

Church of St. Joachim – St. John the Evangelist

December 30, 2007

Vigil: Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

	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

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

	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 Famiy
	6:00 p.m.	Special Intention	

Mon. Dec. 31

Seventh Day in Octave of Christmas

	7:00 a.m.	Lucy R. Orsini	Gene Larkin
	8:00 a.m.	Brenda McHugh	Husband, Richard
	4:30 p.m.	Special Intention	

Tues. Jan. 1

Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God

	7:00 a.m.	Lucy R. Orsini	Barbara Scoba
	8:00 a.m.	Brenda McHugh	Husband, Richard
	Noon	Richard Stanulwich, Third Anniversary	Jean, Terry, Kim & Family
Spanish	Noon	Special Intention	

Wed. Jan. 2

Basil the Great & Nazianzen, Bishops, Doctors

	7:00 a.m.	Lucy Orsini	The Rosary Group
	8:00 a.m.	Stephanie & Bryce Aponte	Max & Kelly Aponte

Thurs. Jan. 3

Christmas Weekday, Holy Name of Jesus

	7:00 a.m.	Lucy Orsini	Mr. & Mrs. Ignatius Norman
	8:00 a.m.	Madeline Kiely	The Killeen Family

Fri. Jan. 4

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

	7:00 a.m.	Peggy Buckley	Theresa Krulish
	8:00 a.m.	Special Intention	

Sat. Jan. 5

John Neumann, Bishop

	8:00 a.m.	Paul Scagnelli	The Scagnelli Family
	9:00 a.m.	Jay Farrell	Rose

Vigil: Epiphany of the Lord

	4:30 p.m.	Mr. & Mrs. James Cone	John & Kathy Hopper
	5:30 p.m.	Lucy Orsini & Antoinette Trochan	Ginny & Mike Soltish

Sun. Jan. 6

Epiphany of the Lord

	7:30 a.m.	Harriett & Donald Murphy	The Murphy Family
	9:00 a.m.	Lucy R. Orsini	Dawn & Jay Walsh
	10:30 a.m.	Carla Aumick	Rafaela Ducasse
Spanish	12:00 p.m.	Carla B. Aumick	Linda Tomlins
	12:00 p.m.	Francis Smith	The Women's Club
	6:00 p.m.	Special Intention	

Sacramentals

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

Sanctuary Lamp: St. John's – Leeann & Simon Lee Antalek

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

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

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

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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

Winner December 23 – Fred Simmonds

Attendance

Dec. 23, 2007	Dec. 24, 2006
Not available	852

This Week's Events

Today - Sunday, Dec. 30
No Religious Ed Classes this week
Parish Teens, 7 to 9pm, gym

Monday
No Religious Ed Classes this week

Christmas Season Mass Schedule

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.

Breaking Open the Word

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

Revenue Sharing Program

The new Revenue Sharing Program has begun. It is not too late to join. Packets of envelopes are still available in the rear 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 and grand prizes of \$1000.00 and \$500.00 at the end of the program.

Thank You

The St. Vincent de Paul Society thanks all the parishioners who donated hats, mittens and scarves to the area's needy.

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. Please mail deposit of \$350 in as soon as possible. For more information see the brochure in the back of the churches or call Marianne Dahl at 831-5406.

Christmas Pageant

Has been rescheduled to Epiphany Sunday, January 6, at 4 pm at St. Joachim's

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.

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.

May you have a Blessed and Happy New Year

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, Julia Carbonaro, Bill Coatney, Christine Connelly, 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, Valarian Fernandes, Russell Fullen, Marie Ann Gama, Antonina Giavatto, Tomasso Giavatto, Michael Giannoni, Andy Goodall, Arthur Hanna, Jean Hecht, Joan Houghtalin, Kathy Juhasz, Donna Juliano, Frances Lester, Jane Licht, Mary Lynch, Eileen Malik, George Maleakas, Venita Martis, Sue Mather, 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, Cayla Pignatello, George Podloski, Eugenia Rosa, Florence Sensel, Catherine Smith, Lawrence Solomon, Teresa Solomon, Nick Steffanci, Kathleen Thurston, Dorethea Tompson, Jean Torrie, Thomas Trochan, Jr., Patricia Trible, 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: Debbie Milkovich

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.

Blood Drive

Please consider giving the gift of life. At this time of the year, the area blood banks are always low in blood supply. The seriously ill, accident victims, and those with blood disorders would very much appreciate your donating blood. An opportunity to do so is available on **Thursday, Jan. 3 at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Beacon between the hours of 3:30 and 8:00 p.m.** Regular donors, visitors to the area, and those home for the holidays are all welcome. Bring your donor card, driver's license or other form of identification. Hope to see you there!!

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

Appreciation Communion Breakfast for Catholic Teachers in Public School

The Catechetical Office of the Archdiocese of New York is sponsoring its Bicentennial Third Annual Appreciation Communion Breakfast to celebrate the contributions Catholic teachers in public schools (all grades). WE would like to recognize the many Catholic teachers in our parishes who make tremendous contributions on a daily basis in the public schools and in the lives of the students they teach. We want them to know how thankful we are for the work they do. They are invited to attend this breakfast at the Riverview in Hastings-on-Hudson on Saturday, February 2, 2008 from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Bishop Dominick Lagonegro will be the celebrant and homilist. Katy Feeney is the harpist and leader of song. Sr. Patricia McCarthy, CND, is the keynote speaker. Her topic is: "Teaching Peaceful Children." Registration forms are available at www.nyfaithformation.org or by contacting Kathleen Alonzo at 212/371-1000 ext 2864, Kathleen.Alonzo@archny.org. A donation of \$10.00 is suggested to help defray the cost.

