



**Parish Mission**

**To expand and improve our Catholic faith community by responding with compassion and understanding to the spiritual and corporal needs of our parishioners and neighbors in the name of Jesus Christ.**

**Revenue Sharing Program**

Winner November 18 - Philomena Kiernan  
Winner November 25 – Katherine Wiand

**Parish Teens**

Open gym, dinner, some discussion. All High School aged youth welcome! Every Sunday night from 7 to 9 at St. Joachim’s gym. Parishioners can help support the parish youth by donating a hot meal for their meeting – something simple, baked ziti, hot dogs, meat loaf, chili, etc. To offer your services, contact Beth Dondero at 831-8939.

**Attendance**

<b>Nov. 18, 2007</b>	<b>Nov. 19, 2006</b>
923	1,073
<b>Nov, 25, 2007</b>	<b>Nov. 26, 2006</b>
990	1,052

**Senior News**

St. Joachim – St. John Senior Citizens Club will hold its Christmas Dinner on Sunday, Dec. 9 at the Southern Dutchess Country Club. To make reservations, please call Helen Iannone at 831-1230. No meetings will be held in Dec., Jan. or Feb. The next meeting will be in March, 2008.

**Breaking Open the Word**

Mondays at 7 pm at St. Joachim’s Church – a meaningful preview of the next Sunday’s Gospel.

**Parish Mini-Christmas Fair**

Dec. 7 and 8 at St. John’s Please stop by.

**Mittens, Hats & Scarves**

The St. Vincent De Paul Society is collecting mittens, hats and scarves for the area’s needy children and adults. Donations may be left in the rear of the churches.

**Tree of Lights**

Our annual tree lighting ceremony will take place on Saturday, Dec. 8, after both the 4:30 and the 5:30 Masses. A \$10:00 donation to is requested to reserve a light to honor or commemorate your loved ones. Please make checks payable to St. Joachim – St. John the Evangelist Church and place it in an envelope marked “Tree of Lights.” The envelope may be placed in the collection basket no later the Sunday Dec. 2. Please include (print):

Name of Honoree \_\_\_\_\_

Name of sponsor \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number of sponsor \_\_\_\_\_

**This Week’s Events**

**Today**

Religious Ed Classes  
RCIA, 1:15 – 2:15, Parish Office  
Parish Teens, 7 to 9pm, gym

**Monday**

Religious Ed Classes  
Breaking Open the Word, St. Joachim’s, 7pm

**Friday**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament,  
from after the 8am Mass until 7 pm  
Holy Day Vigil Mass, St. Joachim’s, 7 pm

**Saturday**

Holy Day of Obligation  
Mini-Christmas Fair, St. John’s  
Tree of Lights  
Christmas Lottery Party

**Sunday**

Alberta Morris Concert, St. John’s, 4pm

**Advent Morning Prayer**

You are invited to join us for Morning Prayer, especially during the season of Advent as we prepare for our Savior’s coming. Monday-Friday at 7:45, Saturday at 7:30 at St. John’s.

**Catechist Opening**

We have an opening for a 3<sup>rd</sup> level Catechist (10:15-11:45 Sunday mornings) in our Religious Education Program. If interested, please call the Parish Office or see Fr. Fabian.

**To serve your needs better, Fr. Nolan would like to know:**

- Of any parishioner who is hospitalized
- Of any one in need of prayer
- Of any one who would like a pastoral visit

Our parish priests and the Special Ministers of Holy Communion bring the Eucharist to our ill parishioners. The Sacraments of the Sick and Reconciliation are also available from our priests on their visits. If you or someone you know is in need of the Sacraments, please call the parish office.

**Through the Outreach Program** – Parish Volunteers provide supportive and practical services for seniors and other persons who are in need. These include friendly visiting, telephone reassurance, shopping, and local medical transportation/escort. *Drivers are needed for the Outreach Program for doctor's appointments. If you are able to help please call the parish office.*

**Pray for the Sick and Homebound:**

Emily Adams, Barbara Amoroso, Virginia Anderson, Lorraine Barnett, Deborah Bonnell, Kevin Bradley, Victoria Burke, Mike Connelly, Romona Concessao, Noah Corey, Cornelius D'Aprile, Gilda D'Aprile, Christine DiDonato, Hilda D'Silva, Jeffrey Dolan, Dorothy Edwards, Christine Ferguson, Varian Fernandes, Russell Fullen, Marie Ann Gama, Antonina Giavatto, Tomasso Giavatto, Michael Giannoni, Andy Goodall, Kathy Juhasz, Donna Juliano, Frances Lester, Jane Licht, Mary Lynch, Eileen Malik, George Maleakas, Venita Martis, Sue Mather, Cecilia McCasland, Debbie Milkovich, Jella Moloney, Aric Morgan, Carol Morrone, Sharon Nichols, Jim O'Donnell, Nancy O'Neil, Marion O'Shea, Anna Opielinska, Diane Pavelock, Ann Petix, Jean Pettorossi, Florence Sensel, Catherine Smith, Lawrence Solomon, Teresa Solomon, Nick Steffanci, Kathleen Thurston, Dorethea Tompson, Jean Torrie, Thomas Trochan, Jr., Patricia Tribble, Bill Wassweiler, and Ave Wolfe.

