

Church of St. Joachim – St. John the Evangelist

December 14, 2008

Vigil: Third Sunday of Advent

		4:30 p.m.	Nancy O'Neil	Jean Stanulwich & Family
		5:30 p.m.	Lucy Orsini	The Family
Sun.	Dec. 14		Third Sunday of Advent	
		7:30 a.m.	Dennis Bennek	Mother & Dad
		9:00 a.m.	Grace Berry	Paul & Carol Salvas
		10:30 a.m.	Francesco & Alfonsina Montone	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
Mon.	Dec. 15		Advent Weekday	
		7:00 a.m.	Mary Orsini Hoyt	Her Family
		8:00 a.m.	William Tobin	Kathleen Tobin
Tues.	Dec. 16		Advent Weekday	
		7:00 a.m.	Marie Papo – 20 th Anniversary	Paulette, Frank, Gina, Dana
		8:00 a.m.	Lee Ann & Simon Lee Antalek	
Wed.	Dec. 17		Late Advent Weekday	
		7:00 a.m.	Helen & Stephen Drusik	Jean, Terry, Kim & Family
		8:00 a.m.	Carmela & Lawrence Vittore	The Family
Thurs.	Dec. 18		Late Advent Weekday	
		7:00 a.m.	Margaret Green	Nina & Jim
		8:00 a.m.	John & Alice Hupcey	Their daughters
Fri.	Dec. 19		Late Advent Weekday	
		7:00 a.m.	William C. Sablinski	The Family
		8:00 a.m.	Genevieve Dondero	The Dondero Family
Sat.	Dec. 20		Late Advent Weekday	
		8:00 a.m.	Debra Milkovich	Mom & Dad
		9:00 a.m.	Andrew Pavelock	Nit & Virginia Norman
			Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Advent	
		4:30 p.m.	The Arquilla Family	The Family
		5:30 p.m.	Peg Alyea	Catherine & Donna Alyea
			Fourth Sunday of Advent	
Sun.	Dec. 21	7:30 a.m.	Merle Boyer	Tom & Bridget DeMercurio
		9:00 a.m.	Debra Milkovich	Stephanie & Leonard Procker
		10:30 a.m.	Fred & Katherine Hughes	Daughter, Rose
	Spanish	12:00 p.m.	Sixta Viera – Fontanez	Husband & Family
		12:00 p.m.	Andrew Pavelock	Bob & Anne Adams
		6:00 p.m.	Jean Calame	Marie Puvogel & Hallam Derx

Sacramentals

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

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

Bread & Wine: St. Joachim's –

Bread & Wine: St. John's – George & Linda Houghtalin

Altar Candles: St. Joachim's –

Altar Candles: St. John's – Robin A. Adams, Jr.

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

Rose for Life: St. John's – Rose & Francis Donnelly, Joseph Romanelli, Robert Scofield, Evelyn Scofield Smith, Anna Catherine Smith

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: Dec. 7 – Donald Pavelock

Attendance

Dec. 7, 2008	Dec. 9, 2007
1,097	1,032

This Week's Events

Sunday

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

Monday

Women's Club Christmas Party

Tuesday

Parish Penance Service, St. John's 7 pm

Wednesday

Rosary to end abortion, after 8 am Mass
Christmas Caroling, leave
St. Joachim's at 1 pm

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."

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.

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.

Parish Fair

Thanks to all who supported the Parish Fair last weekend and helped make it successful. Winners of the various raffles were:

Sarah Goodall – Basket of Cheer
Virginia Stafford – Basket of Cheer
Virginia Stafford – Hair Care Basket
Elizabeth Reynolds – Crayola Basket
Jane Pomarico – Holiday Dinnerware
Tina Kearney – Christmas Basket
Maryellen Winfield - Family Games
Audrey Stafford – Disney Princesses
P. Hopkins – High School Musical
R. Domoulin – Hanging Planter
Linda Frayley – Christmas Party
Susan Barrack – Vera Bradley
C. Leonardo – Dessert Baking Basket
Christopher DeDonato – M&M Guess Game
Maureen Darcy – Baby Basket
Tina Ricci – Atlantic City Trip
Ellen Norman – Webkinz
Emily Eraca – Christmas Baking
Virginia Norman – Christmas Gift Wrap
John Van Tassel – Mexican Basket
John Van Tassel – Movie Night Basket
Rich McHugh – Disney Princes
Mary Ranalli – Italian Basket
Jinkno Ghevenal – Gund Storytime Bear
Rose Story – Body Care Basket
Dawn Walsh – Crayola Box of Fun
Darcy – Children's Christmas Basket
Diego Arango – 50-50 (\$327.50)
John Hopper - \$100
Alice Merritt - \$100
Mrs. Joseph Guarneri - \$100

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, Dominick Moscato, Jim O'Donnell, Loretta Oppitz, 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 Tribble, 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: Marion O'Shea

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: Marion O'Shea

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.

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.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve:

4:30 at St. Joachim's

5:45 at St. John's

9:00 pm Spanish at St. John's

Midnight at St. Joachim's

Christmas Day:

7:30 at St. John's

9:00 at St. Joachim's

10:30 at St. John's

12:00 at St. Joachim's

There is no noon Mass in Spanish and no 6:00 pm Mass

Hospital Visits

For everyone's information, the priests of the parish go to the hospitals regularly when they know parishioners are hospitalized. In addition, 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.

