

# Church of St. Joachim – St. John the Evangelist

## December 23, 2007

### *Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Advent*

		4:30 p.m.	Our Beloved Deceased	Olga Mihanowich
		5:30 p.m.	Lucy Orsini	Mary Jane Daley
Sun.	Dec. 23		<b><i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i></b>	
		7:30 a.m.	Jack Lang	Patricia & James Locascio
		9:00 a.m.	Gerard Amoroso	Nunzio, Bridget & Family
		10:30 a.m.	Barbara Arthur	Rose Pucino
	Spanish	12:00 p.m.	Carla Aumick	Grandma
		12:00 p.m.	Helen & Stephen Drusik	Jean, Terry, Kim & Family
		6:00 p.m.	Bartlo Giovatto	Mr. & Mrs. T. Giavatto
Mon.	Dec. 24		<b>Vigil of Christmas</b>	
		7:00 a.m.	Rev. Donald Licata	Al & Lisa Miller
		8:00 a.m.	Edward Imperatore	The Family
			<b>Please see the Christmas Mass schedule</b>	
Tues.	Dec. 25		<b>Nativity of the Lord</b>	
			<b>Please see the Christmas Mass schedule</b>	
Wed.	Dec. 26		<b>St. Stephen, First Martyr</b>	
		7:00 a.m.	Gerry Amoroso	Ann Lanari
		8:00 a.m.	Mildred Daddario	The Family
Thurs.	Dec. 27		<b>St. John the Evangelist</b>	
		7:00 a.m.	Lucy R. Orsini	John & Kathy Hopper
		8:00 a.m.	Rose Barrack	Niece Annmarie & Frank
		7:00 p.m.		
Fri.	Dec. 28		<b>Holy Innocents</b>	
		7:00 a.m.	Gerard Amoroso	Donald & Angelica Pavelock
		8:00 a.m.	Lillian Hopper	Bridget McGauran
Sat.	Dec. 29		<b>Fifth Day in Octave of Christmas</b>	
		8:00 a.m.	Brenda Barlow McHugh	Richard
		9:00 a.m.	Jennie Moscato	The Family
			<b><i>Vigil: Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</i></b>	
		4:30 p.m.	Our Beloved Deceased	Olga Mihanowich
		5:30 p.m.	Cynthia J. Kyriazis	Sister, Mary Ferland, and her husband David J. Kryiazis
Sun.	Dec. 30		<b><i>Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</i></b>	
		7:30 a.m.	John Lang	Antoinette & Jim McDowell
		9:00 a.m.	Gerard Amoroso	Bonnie Sablinski
		10:30 a.m.	Brenda Barlow McHugh	Elizabeth Palmer
	Spanish	12:00 p.m.	Special Intention	
		12:00 p.m.	Donald & Vera Carroll	The Family
		6:00 p.m.	Special Intention	

### **Sacramentals**

**Sanctuary Lamp: St. Joachim's** – Joseph Kochay, Casimir & Karol Dokurno, Kevin Ninnie

**Sanctuary Lamp: St. John's** – Leeann & Simon Lee Antalek, Charles Polhemus, Anthony Melfi, Frederick Hughes, Steve & Irene Trochan

**Bread & Wine: St. Joachim's** – Our Beloved Deceased

**Bread & Wine: St. John's** – Joseph Romanelli

**Altar Candles: St. Joachim's** – The Arquilla Family

**Altar Candles: St. John's** – James Rogers

**Rose for Life: St. Joachim's** – None during Christmas

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### **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**

Grand Prize winners: \$500 – Michelle Trimarchi  
\$1,000 – Mike & Hazel McCullough  
Congratulations!!

#### **Breaking Open the Word**

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

#### **The Parish of St. Joachim St. John's Celebrates Clara Lou Gould**

Please join us as our parish celebrates the achievements of one of our parishioners, Mayor Clara Lou Gould, at a cocktail party on Saturday, January 26, 2008, at 7 p.m. in St. Joachim's Gymnasium. Cost of the ticket is \$20. Reservations required. More details to follow.