**And also our friends in McClelland's, Elant at Fishkill, Wingate at Beacon, Forrestal Heights and Hamilton Fish.**

**Recently Deceased**

We pray for the people who have recently died and ask God to grant their families and loved ones the strength to carry on until we all join God in the Resurrection: Anne Robillard, Frank Letterio

**Coming Parish Events**

- Dec. 7 - First Friday Adoration
- Dec. 8 - Immaculate Conception Holy Day of Obligation - Masses: Dec. 7: 7pm.  
Dec. 8: 8am, 9am & 12 noon.
- Dec. 8 & 9 - Mini-Christmas Fair, St. John's
- Dec. 8 - Tree of Lights, after 4:30 and 5:30 Masses
- Dec. 8 - Christmas Lottery Party, gym, 6:30
- Dec. 9 - Alberta Morris Concert, St. John's, 4 pm
- Dec. 12 - Our Lady of Guadalupe, 7pm Mass in Spanish at St. John's

- Dec. 15 - Spanish Retreat, St. John's, 9 to 4
- Dec. 15 - Advent Day of Recollection, St. Joachim's
- Dec. 16 - Breakfast with Santa, St. John's, 8:30-12
- Dec. 16 - Christmas Pageant, St. Joachim's, 4 pm
- Dec. 17 - Penance Service, St. John's, 7pm
- Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve, Vigil Masses: 4:30 at St. Joachim's, 5:30 Children's Mass at St. John's, 9pm Spanish Mass at St. John's, Midnight at St. Joachim's
- Dec. 25 – Christmas Day, Masses: 7:30am, 10:30 am at St. John's, 9am and 12 noon at St. Joachim's. No noon Spanish Mass, no 6pm Mass.
- Dec. 27 - Feast of St. John the Evangelist, special Mass at St. John's, 7 pm, refreshments to follow.
- Dec. 31 - New Years Eve, Holyday, Mass at St. Joachim's at 4:30
- Jan. 1 - Holy Day Masses at 7 am, 8am, noon in Spanish at St. John's & noon in English at St. Joachim's

**Great Christmas Giveaway**

**Last chance** to buy tickets for this major fundraiser for our parish. Please purchase a ticket. The price is \$50. There are 7 prizes plus the \$4,000.00 Grand Prize.

The drawing will take place on Saturday, December 8, 2007, at St. Joachim's Hall during the party, which begins at 6:30. Your \$50 ticket entitles you to bring one guest to this lottery party.

To participate in this parish event, please complete the form below and return it with your \$50 payment to Marianne Dahl, 20 Rende Drive, Beacon, NY. Checks should be made payable to St. Joachim - St. John Church. Thank you for your support.

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please print**

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

I wish a new ticket number \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to keep my same number \_\_\_\_\_

**New Year's Eve Gala**

At Trinity Council #445, K of C, Dec. 31, 7:30pm-2:00am. \$70/person or \$140/couple if paid by 12/1/07. \$75/person or \$150/couple after 12/1/07. Ticket deadline December 21. Contact: John at 249-6242, Tom at 728-8409 or Jenna at 235-0327. Safe ride available.

