

Church of St. Joachim – St. John the Evangelist

December 7, 2008

Vigil: Second Sunday of Advent

	4:30 p.m.	Anna & Michael Sholdis	The Family
	5:30 p.m.	Cecilia McCasland	The Family
Sun. Dec. 7		Second Sunday of Advent	
	7:30 a.m.	Eddie Sweeney	Philomena Kiernan
	9:00 a.m.	Debra Milkovich	Stephanie & Leonard Procker
	10:30 a.m.	Dennis Walden	Amy Rastadt
Spanish	12:00 p.m.	Angela Miranda	Daughter, Hilda Miranda
		Luis F. Rodriquez	Sacred Heart Society
	12:00 p.m.	Frank Trifilo	Pauletta Mayen
	6:00 p.m.	John Cocuzza	Kathleen & John Hall
Mon. Dec. 8		Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
	7:00 a.m.	Zeyak & Milkovich Families	Stephen & Pat Milkovich
	8:00 a.m.	James Hopper	Thomas Hopper
	12:00 noon	Joseph N. Ferrone	The Family
	7:00 p.m.	Kathryn Gilbert	Johanne Milkovich
	7:00 p.m. Sp	Special Intention	
Tues. Dec. 9		Advent Weekday	
	7:00 a.m.	Venita Bianchi	Aldo & Carolann
	8:00 a.m.	Francis Romanelli	Anna Schmitzer
Wed. Dec. 10		Advent Weekday	
	7:00 a.m.	Larkin – Keto Families	Gene Larkin
	8:00 a.m.	Anna & Paul Zick	The Family
Thurs. Dec. 11		Advent Weekday	
	7:00 a.m.	Joseph Kochay	Zofia Kochay
	8:00 a.m.	Lisa (Rueckert) Trochan	The Family
Fri. Dec. 12		Our Lady of Guadalupe	
	7:00 a.m.	Andrew Pavelock	Peggy Barry
	8:00 a.m.	Dorothy Korhamer	Pat
Sat. Dec. 13		St. Lucy, Virgin, Martyr	
	8:00 a.m.	Andrew Pavelock	Bonnie Sablinski
	9:00 a.m.	Mr. & Mrs. Cesedio Ferrone	The Family
		Vigil: Third Sunday of Advent	
	4:30 p.m.	Nancy O'Neil	Jean Stanulwich & Family
	5:30 p.m.	Lucy Orsini	The Family
		Third Sunday of Advent	
Sun. Dec. 14	7:30 a.m.	Dennis Bennek	Mother & Dad
	9:00 a.m.	Grace Berry	Paul & Carol Salvas
	10:30 a.m.	Francesca & Alfonsina Monrone	Pauletta Mayen
Spanish	12:00 p.m.	Raymond Matias	Downstate Business Office
	12:00 p.m.	Lillian Alyea	Paula Hussey & Family
	6:00 p.m.	Francis Romanelli	Johanna & Rosemarie Romanelli

Sacramentals

Sanctuary Lamp: St. Joachim's – Joseph Kochay, Casimir & Karol Dokurno, Ralph & Irma Basso, Mary Ann Perpetua

Sanctuary Lamp: St. John's – Leeann & Simon Lee Antalek, Anthony Melfi, Richard Pendleton

Bread & Wine: St. Joachim's – Bradleys & Keenans

Bread & Wine: St. John's – John & Anna Devine

Altar Candles: St. Joachim's – Lisa (Rueckert) Trochan

Altar Candles: St. John's – Linda & Joseph Zucca

Rose for Life: St. Joachim's – Michael Scoba, Sr., Anna & Michael Sholdis, Vince Arquilla, 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: Nov. 30 – Ralph & Mary Collins

Parish Fair – Dec. 6 & 7

Our Parish Fair continues today, Sunday, from 9 am until 2 pm in St. John's Hall. Please be sure to come. Jewelry Booth, Basket of Cheer, Craft Items, Religious items Floral Arrangements, Specialty Baskets, Stuffed Animals, Raffles.

Radio City Spectacular

The bus will leave from St. John's Church promptly at 11:45 am.

Women's Club Christmas Party

Monday, Dec. 15. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend this Christmas gathering (chicken dinner) to be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall beginning at 6:30 pm. Reservations due by Wednesday, Dec. 10. Contact Mary Madeline Archer, 831-5122 for reservations and details.

