

Church of St. Joachim – St. John the Evangelist

December 9, 2007

Vigil: Second Sunday of Advent

4:30 p.m. Gerard Amoroso Ignatius & Virginia Norman
 5:30 p.m. Rose Barrack Annmarie & Frank

Sun. Dec. 9

Second Sunday of Advent

7:30 a.m. John Lang Barbara Daddario and Jean & Bob Haight
 9:00 a.m. Florence Fortin John & Sally Berry
 10:30 a.m. Marie Guarneri Helen Iannone
 12:00 p.m. Spanish
 12:00 p.m. Margaret (Peggy) Wolfrum Rick, Kathleen & Ashley
 6:00 p.m. Nunzio & Giovanna Giavatto Mr. & Mrs. T. Giavatto

Mon. Dec. 10

Advent Weekday

7:00 a.m. Larkin & Keto Families Eugene Larkin
 8:00 a.m. Anna & Paul Zick The Family

Tues. Dec. 11

Advent Weekday

7:00 a.m. Joseph Kochay Zofia
 8:00 a.m. Mark Bradley Kevin & Pat Bradley

Wed. Dec. 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe

7:00 a.m. James Ambury Wife, Mercedes
 8:00 a.m. Mary Ellen Davis The Family

Thurs. Dec. 13

St. Lucy, Virgin, Martyr

7:00 a.m. Jeffrey Dubiel Mike & Hazel McCullough
 8:00 a.m. Rose & Cesedio Ferrone The Family

Fri. Dec. 14

St. John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor

7:00 a.m. Gerard Amoroso Sarah Villafane
 8:00 a.m. William Tobin Kathleen Tobin

Sat. Dec. 15

Advent Weekday

8:00 a.m. Mary Orsini Hoyt Her Family
 9:00 a.m. Marie Papo Paulette, Frank, Gina & Dana

Vigil: Third Sunday of Advent

4:30 p.m. Gerard Amoroso Anne & Bob Adams
 5:30 p.m. Kenneth Volek Nit & Virginia

Sun. Dec. 16

Third Sunday of Advent

7:30 a.m. Robert Sandford The Family
 9:00 a.m. Gerry Amoroso John & Sally Berry
 10:30 a.m. Special Intention
 12:00 p.m. Spanish Sixto Viera Fontanez The Family
 12:00 p.m. Pat Quirk Vanessa Cable
 6:00 p.m. Harold & Mary Killmer Anne & Bob Adams

Sacramentals

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

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

Bread & Wine: St. Joachim's –

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Altar Candles: St. Joachim's – Robert Sandford

Altar Candles: St. John's –

Rose for Life: St. Joachim's – Michael Scoba, Sr., Mary Arquilla Fischer

Rose for Life: St. John's – Rose & Francis Donnelly, Joseph Romanelli

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 2 – Johanna Milkovich

Attendance

Dec. 2, 2007
876

Dec. 3, 2006
969

This Week's Events

Today - Sunday, Dec. 9

Religious Ed Classes

RCIA, 1:15 – 2:15, Parish Office

Mini-Christmas Fair, St. John's Hall, 9-1:30

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

Parish Teens, 7 to 9pm, gym

Monday

Religious Ed Classes

Cemetery Board, Parish Office, 4pm

Breaking Open the Word, St. Joachim's, 7pm

Tuesday

Pastoral Council, St. John's Lower Hall, 7pm

Wednesday

**Mass at 7:00 pm in Spanish in honor of
Our Lady of Guadalupe**

Saturday

Retreat in Spanish, St. John's 9am-4pm

**Advent Day of Recollection,
at St. Joachim's, 9am –4pm**

Sunday, Dec. 16

**Breakfast With Santa, St. John's 8:30-noon
Christmas Pageant, St. Joachim's, 4pm**

Saturday evening events, Dec. 8

Tree of Lights

Please join us for the lighting of the Tree of Lights after either the 4:30 or 5:30 Mass.

Christmas Lottery Party

6:30 pm at St. Joachim's gym. See Marianne Dahl for possible last minute tickets.

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 and Saturday at 7:30, all at St. John's.

Catechist Opening

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

Breaking Open the Word

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

Coming Parish Events

Dec. 8 - Tree of Lights, after 4:30 and 5:30 Masses

Dec. 8 - Christmas Lottery Party, gym, 6:30

Dec. 9 - Mini-Christmas Fair, St. John's, 9 – 1:30

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 – Christmas Caroling, St. Joachim's, 1pm

Dec. 17 - Penance Service, St. John's, 7pm

Dec. 19 – Women's Club Christmas Party

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

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, 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, Cecilia McCasland, Brenda Barlow McHugh, 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, 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, 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: Nataleen Kelly Hytinen, Brenda Barlow McHugh

Alberta Morris Concert

Come this afternoon and hear the lovely voice of Alberta Morris in a concert of traditional and contemporary songs and carols celebrating the Christmas season. Accompanied by Paul Novosel on the piano. You will enjoy it!!

Christmas Caroling

Let's have a big turnout of parishioners who like to sing (even if you don't sing well). Meet Monday, Dec. 17 at 1:00 pm at St. Joachim's to go Christmas Caroling for the afternoon. We'll be going to several nursing homes and a few of our homebound parishioners. Please call Mary Madeline Archer at 831-5122.

