which is set by the lunar calendar.

A blessed Christmas from our part-time staff (Bill Cooper, Ms. Marie, Mary, Maria, and David) to you and those who hold so very dear!

~Msgr. Darcy and Fr. Ernie



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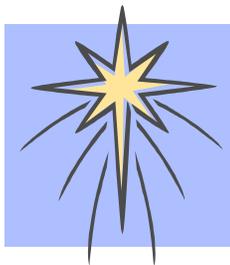
CHRISTMAS

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. Thanks for your generous spirit and kindness.



CHRISTMAS

KUDOS TO THE MR. COOPER AND THE CHOIR
 Thank you, Bill Cooper, Marie and Lori our cantors, our small but enthusiastic choir comprised of volunteer parishioners, and our visiting instrumentalists who prepare so well for our Christmas Masses. We thank for your dedication, loyalty, and commitment to the parish.



THANK YOU AT CHRISTMAS
 My thanks and appreciation for your cards, greetings, gifts, and support as your pastor at this Christmas Season. You are remembered in my daily Mass and prayers all throughout this holy season. God bless and keep you.
 ~Msgr. Darcy

AND NOW, A WORD TO OUR CHILDREN...
 Our Grades 3, 4, 5 religious education children raised \$425 for the *Embrace a Family* project this Christmas. The funds were used to provide gift cards for food at area super markets. You learned your lessons well...and we are very proud of you. Merry Christmas, kids!

POTLUCK

Annual Potluck Supper—January 28th, 2012
 In honor of St. Sebastian, whose Feast Day is January 20th, all parishioners are invited to a Potluck Supper to be held in the Church Hall on Saturday, January 28th at 6:00 pm. More information will follow, but mark your calendars now and plan to attend!



ST. SEBASTIAN 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. 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



THE CHURCH OF ST. SEBASTIAN
 PROVIDENCE, RI

When there is a will there is a way to be an angel for our parish. Please remember St. Sebastian's in your will. Your attorney can add a simple, inexpensive amendment or codicil to your existing will. Learn more by calling the Diocesan Stewardship and Development Office at 277-2121 or speak to Msgr. Darcy.