Advent Penance Service

Tuesday, Dec. 16 at 7:00 pm at St. John's Church. This is a great opportunity to seek reconciliation as we prepare with joyful anticipation for the coming of Christ.

Christmas Caroling

Wednesday, Dec. 17. Anyone who is available and who likes to sing is welcome. Please meet at St. Joachim's parking lot by 1:00 pm. We will be visiting some of our home-bound parishioners and a few nursing homes. We can car pool for an enjoyable and fun-filled afternoon. Contact Mary Madeline at 831-5122 to "sign-up."

Mittens, Hats and 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

Sunday, Dec. 21 from 8:30 to noon in St. Joachim's gym. Breakfast will consist of bacon, egg and cheese sandwiches or pancakes. Please come and enjoy. Santa will be available for pictures.

Attendance

Nov. 23, 2008	Nov. 25, 2007
991	990
Nov. 30, 2008	Dec. 2, 2007
972	876

This Week's Events

Sunday

**Collection for Retired Religious
Religious Ed Classes, Grades 1 – 6
R.C.I.A 1:15, Convent Basement Hall
Parish Youth Groups Meetings**

Monday

Religious Ed classes, Grades 7 & 8

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

Rosary to end abortion, after 8 am Mass

Holiday of Obligation

Monday, Dec. 8th is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary and is a Holyday of Obligation. **Masses** will be the usual 7 and 8 am, plus 12 noon at St. John's, 7 pm in Spanish at St. John's and 7 pm in English at St. Joachim's.

Please note that the 6 pm Mass on Sunday, Dec. 7 is a Sunday Mass and does not fulfill the obligation for the Holyday.

To server 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, Mino Aibara, Lorraine Barnett, Deborah Bonnell, Kevin Bradley, Howard Brink, Victoria Burke, Bill Coatney, Christine Connelly, Ramona Concessao, Noah Corey, Cornelius D'Aprile, Gilda D'Aprile, Christina DeDonato, Jack DiSimone, Hilda D'Silva, Jeffrey Dolan, Michael Enson, Christine Ferguson, Valarian Fernandes, Russell Fullen, Marie Ann Gama, Antonina Giavatto, Tomasso Giavatto, Angelina Gromkowski, Donna Juliano, Jim Killeen, Eileen Malik, Ruth Matthews, Venita Martis, Jim O'Donnell, Loretta Oppitz, Marion O'Shea, Diane Pavelock, Ann Petix, Jean Pettorossi, Paulette Pettorossi, Mark Riccardi, Malcolm Rodriques, Johanna Romanelli, James Schettino, Florence Sensel, Kitty Smith, Lawrence Solomon, Teresa Solomon, Nick Steffanci, Dorethea Tompson, Jean Torrie, Carla Tranberg, Thomas Trochan, Jr., Patricia Triple, Stephen Vitek, Bill Wassweiler, Stephen Wiercinski, Joseph Wasnorowicz, and Taylor Weiss.

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

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: Mary Lockwood

Broadway Musical, "West Side Story"

Our parish has purchased tickets to attend this play on Sunday, May 31, 2009. Dinner will be at Rosie O'Grady's. Price will include bus, show and dinner. Details to follow. If interested, please call Marianne Dahl at 831-5406 for reservations.

Parish Christmas Pageant

Our annual Christmas Pageant will be on **Sunday, Dec. 21 in St. Joachim's Church, beginning at 4:00 pm.** All children in grades K through 10 are invited to participate. Forms have been sent home through CCD. Extra forms are available in the Parish Office. Please encourage your child to participate in this wonderful expression of Jesus' birth! Any questions, please call Nina Cahill at 831-9905. Rehearsal will be on Dec. 19.

Hospital Visits

For everyone's information, Fr. Irenaeus visits the local hospitals every Thursday afternoon. If you have a loved one who is in the hospital, please be sure to inform us at the Parish Office.

...with a Hidden Meaning

At a time when the Catholic Church was outlawed in England, "The Twelve Days of Christmas" was written to remind Catholics of basic tenets of the Faith. (Reference to this has been found in letters from that time.) Here is the key to the code. Keep it in mind the next time you sing it.