The Angelus

The Angelus is a devotion in memory of the Incarnation in Christianity. It has its name from the opening words, Angelus Domini nuntiavit Mariae. It consists of three texts describing the mystery, recited as versicle and response alternately with the salutation, "Hail Mary!" This devotion had been recited over the years in Catholic churches three times daily, traditionally about 6 am, noon, and 6pm accompanied by the ringing of the Angelus bell.

The Angelus originated with the eleventh century monastic custom of reciting three Hail Marys during the evening bell. Pope Gregory IX (d.1241) ordered a bell to be rung in the evening to remind people to pray for the Crusades. In 1269, St. Bonaventure urged the faithful to adopt the custom of the Franciscans of saying three Hail Marys as the evening bell was rung.

The manner of ringing the Angelus-the triple stroke repeated three times, with a pause between each set of three (a total of nine strokes), sometimes followed by a longer peal as at curfew – seems to have been the norm from the very beginning. The fifteenth-century constitutions of Syon monastery dictate that the lay brother "shall toll the Ave bell nine strokes at three times, keeping the space of one Pater and Ave between each three tollings." In Italy, every Sunday at noon, the Pope has an address broadcast by the public television (Rai Uno). At the end of the address the Pope recites the Angelus. You are invited to say the Angelus wherever you are at these hours, especially if you hear the bell tolling.

The Angel of the Lord declared to Mary: And she conceived of the Holly Spirit.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with Thee: blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Behold the handmaid of the Lord: Be it done unto me according to Thy Word.

Hail Mary...

And the Word was made Flesh: And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary...

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ Thy Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection, through the same Christ Our Lord. AMEN

HOLY FAMILY, December 30, 2007

" 'Get up, take the Child and His mother, and flee to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you otherwise. Herod is searching for the Child to destroy Him' ... 'Get up, take the Child and His mother, and set out for the land of Israel. Those who had designs on the life of the Child are dead.' ... Joseph went to the region of Galilee. There he settled in a town called Nazareth."

Statistics show that one in five families move every year. At one time people were born, grew up, lived, worked and died in the same town. Roots were strong and change was rare or infrequent. Our world today is quite different.

Look at the Holy Family. During pregnancy, obliged to go to the City of David, Bethlehem. Because of a threatened massacre, forced to flee to Egypt. After the death of the oppressors, uprooted again, but out of fear resettled in the town where we met Gabriel speaking with Mary. We commemorate all these moves within the span of a few weeks.

The movement of peoples is often not by choice. That was certainly the case of the Holy Family. Circumstances, politics and violence caused great inconvenience, separation from loved ones, unwanted fear, and the need to adjust and be accepted by others in strange surroundings.

Our world today is filled with refugees, persons forced by war and politics to seek safety for themselves and their families, many moving with only the clothes on their backs and memories in their hearts. Thousands live in camps safe from violence and destruction, but robbed of dignity, freedom and peace. They are not statistics, but hurting fellow human beings.

Some have resettled among us, often not finding welcome. Many wish to be at home with relatives, friends, with customs and culture but for some this is presently impossible.

All of us applaud Joseph for responding in the interest of Jesus and Mary. He could have said "It is just a dream."

Celebrating this day of the Holy Family, may we express gratitude for our family as it is today. The people close to us provide love and support. Our families who have relocated keep in touch by phone, e-mail and vacation visits. The family is separated but intact.

May we welcome and accept the family of Nazareth in their travels in the guise of immigrants and refugees. May we celebrate their presence among us as gift, bringing the richness of diversity and not the stigma of being different. The Holy Family at some time found welcome. When we welcome someone, in the words of Scripture, we sometimes unknowingly welcome the Lord and His angels.

LA SAGRADA FAMILIA.**LECTURAS PARA EL DIA DE HOY:**

1 Lectura: Eclo 3,2-6. 12-14: la piedad para con tu padre no se olvidara.

2 Lectura: Col 3, 12-21: sopórtense y perdónense mutuamente.

Evangelio: Mt 2,13-15. 19-23: se estableció en Nazaret, para que se cumplieran las profecías.



Celebramos la fiesta de la Sagrada familia recordando a la familia que formaron Jesús, José y Maria. Para Maria y para José no resulto nada fácil aceptar la voluntad de Dios, pues ambos los exponía a burlas y maledicciones entre sus vecinos y familiares. Además, irían descubriendo los peligros y tristezas que les traería el ser “padres” del salvador. Sin embargo, en este pasaje vemos la disposición total de José a ponerse en manos de Dios y a su esposa, pudo más sus dudas y miedos.

A veces, mostrar nuestro amor en familia es mucho mas difícil que en la calle. Porque llegamos a sentirnos tan en confianza, que perdemos los buenos modales, las muestras de cariño y la disposición a sacrificios por el ser “querido”.

La familia donde creció Jesús, es el ejemplo claro de como debe de ser la nuestra: cariñosa, con una fe a prueba de todo, que la lleve siempre a estar dispuesta a decirle “sí” a Dios, en las decisiones y acciones de cada día, por difíciles que parezcan.

El amor y la fe que se nos transmite en la familia debemos mostrarlos en hechos

concretos como: convivir con respeto y cariño; ayudarnos en los trabajos del hogar, sin que nadie lo pida; conversar e interesarnos por los asuntos de los demás; ser pacientes y tolerantes, perdonar nuestras fallas, etc...

ORACION:

Dios, Padre nuestro, que en la Sagrada Familia nos enseñas cómo hemos de buscar siempre y por encima de todo tu voluntad; enséñanos a parecernos a ella para que, unidos por los lazos del respeto, la comprensión y el amor, trabajemos siempre por tu Reino. Por Jesucristo, Nuestro señor, AMEN.

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.

AÑO NUEVO - 1 DE ENERO

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