#### **Attendance**

<b>Dec. 16, 2007</b>	<b>Dec. 17, 2006</b>
<b>640</b>	<b>1,130</b>

#### **This Week's Events**

**Today - Sunday, Dec. 23**  
**RCIA, 1:15 – 2:15, Parish Office**  
**Parish Teens, 7 to 9pm, gym**

**Monday**  
**No Religious Ed Classes this week**

#### **Teen Group**

**Will meet this evening, December 23, at 7 pm at St. John's.**

### **Christmas Season Mass Schedule**

**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 Mass at St. Joachim's.**

**Dec. 25 – Christmas Day, Masses:**  
**7:30am and 10:30am 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 Year's Eve, Holy Day Vigil Mass**  
**at 4:30 at St. Joachim's.**

**Jan. 1 - Holy Day Masses: 7 am & 8 am,**  
**plus noon in Spanish at St. John's and**  
**noon in English at St. Joachim's.**

#### **Revenue Sharing Program**

The new Revenue Sharing Program began last weekend. It is not too late to join. Envelopes have been mailed to those who usually pay the full \$20 in advance. For others who wish to participate, envelopes are in the vestibules of the churches. Please pick up a packet of envelopes and join! You may make your payment weekly, every five weeks, every ten weeks or all at once. Each week must be paid in advance to be eligible for the weekly drawing. There is one \$25.00 winner per week. See above for the Grand Prize winners from the prior program.

#### **"Gifts from Bethlehem"**

Will be at both churches this weekend, Dec. 22-23. If you liked what you saw during their previous visit, you might want to visit them for last minute Christmas gifts this year.

#### **FRANCE PILGRIMAGE**

The parish invites you to a 10 day pilgrimage, **August 11 - 20, 2008 "SHRINES OF FRANCE."** We will begin our journey in Ars with a visit to the Shrine of St. John Vianney. Next on to the French/Swiss Alpine region of Annecy and a visit to Geneva. We will travel on to Paris and on to Lisieux, the home of St. Therese. We will visit Lourdes and take part in the candlelight procession and in the reciting of the Rosary. Our trip also includes a visit to Normandy, Mont-St. Michel, Chartes and Paray-Le-Monial. Price: Inclusive from New York \$2995.00 + \$275.00 departure tax. Deposit of \$350 is due by **December 15, 2007.** For more information see the brochure in the back of the churches or call Marianne Dahl at 831-5406.

**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 and 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, Michael Durlacher, Dorothy Edwards, Christine Ferguson, Varian Fernandes, Russell Fullen, Marie Ann Gama, Antonina Giavatto, Tomasso Giavatto, Michael Giannoni, Kathy Juhasz, Donna Juliano, Frances Lester, Jane Licht, Mary Lynch, Eileen Malik, George Maleakas, Venita Martis, Sue Mather, Debbie Milkovich, Jella Moloney, Aric Morgan, Carol Morrone, Sharon Nichols, Jim O'Donnell, Marion O'Shea, Anna Opielinska, Diane Pavelock, Ann Petix, Jean Pettorossi, George Podloski, Florence Sensel, Catherine Smith, Lawrence Solomon, Teresa Solomon, Nick Steffanci, Kathleen Thurston, Dorethea Tompson, Jean Torrie, Thomas Trochan, Jr., Patricia Tribble, Bill Wassweiler, Carol Way, 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: Dorothy Shevetone, Matthew Staniewicz, Edward Soltish, Nancy O'Neil.

**Visit America's First Basilica**

Sorry, the trip to visit America's first Basilica has been postponed.

**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 (except the 12/16 meeting will be at St. John's). 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.