- 1 Partridge in a pear tree -- Jesus
- 2 turtledoves -- Old and New Testaments
- 3 French hens -- The Trinity
- 4 calling birds -- the 4 Gospels
- 5 golden rings -- the Pentateuch -- the first five books of the Old Testament which outline humanity's fall from grace.
- 6 geese a-laying -- 6 days of creation
- 7 swans a-swimming -- 7 Gifts of the Holy Spirit
- 8 maids a-milking -- 8 Beatitudes
- 9 ladies dancing -- 9 choirs of angels
- 10 lords leaping -- 10 Commandments
- 11 pipers piping -- 11 faithful apostles
- 12 drummers drumming -- the 12 points of faith in the Apostles Creed.

(From the bulletin of St. Mary of Sorrows Church, Fairfax, VA)

National Night of Prayer for Life 2008

Join in praying for the Sanctity of all human life on the National Night of Prayer for Life, Dec. 8 at 9 pm to Dec. 9 at 1 am in St. Mary's Church, Poughkeepsie. There will be four hours of adoration before the Blessed Sacrament, rosary and other vocal prayer, silent meditation, and Benediction to end the evening. This time frame coincides with Our Lady of Guadalupe's appearance to St. Juan Diego as well as uniting across the country to pray to end abortion and make reparation for all offenses against the Culture of Life. Contact Rich Van Slambrouck, 297-7930 for additional information.

Food Pantry

Thank you to all of our faithful parishioners who continually donate non-perishable foods to our food pantry in Beacon. Through your generous donations of Thanksgiving type foods in the weeks prior to Thanksgiving, The volunteers at the food pantry were able to make and distribute over ninety Thanksgiving Baskets of food to the less fortunate families of our community here in Beacon. Also, on the Sunday before Thanksgiving over two hundred and fifty people were able to enjoy a complete Thanksgiving dinner. Again, thank you for all you do and we ask that you continue your faith filled generosity to help support those in our midst who are in need. Thank you and God Bless you.

Pot Luck Dinner

Mark your calendars to attend a parish Pot Luck Dinner on January 31, 2009 after the 5:30 Mass. Details to follow.

Military Support Group

Due to the holidays, the Military Support Group will **not** meet in December. The next meeting will be held Sunday, January 4, 2009 immediately after the 6:00 mass at St John. If you have any questions, call Diane Antalek at 297-5564.

Toys are for Fun, Not Fighting

The Holiday season is upon us. It is a time of celebration with loved ones the breaking of light into a dark and hurting world. Jews celebrate Hanukkah, remembering the small amount of oil the remained lit for eight days at the Temple of Divine Service. Christians celebrate Christmas when the star guided the shepherd and kings to the Christ Child at His birth. African Americans celebrate Kwanzaa wit candles to represent the virtues of an exemplary life. We can all be instruments of light in this neediest of times, drawing on our spiritual strength and leading to world at peace.

It is a season of gift-giving. Just as children bring light to our lives, let the gifts we give them bring light to theirs. The toys we select are the tools which help form children's mental, emotional and social development. Research shows playing with violent toys increases the risk that children will be more aggressive in real life. Playing with violent toys and action figures serves as a way of rehearsing the violent behavior seen on TV. But just as we learn to fight, we can learn the creative alternative of nonviolence. Let's choose toys that are fun and that nurture exploration, cooperation, and creativity. Let your child's play celebrate life!
- from Pax Christi Queens.

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 7, 2008

Since everything is to be destroyed, what sort of persons must you be. How holy in your conduct and devotion, looking for the coming of the day of God and trying to hasten it.... So, beloved make every effort to be without stain or defilement and at peace in His sight"... "Make ready the way of the Lord."

This season of advent preparation requires that I see my need for Jesus' salvation today. God saw the world's need and sent the Savior. I look at my world and surely I reach the same conclusion. I go a step further and apply these needs to the way I live this special season of prayer.

Three things are asked for my self inspection: my holiness, my devotion and my effort to be without stain and at peace in His sight. The first might be found in my desire to live these days, more aware of those who need to know the presence of the Christ as I wish to know Him better. The second is reflected by my centering on the person of the Savior and my thirst for Him in my life. The third speaks of my action, my efforts to provide a welcoming space in my life, in my soul and allow that Christ to fill others.

The words of Peter could be summed up in the fundamental answer to 'know, love and serve my God' to make Him known, to have Him loved, and have Him served. What a wonderful advent task and program! "Make ready the way of the Lord."

¡BIENVENIDOS!

2 DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO.

LECTURAS PARA EL DIA DE HOY:

1 Lectura: Is 40,1-5.9-11: Preparen los caminos del Señor

2 Lectura: 2P 3,8-14: Esperamos cielos nuevos y tierra nueva

Evangelio: Mc 1,1-8: El los bautizará en el Espíritu Santo.