## December 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 <b>Cursillistas</b> , 7-8pm, St. John's Hall
2 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent	3 <b>Women's Club</b> , St. John's hall, 7 pm	4 1 <sup>st</sup> <b>Communion Parents Meeting</b> , 7pm, St. John's	5 <b>Penance Service</b> for Grades 3-6,7pm, St. John's	6	7 <b>First Friday Adoration</b>	8 <b>Immaculate Conception Feast</b> <b>Mini-Christmas Fair</b> <b>Tree of Lights</b> <b>Lottery Party</b>
9 <b>Cursillistas Mini-Christmas Fair</b> <b>Alberta Morris Concert</b> , 4pm St. John's	10 <b>Cemetery Board</b> , 4pm, Office	11 <b>Pastoral Council</b> , 7pm, St. John's hall	12 <b>Our Lady of Guadalupe</b> – 7pm Spanish Mass at St. John's	13	14 <b>Penance Service</b> for Grades 3-6, 7pm, St. John's	15 <b>Spanish Retreat</b> 9am-4pm St. John's <b>English Retreat</b> , 9am-4pm, St. Joachim's <b>Cursillistas</b> , 7-8pm, St. John's Hall
16 <b>Breakfast with Santa</b> , St. John's, 8:30am-noon  <b>Christmas Pageant</b> , 4pm, St. Joachim's	17 <b>Parish Christmas Caroling</b> , 1pm, St. Joachim's <b>Parish Penance Service</b> ,St. John's, 7	18	19 <b>Women's Club</b> Christmas Party	20	21	22 "Gifts from Bethlehem" will be here this weekend.
23 Cursillistas, 10-11:30, Convent Basement CYO Games 12:30 – 5pm, gym	24	25 <b>Blessed Christmas</b>	26	27 <b>Feast of St. John the Evangelist</b> – 7pm Mass	28	29 CYO Games 8am-4pm, gym
30	31 <b>New Years Eve Vigil Mass at 4:30</b> , St. Joachim's	<b>Jan. 1, 2008</b> <b>New Years Day</b> Masses at 7 & 8 am as usual, plus 12 noon English & Spanish				

**1<sup>er</sup> Domingo De  
Adviento.****LECTURAS PARA EL DIA DE HOY:**

**1 Lectura: Is 2,1-5:** Caminemos a la luz del Señor  
**2 Lectura: Rm 13,11-14:** Revistámonos con las  
 armas de la luz  
**Evangelio: Mt 24,37-44:** ¡Estén preparados!



Iniciamos el Adviento, el tiempo que sirve para preparar la celebración de navidad y con el recuerdo de la primera venida de Dios hecho hombre, reflexionar y estar preparados para las dos siguientes venidas de Dios: al final de la vida de cada uno y al final de los tiempos. Por eso el Adviento es tiempo de preparación y esperanzas. Y en la lectura de hoy, Cristo nos dice claramente como hemos de prepararnos: con oración y mortificación, es decir, dominando nuestras tendencias al pecado.

No se trata de preparar la navidad solo con arbolitos, esferas, adornos, dulces y regalos. No. La preparación que busca Cristo en nosotros, es mas profunda. El quiere que reconozcamos nuestras fallas, nos arrepintamos de ellas, nos confesemos, oremos, comulguemos y tratemos de vencer eso que nos aleja de el.

La alegría que nos produce la Navidad debe notarse en nuestra forma de vivir: Alegre, limpia y de entrega a los demás.

El Adviento, nos ayuda mediante la oración, a recordar la necesidad de cambiar la vida, de convertirnos. Llenemos nuestras casas y nuestras calles de adornos espirituales: fe, perdón, sonrisas, ayuda, tolerancia... limpiemos nuestra alma desechando antojos, egoísmos, boberías y envidias.

**ANUNCIOS****CLASES PARA ADULTOS**

Para todo aquellos adultos que estén interesados en recibir algún sacramento (Bautismo, Confirmación, Matrimonio, confesiones). Se informa que todos los sábados de 6:00 a 7:00 de la noche se están llevando a cabo las clases en la oficina de la parroquia.

**FERIA D ENAVIDAD**

Los invitamos a que participen de nuestra pequeña feria de navidad, este **sábado 8 de Diciembre** de 9:00 a.m a 3:30 p.m y **domingo 9 de diciembre** de 9:00 a.m a 1:30 p.m. en el sótano de la iglesia de San Juan Evangelista. Además tendremos venta de comida. Acompañenos!!! Disfrute de una buena comida y encuentre el adorno perfecto para su hogar.

**JOVENES DE LA IGLESIA**

Todos los jóvenes de la high school son bienvenidos. Gimnasio abierto, comida y algunas reflexiones. Todos los domingos en horas de la noche de 7 a 9:00p.m en el gimnasio de San Joaquín. Los feligreses pueden ayudar para el soporte de la parroquia con sus donaciones para la comida de esta reunión- algo simple. Perros calientes, ziti, meta loaf, chili, etc. Para ofrecer sus servicios, puede contactarse con Beth Dondero al Tel: 831-8939.

**INMACULADA CONCEPCION**

El día **sabado 8 de diciembre** es la fiesta de la inmaculada concepción, día santo de obligación. Tendremos: Vigilia: viernes 7 de diciembre a las 7:00 p.m. Y Misa Sabado 8:00 – 9:00a.m y 12:00 del medio día.

**NUESTRA SENORA DE GUADALUPE**

En la celebración de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, Tendremos misa en español, el próximo **Miércoles 12 de Diciembre** a las 7:00 p.m. en San Juan Evangelista.