**Bicentennial Campaign**

As you know, we have made a lot of improvements to our buildings and grounds this year because of your generosity to the Bicentennial Campaign. More is scheduled for 2008. We very much appreciate your support. Anyone who might want to make an extra payment or an additional donation prior to the end of the year for tax purposes is encouraged to do so. Those who are behind in their payments are encouraged to catch up. May God bless you all for your generosity.

**New Year's Eve Gala**

At Trinity Council #445, Knights of Columbus, December 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. Includes open bar from 7:30 – 1:00am, a 4-course dinner and a champagne toast at midnight. Dinner includes: Shrimp Cocktail, choice of Prime Rib au jus or French Cut Chicken with a buerre blanc sauce. Live music by Bosco and the Storm. Ticket deadline December 21. Contact: John at 249-6242, Tom at 728-8409 or Jenna at 235-0327. Safe ride available.

**Outside of our Parish**

**Discernment Days for Women and Men**

One Sunday a month (2:00 pm to 5:00 pm) from January 13 to April 6, 2008 at St. Ann's Convent, 56 Dunston Ave. Yonkers, NY. This is a program for women and men (20-40) who feel a call to Religious Life as priest, brother or sister and who wish to learn more about Religious Life and are ready to discern this life choice. Contact Sr. Deanna Sabretta, CND at 212/371-1011 Ext 2829. There is no charge.

**Congratulations** to the following who were confirmed by Bishop Dominck Lagonegro in a beautiful ceremony in our parish last month.

Clayton **Thomas** Aloï  
Jocelyn **Isabel** Alvarez  
Michelle **Elizabeth** Ban  
Aileen **Elizabeth** Banks  
Vanessa **Theresa** Calle  
Lucia **Lillian** Cervone  
Donald **Anthony** Cole  
Erin **Elizabeth** Correa  
Kathleen **Bernadette** Davis  
Carolann **Elizabeth** DelBene  
Corey **Francis** DiMilia  
Christine **Bridget** Domoulin  
Joseph **Francisco** Domoulin  
Kati **Isabel** Dubetsky  
Montserrat **Joan** Duran  
Kristopher **Anthony** Fragomeni  
Adan **Adan** Cruz-Fuentes  
Henry **Jesus** Cruz-Fuentes  
DeNashia **Isabel** Garrett  
Jessica **Frances** Giovinazzo  
Beatriz **Mary** Guevara  
Ashley **Marie** Hasbrouck  
Jacklyn **Teresa** Hecker  
Russell **Michael** Joseph  
Jessica **Juan Diego** Marin  
Maria **Mary** Marin  
Kelly **Anne** Martinez  
Maurice **Peter** Masmela  
Christopher **Ignatius** Mateer  
Colin **Patrick** Mateer  
Ralph **Paul** Mattracion  
Kara **Katherine** Merritt  
Erin **Brigid** Moseman  
Marcela **Auxiliadora** Munoz  
Rosendo **Padre Pio** Nunez  
Patricio **John** Ordonez  
Angela **Gabriella** Pagliaro  
Alexis **Elizabeth Rose** Pavelock  
Juliane **Marie** Pettorossi  
Carlos **Adan** Pillcurima  
Elvia **Joseph** Ramon  
Joseph **Andrew** Ricottilli  
Brittani **Gabriella** Romanelli  
Michael **Andrew** Saragozin  
Michael **Michael** Sarcone  
Jessica **Colette** Segreti  
Kyle **Francis** Sullivan  
Richard **Joseph** Trappe  
Kayla **Lucia** VanVlack  
Jonathan **Florian** Varas  
Brandon **John** Wiedig

## **FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 23, 2007**

“Greetings from Paul ... called to be an apostle and set aside to proclaim the gospel of God which He promised long ago through His prophets, as the Holy Scriptures record – the Gospel concerning His Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh but was made Son of God in power according to the Spirit in Holiness ... we have been favored with apostleship, that we may spread His name ...”

Please use this passage as a special greeting card, composed by Paul and saved for that special occasion, his Christmas card for you in 2007.