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.

Breakfast with Santa

We will be sponsoring a **Breakfast with Santa** on Sunday, December 16 from 8:30 until 12:00 in St. John's Hall. Come and enjoy delicious pancakes or egg and bacon sandwiches. Children will have an opportunity to have their picture taken with Santa.

Revenue Sharing Program

The new Revenue Sharing Program will begin on December 16th. 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.

The current program ends today, Sunday, December 9. All participants must be paid in full to be eligible for the final drawings, which will be held on Monday, December 17 in the Parish Office.

Women's Christmas Party

All women of the parish are welcome to attend the Women's Club's annual Christmas party. Dec. 19 at 6:30pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall. A complete breast of chicken dinner will be served. Bring a \$5.00 grab bag gift. The deadline for reservations and payments is Dec. 13; please contact Mary Madeline Archer at 831-5122.

Visit America's First Basilica

As part of our parish's participation in our Archdiocese's Bicentennial Celebration, we are planning a one-day trip to visit America's first basilica in Baltimore. Save the date, Monday, January 21, 2008. Details to follow.

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.

Parish Fair Winners

Congratulations to the following who won prizes at the Parish Fair.

Baskets of Cheer: Mike McCullough and Toni Albertson

50-50: Jim Cahill

Afghan: Rose Pucino

Champagne: William O'Donnell

Bicycle: Mike McCullough

Specialty Baskets:

Gift Wrapping – Beth Dondero

Rodney Reindeer – Michael Zingono

Movie Night – Sandy Ireland

Gardening Tools – Clara Lou Gould

Baking – Tina Kearney

Hair Care – Gloria Toro

Italian – Bonnie Pagliaro

Children's Baking – Gerriane Ejercito

Body Care – Maggie Yanarella

Vera Bradley – Mary Madeline Archer

Picnic Table – Linda Stevens

Christmas Wreath – Pay Lyman

Blue Bird Boxes - Susan Barrack and Sandy Ireland

Money Raffle – Marty Mayeski, P. Donnelly and Yvonne King

Many, many thanks to all for your support. Our gift to the parish from your generosity was \$8,000. Thank you - from the Women's Club.

"Gifts from Bethlehem"

Will be at both churches the weekend of 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.

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.

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

Advent Music Festival

Wednesdays Dec 12 & 19 at 7:30 pm at Mount St. Alphonsus retreat house. Share the joy of the season as the Mount's choir presents Christmas Classics and other liturgical music for the Advent and Christmas Seasons. For additional information, please call 384-8000.

March for Life, Jan. 22, 2008

Once again, buses have been scheduled to go to the March for Life in Washington, DC. This is the 35th anniversary of the Supreme Court's decision making it legal to kill unborn babies. One bus will leave from Mt. Alvernia at 4:30 am, the other from St. Columba's Church after a 4:00 am Mass. For reservation/information, contact Rich at 2897-7930. Price is \$30 for adults, \$20 for students.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

The next weekend is February 8-10, 2008. Let your marriage reflect the virtues of the Holy Family. Contact 635-8566 or 212/371-1000 x3190 for information.

2^{do} Domingo De Adviento.

LECTURAS PARA EL DIA DE HOY:

1 Lectura: _Is 11,1-10: Hará justicia a los débiles y se decidirá a favor del pobre

2 Lectura: _Rm 15,4-9: Mantengamos la esperanza que infunden las Escrituras

Evangelio: _Mt 3,1-12: Vuelvan a Dios porque ya llega su reinado



Este es el segundo domingo de adviento. Y ahora es Juan el bautista quien nos llama a “enderezar nuestros caminos” para preparar la venida del señor. En el pasaje de hoy, se dirige especialmente a los fariseos y saduceos, por que sabe que son personas cuya fe y compromiso con Dios no llega mas allá de cumplir con lo que los preceptos religiosos marcan. Juan no quiere eso, y nos pide una fe que cambie nuestra manera de pensar y actuar en todos los momentos de nuestras vidas, una conversión que se note en nuestra conducta diaria y en nuestro trato con los demás. En este tiempo navideño no dejemos que los festejos y lo atractivo de los regalos nos hagan olvidarnos de lo importante: descubrir mediante la oración nuestras fallas para lograr corregirlas.

Cada momento de nuestras vidas es una oportunidad para descubrir esas fallas y con sincero arrepentimiento y ganas de mejorar, decirle a Cristo: “perdóname señor”.

Este pequeño, pero importante acto de fe, nos acerca mas a Dios. Esta navidad Jesús no quiere nacer en una cueva, quiere nacer en nuestros corazones, y espera encontrar en cada

uno de nosotros, un corazón limpio, en paz, lleno de amor a Dios y a los demás.

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 esta interesado, por favor comuníquese con Fr. Fabián a la oficina de la parroquia TEL: 845-8380915

FERIA DE NAVIDAD

Los invitamos a que continúen participando de nuestra pequeña feria de navidad, hoy **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. Acompáñenos!!! 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.

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.

DESAYUNO CON SANTA.



Próximo **16 de Diciembre** estará Santa acompañándonos en un desayuno en el sótano de la iglesia. Venga con sus hijos y familiares. El desayuno será de 8:30 a.m. a 12:00 del medio día. Están todos invitados.