

Church of St. Sebastian
December 24, 2017 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

MASS INTENTIONS

SAT., DEC. 23, VIGIL: FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

5:00 pm WINIFRED KIERNAN, BEQUEST

SUN., DEC. 24, FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:00 AM WILLIAM & ANNE BRENNAN, BARRY BRENNAN
& ROBERT BRENNAN, req. by Brennan family

11:00 am DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE CALDARONE
& D'ERRICO FAMILIES, req. by Ann Boncante

SOLEMNITY OF CHRISTMAS

SUNDAY, DEC. 24

4:00 PM ***CHRISTMAS VIGIL FAMILY MASS***
FOR SISTER LOIS DUNN, CHRISTMAS
REMEMBRANCE

9:00 PM ***FIRST MASS OF CHRISTMAS***
FOR DECEASED MEMBERS OF ROGERS &
O'DONNELL FAMILIES
-PRECEDED BY CAROLS AT 8:30 PM

~ **MONDAY, DECEMBER 25** ~
THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

10:00 AM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS &
THEIR FAMILIES

Tuesday, DECEMBER 26, Saint Stephen, the First Martyr

7:00 am TIMOTHY GRACE, req. by Tim Walsh

7.25 am Novena Prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual help

Wednesday, DEC. 27, St John, Apostle & Evangelist

7:00 am SYLVIA LOFERSKI, req. by Ann Galligan

Thursday, DECEMBER 28, The Holy Innocents

7:00 am FR. WILLIAM LAWLESS

**Friday, DEC. 29, Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity
of the Lord**

7:00 am FR. ANDREW FARINA

SAT., DEC. 30, VIGIL: HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS

5:00 pm FR. ALFRED ALMONTE

SUN., DECEMBER 31, HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS

9:00 am INTENTIONS OF PARISHIONERS

11:00 am FR. RUSSELL B PAGE

SUN., Vigil: Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

5:00 PM INTENTIONS OF THERESA

MON., JAN. 1, Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

10:00 am FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH

My Dear Parishioners,

Sir Winston Churchill, the famous British statesman who led England through the horrors of World War II, was a man who prepared the people for a future joy. Churchill was the man to whom the British people (and many throughout Europe as well) looked to bring solace and comfort in the continent's darkest hour of the twentieth century. His rousing speeches rallied the British to continue the fight during the midst of almost daily bombing of London by the German Luftwaffe. He urged his countrymen to conduct themselves so that the British Empire and its Commonwealth were to last for a thousand years. The Brits believed this was their finest hour! Churchill convinced Franklin Roosevelt and the Allied leaders to join his cause. Churchill knew that the dark hour would pass, and that peace, prosperity and joy would reign once again. He prepared his people and led them to the light of joy.

God asks us to be joyful, but we know at times this is quite difficult. The journey of life presents us with obstacles, hurdles, detours and problems. We sometimes move from the heights of joy and expectation to the great valleys of gloom and despair. But our faith challenges us! We are to be joyful. Our Lord is near!

As Churchill inspired the British, so too Jesus in a more real way, exhorts us to follow his plan. For Jesus is our source of LOVE. He is our TRUTH. Jesus is our way to PEACE and offers us true FORGIVENESS. Jesus is our source of JOY and HOPE.

Let us rejoice and be glad for the Lord is near: Maranatha, come Lord Jesus!

Have a great week! And I'll see you either on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day.....

Monsignor Montecalvo

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**CHRISTMAS EVE PRESENTATIONS BY
MEMBERS OF THE PARISH**

At the 4:00 pm Mass, the Youth of the Parish will stage a special performance within the Mass. And prior to the 9:00 pm Mass, the Parish Choir will sing Christmas Carols beginning at 8:30 pm.

TOY COLLECTION

The Community Outreach Committee is collecting toys this Christmas season. Please consider donating 1 unwrapped child's toy. The toy bin is located in the vestibule and toys will be donated to The Diocese of Providence Immigration & Refugee Services. One child's toy creates many moments of holiday joy!

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, they will be published next month.

DAILY ROSARY

Start your day in quiet prayer. Please join fellow parishioners in contemplation as we pray The Rosary, Monday through Friday at 6:40 am, before daily Mass.

**WEEKLY PARISH FINANCES
DECEMBER 17, 2017**

Contributions at Mass	\$ 4,429.00
Online Parish Giving	\$ 657.00
Total Weekly Contributions	\$ 5,086.00
Weekly Expenses	\$ 7,951.00

A sincere thank you for your continued support!

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.

CHRISTMAS SEASON MASSES

Sunday, December 24th

- 9:00 am Fourth Sunday of Advent
- 11:00 am Fourth Sunday of Advent
- 4:00 pm Christmas Vigil Family Mass
Youth Christmas Presentation
- 9:00 pm Christmas Vigil Mass
Adult Choir at 8:30 pm

Monday, December 25th

- 10:00 am The Nativity of the Lord

Saturday, December 30th

- 5:00 pm Vigil: Feast of the Holy Family

Sunday, December 31st

- 9:00 am Feast of the Holy Family
- 11:00 am Feast of the Holy Family
- 5:00 pm Vigil: Feast of Mary, Mother of God

Monday, January 1st

- 10:00 am Feast of Mary, Mother of God



The generosity of parishioners has enabled Saint Sebastian's to serve the people of God for over 100 years. Continue to be a thread in the fabric of this church by leaving a bequest to Saint Sebastian's in your will or estate planning. For more information about memorial donations and legacy giving, please contact Monsignor Montecalvo at 751-0196.

*Let us pray for the repose of the soul of
Winifred Kiernan
whose love for our parish was shown in a
bequest to St. Sebastian Church.
We remember her in gratitude and offer
Saturday's 5:00 pm Mass for her this week.
May she rest in the peace of the Lord.*

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Prayers are asked for these friends, family, and fellow parishioners. If you would like someone included in the Prayers for the Sick please call the rectory. **Diane C., Susan Porter, Natalie Swift, Leah Davis, Frances Geary, Sandy C., John Haddad, Bob, Robert Calso, Bob K and Kathy D'Amico**