Twice he uses the word “Gospel”, the Good News or Glad Tidings to remind us of the reason for this season. Like Paul, we too are called to be apostles, His witnesses, if we really believe the Word and accept Jesus Christ. Christ’s coming in the flesh at Bethlehem is recalled in a special way this week. Christ’s coming in Spirit and sacrament to me this year is even more special, as He lives among us, answers our needs and buoys our hopes.

Many people who awaited the Messiah missed Him when He came. They were looking for something other than the new-born of Bethlehem and continued to fail to recognize Him as He lived, taught and died for them.

We who believe, who have also been graced with the call of apostleship, are asked to look closely as He comes again, to recognize that special presence and bring others to discover that presence as well.

As many point out the Christ in the manger to little ones this week, so may we point out the Christ by word and example. This is my Christmas prayer in my card to St. Paul.

May you have a Blessed and Merry  
Christmas. In His coming, may  
Christ fill you with His  
joy and peace.

**4<sup>to</sup> Domingo De  
Adviento.**

**LECTURAS PARA EL DIA DE HOY:**

**1 Lectura: Is 7,10-14:** La virgen está encinta y dará a luz

**2 Lectura: Rm 1,1-7 :** Por él hemos recibido este don y esta misión

**Evangelio: Mt 1,18-24:** No temas recibir a María como esposa



Es el cuarto domingo de adviento y estamos muy cerca de la navidad. Espiritualmente debemos estar listos para recibir al niño Jesús, como lo estuvo Jesús al enterarse que María esperaba un bebé. Para José no fue nada fácil aceptar la voluntad de Dios, pues ponía en duda a su esposa. Sin embargo, pudo más su fe y el amor a María que sus dudas y miedos. José al ser un “hombre Justo” cercano a Dios, estaba preparado para recibir al señor.

Nuestras dudas, ocupaciones, preocupaciones y problemas de todos los días, pueden alejarnos de Dios y hacernos llegar a la navidad sin un corazón limpio y deseoso de llenarnos de él.

Como José, en estos días que faltan para navidad, dediquemos un tiempo a meditar sobre la venida de Cristo; a orar, a pedir a Dios que nos llene de fe para abrir nuestro corazón a su palabra y así, sepamos seguirlo y amar a los que nos rodean.

Solo un corazón sencillo y abierto, como el de José, puede ser colmado de fe. Y solo con fe podemos ver la vida con esperanza plena, con alegría verdadera (a pesar de los problemas que nos toque enfrentar) y con paz. Todavía es tiempo de reconocer nuestras fallas, arrepentirnos, poner en sus manos nuestras vidas, y dejar entrar a Dios en nuestros corazones.

**ANUNCIOS**

**CLASES CATECISMO**

Nosotros tenemos abiertas las inscripciones para el tercer nivel de catecismo los domingos de 10:15 a 11:45 de la mañana en nuestro programa de educación religiosa. Si usted está interesado, por favor comuníquese con Fr. Fabián a la oficina de la parroquia TEL: 845-8380915

**ORACION DE ADVIENTO**

Los invitamos a que nos acompañen a la oración de la mañana, especialmente en esta época de adviento, tiempo de preparación para la venida de nuestro salvador; de lunes a viernes a las 7:45 y sábados a las 7:30 de la mañana en San Juan Evangelista.

**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.

**NOCHEBUENA- DICIEMBRE 24**

**Misa de la vigilia:** 4:30 en San Joaquín, 5:30 Misa de los niños en San Juan, 9:00 p.m. misa en español en San Juan y medianoche en San Joaquín.

**DIA DE NAVIDAD (NATIVIDAD DEL SENOR) -  
DICIEMBRE 25**

**Misas:** 7:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. en San Juan, 9:00 a.m. y mediodía en San Joaquín. No hay misas en español.

**AÑO NUEVO**

**Santa misa:** 7:00 a.m., 8:00 a.m., medio día en español en San Juan y media día en Inglés en San Joaquín.