Apareció Juan bautizando en el desierto, proclamando un bautismo de conversión

Hoy, cuando se alza el telón del drama divino, podemos escuchar ya la voz de alguien que proclama: «Preparad el camino del Señor, enderezad sus sendas». Hoy, nos encontramos ante Juan el Bautista cuando prepara el escenario para la llegada de Jesús. Algunos creían que Juan era el verdadero Mesías. Pues hablaba como los antiguos profetas, diciendo que el hombre ha de salir del pecado para huir del castigo y retornar hacia Dios a fin de encontrar su misericordia. Pero éste es un mensaje para todos los tiempos y todos los lugares, y Juan lo proclamaba con urgencia. Así, sucedió que una riada de gente, de Jerusalén y de toda Judea, inundó el desierto de Juan para escuchar su predicación.

¿Cómo es que Juan atraía a tantos hombres y mujeres? Ciertamente, denunciaba a Herodes y a los líderes religiosos, un acto de valor que fascinaba a la gente del pueblo. Pero, al mismo tiempo, no se ahorra palabras fuertes para todos ellos: porque ellos también eran pecadores y debían arrepentirse. Y, al confesar sus pecados, los bautizaba en el río Jordán. Por eso, Juan Bautista los fascinaba, porque entendían el mensaje del auténtico arrepentimiento que les quería transmitir. Un arrepentimiento que era algo más que una confesión del pecado en si misma, ¡un gran paso hacia delante y, de hecho, muy bonito! Pero, también, un arrepentimiento basado en la creencia de que sólo Dios puede, a la vez, perdonar y borrar, cancelar la deuda y barrer los restos de mi espíritu, enderezar mis rutas morales, tan deshonestas.

«No desaprovechéis este tiempo de misericordia ofrecido por Dios», dice San Gregorio Magno. No estropeemos este momento apto para impregnarnos de este amor purificador que se nos ofrece, podemos decirnos, ahora que el tiempo de Adviento comienza a abrirse paso ante nosotros. ¿Estamos preparados, durante este Adviento, para enderezar los caminos para nuestro Señor? ¿Puedo convertir este tiempo en un tiempo para

una confesión más auténtica, más penetrante en mi vida? Juan pedía sinceridad, sinceridad con uno mismo; a la vez que abandono en la misericordia Divina. Al hacerlo, ayudaba al pueblo a vivir para Dios, a entender que vivir es cuestión de luchar por abrir los caminos de la virtud y dejar que la gracia de Dios vivificara su espíritu con su alegría.

ANUNCIOS

FERIA DE NAVIDAD.

Hoy domingo **7 de diciembre** continuamos con la feria de Navidad, en donde usted podrá encontrar el adorno perfecto para decorar su hogar. La venta será de 9:30 a 1:30. Además Tendremos venta de comida. Venga y visítenos en el sótano de la Iglesia.

ESPECTACULO DE NAVIDAD.

La parroquia tiene boletos disponibles para ver el espectáculo de Navidad 2008 en el Radio City, el próximo domingo **7 de Diciembre, 2008** en el show de las **2:00** de la tarde. El costo del ticket incluirá el transporte en bus y cena. El bus estará partiendo de Nuestra parroquia a las 11:30 a.m. la cena sera en el restaurante Marcelleria. Precio total de los Tickets \$175 Adultos y \$150 niños. Para hacer sus reservas favor llamar a Dahl Tel. 845-831-5406.

CENA DE NAVIDAD

El grupo de señores de San Joaquín- San Juan están organizando una cena de Navidad el Próximo **14 de Diciembre** en **St. Rocco's Hall**. El precio será de \$16 o \$18 dólares por persona dependiendo del plato que escoja en el menú. Para hacer sus reservaciones por favor llame a la señora Edna al Tel. 845-831-4782.

DESAYUNO CON SANTA

El próximo domingo **21 de diciembre** desde las 8:30a.m. hasta medio día estará santa disponible para tomar fotografías, el desayuno será, sándwiches de Huevo, queso y Tocino o Pancakes. Venga y disfrute de la compañía de Santa Claus.

HOSPITALIZADOS

Por favor llame a la oficina de la parroquia en caso de que alguno de sus familiares estén en el hospital. (St.Francis, Vassar y St. Luke's) Nuestros Sacerdotes estarán allá visitándolos los días jueves en la tarde.