Vandalism at Cemetery

Significant damage was done at the old cemetery on Tuesday evening, December 3. Three teenagers were apprehended by the Beacon Police Department. They are being charged with criminal mischief and desecration of a cemetery. We are in the process of determining the value of the damage. We will do whatever we can to correct the damage and restore the cemetery in a timely manner.

Family Potluck Dinner

Come join in a family potluck dinner on **Saturday, January 31, 2009**, after the 5:30pm Children's Mass. The dinner will be held in St. John's Hall. It will be a chance for parish families to get together and to share their favorite family recipes! Contact Alison Lewis, 440-0554 for more information and about whether you are bringing a dessert or main dish.

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.

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.

Toys are for Fun, Not Fighting

The Holy 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 Hanukah, remembering the small amount of oil that 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. We can all be instruments of light in this neediest of times, drawing on our spiritual strength and leading to a 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.

Valentine's Day Dinner

Watch the bulletin for information on this annual affair.

Blessing of a Christmas Tree

You may want to use the following to bless your Christmas tree.

Lord our God, we praise you for the light of creation: the sun, the moon, the stars of the night. We praise you for the light of Israel: the Law, the prophets, and the wisdom of the Scriptures. We praise you for Jesus Christ, your Son: he is Emmanuel, God-with-us, the Prince of Peace, who fills us with the wonder of your love.

Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we illuminate this tree. May the light and cheer it gives be a sign of the joy that fills our hearts. May all who delight in this tree come to the knowledge and joy of salvation.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Christmas Lottery

Thanks to all who supported the Christmas Lottery. The winners were:

Marge Houghtalin - grand prize of \$4000
Fred McVicker - \$1500
Peggy Pancaldo - \$1000
Michael McCoulough, Jr - \$500
Peggy Barry - \$100
Bridget Giavatto - \$100
Al Miller - \$100
Peter Donnelly - \$100

Fr. Charles Will be Leaving

We are sorry to announce that Fr. Charles will be returning home to Nigeria at the end of January. We will celebrate the noon Mass at St. Joachim's on January 25 as a "Nigerian" Mass in his honor. Refreshments will follow in the gym. All are invited to attend to help thank Fr. Charles for the wonderful service he has provided to our parish.

Mass Schedule for New Year's Day, This is the Feast of Mary, Mother of God And is a Holy Day of Obligation

New Year's Eve – 4:30 at St. Joachim's
New Year's Day – 7:00 am at St. Joachim's
8:00 am at St. John's
noon at St. John's
7:00 pm at St. Joachim's
7:00 pm in Spanish at St. John's

¡BIENVENIDOS!

3 DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO.

LECTURAS PARA EL DIA DE HOY:

1 Lectura: Is 61,1-2a.10-11: Yo me regocijaré

2 Lectura: 1Ts 5,16-24: Que su espíritu se conserve

Evangelio: Jn 1, 6-8.19-28: Preparen el camino para el Mesías

«En medio de vosotros está uno a quien no conocéis»



Hoy, en medio del Adviento, recibimos una invitación a la alegría y a la esperanza: «Estad siempre alegres y orad sin cesar. Dad gracias por todo». un buen momento para pensar en todo lo que Él ha hecho por nosotros y darle gracias.

La alegría es una característica esencial de la fe. Sentirse amado y salvado por Dios es un gran gozo; sabernos hermanos de Jesucristo que ha dado su vida por nosotros es el motivo principal de la alegría cristiana. Un cristiano abandonado a la tristeza tendrá una vida espiritual raquítica, no llegará a ver todo lo que Dios ha hecho por él y, por tanto, será incapaz de comunicarlo. La alegría cristiana brota de la acción de gracias, sobre todo por el amor que el Señor nos manifiesta; cada domingo lo hacemos comunitariamente al celebrar la Eucaristía.

El Evangelio nos ha presentado la figura de Juan Bautista, el precursor. Juan gozaba de gran popularidad entre el pueblo sencillo; pero, cuando le preguntan, él responde con humildad: «Yo no soy el Mesías...» «Yo bautizo con agua, pero en medio de vosotros está uno a quien no conocéis, que viene detrás de mí». Jesucristo es

Aquél a quien esperan; Él es la Luz que ilumina el mundo. El Evangelio no es un mensaje extraño, ni una doctrina entre tantas otras, sino la Buena Nueva que llena de sentido toda vida humana, porque nos ha sido comunicada por Dios mismo que se ha hecho hombre. Todo cristiano está llamado a confesar a Jesucristo y a ser testimonio de su fe. Como discípulos de Cristo, estamos llamados a aportar el don de la luz. Más allá de esas palabras, el mejor testimonio, es y será el ejemplo de una vida fiel.

Oración:

Oh Dios y Padre-Madre de nuestro Señor Jesucristo: al acercarse las entrañables fiestas de la navidad te pedimos que hagas aflorar en nuestras vidas lo mejor de nuestro propio corazón, para que podamos compartir con los hermanos que nos rodean tu ternura, tu mismo amor, del que nos has hecho partícipes. Haz que lo vivamos como lo vivió Jesús, nuestro hermano, que contigo vive y reina, y con nosotros vive y camina, por los siglos de los siglos. Amén.

ANUNCIOS



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 allí visitándolos los días jueves en la tarde.