

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

## December 21, 2008

### *Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Advent*

	4:30 p.m.	The Arquilla Family	The Family
	5:30 p.m.	Peg Alyea	Caherine & Donna Alyea
Sun. Dec. 21		<b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b>	
	7:30 a.m.	Merle Boyer	Tom & Bridget DeMercurio
	9:00 a.m.	Debra Milkovich	Stephanie & Leonard Procker
	10:30 a.m.	Fred & Catherin Hughes	Daughter, Rose
Spanish	12:00 p.m.	Sizxta Viera-Fontanez	Husband & Family
	12:00 p.m.	Andrew Pavelock	Bob & Anne Adams
	6:00 p.m.	Jean Calame	Marie Puvogel & Hallam Derx
Mon. Dec. 22		<b>Late Advent Weekday</b>	
	7:00 a.m.	Casimir & Karol Dokurno	Zofia Kochay
	8:00 a.m.	Dave & Nancy Fulvio – 60 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary	Judith
Tues. Dec. 23		<b>Late Advent Weekday</b>	
	7:00 a.m.	Mary Hernon	Peggy Barry
	8:00 a.m.	Robert Sandford	The Family
Wed. Dec. 24		<b>Advent Weekday (Morning)</b>	
	7:00 a.m.	Anna Garbo	Olga Mihanowich
	8:00 a.m.	Edward Imperatore	Marion Imperatore
Thurs. Dec. 25.		<b>Vigil of Christmas (Evening)</b>	
		<b>Christmas</b>	
		All of the Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day are For the People of the Parish. Please see separate schedule for Mass times.	
Fri. Dec. 26		<b>St. Stephen, Protomartyr</b>	
	7:00 a.m.	Alfred & Marion Meurant	Margaret Houghtalin, granddaughter
	8:00 a.m.	Joseph & Margaret C. Tighe	Margaret M. Tighe
Sat. Dec. 27		<b>St. John, Apostle &amp; Evangelist</b>	
	8:00 a.m.	Bill Houghtalin	Wife, Margaret
	9:00 a.m.	Francis Romanelli	Margaret M. Tighe
		Kathleen DeMercurio	The Family
		<b>Vigil: Holy Family of Jesus, Mary &amp; Joseph</b>	
	4:30 p.m.	Mary Lynch	Jen Stanulwich & Family
	5:30 p.m.	Peg Alyea	Margaret M. Tighe
Sun. Dec. 28		<b>Holy Family of Jesus, Mary &amp; Joseph</b>	
	7:30 a.m.	Patrick Lahey	Mr. & Mrs. Michael Lyons
	9:00 a.m.	Dennis Walden	Mary DiGiovanni
	10:30 a.m.	James Rogers	His wife, Rose
Spanish	12:00 p.m.	Raymond Matias	Ladies of the Sacred Heart Society
	12:00 p.m.	Zdzislaw "Jeff" Dubiel	The Family
	6:00 p.m.	Rosa & Pedro Bello & Manuel & Josephine Lema	The Family

### **Sacramentals**

- Sanctuary Lamp: St. Joachim's** – Joseph Kochay, Casimir & Karol Dokurno, Richard LoPrimo, The Fredericks Family, Ralph & Irma Basso, Lawrence Anthony Plimley, Eileen Dyckman, Walter Dyckman
- Sanctuary Lamp: St. John's** – Leeann & Simon Lee Antalek, Anthony Melfi, Richard Pendleton, Mary & Bill Holland, Rose & Anthony Romanelli, Charles Polhemus, Joseph Romanelli, Edward & Dale Petrus
- Bread & Wine: St. Joachim's** – Ballo Family
- Bread & Wine: St. John's** – Diane Cable
- Altar Candles: St. Joachim's** – The Arquilla Family
- Altar Candles: St. John's** – Joseph Romanelli
- Rose for Life: St. Joachim's** –
- Rose for Life: St. John's** –

### **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. 14 Patrick Bocchino

<b>Attendance</b>	
<b>Dec. 14, 2008</b>	<b>Dec. 16, 2007</b>
<b>1,020</b>	<b>640</b>

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

#### **Sunday**

**R.C.I.A 1:15, Convent Basement Hall  
High School Youth Group Only**

#### **Monday**

**No Religious Ed**

**Thursday & Friday  
Parish Office Closed  
Blessed Christmas**

### **Breakfast With Santa**

**TODAY**, 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 good company and good food. Santa will be available for pictures.

### **Parish Christmas Pageant**

Our annual Christmas Pageant will be **TODAY**, **Sunday, Dec. 21 in St. Joachim's Church** beginning at 4:00 pm.

### **Mittens, Hats and Scarves**

Last chance to participate in time for Christmas – the St. Vincent de Paul Society is collecting mittens, hats and scarves for the area's needy children and adults. Conations may be left in the rear of the churches.

### **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

### **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. Come, join the fun!

### **Vandalism at Our 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.

### **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 during his stay with us.

**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:**

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: Morgan Seaman, Joseph Pavelock

**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.

**Valentine's Day Dinner**

Watch the bulletin for information on this annual affair.

**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.

**Military Support Group**

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.
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### **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.*

**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 in Spanish

noon at St. Joachim's in English

### **Oberammergau Passion Play 2010**

OUR PARISH IS SPONSORING A 10-DAY  
PILGRIMAGE TO "THE BEST OF AUSTRIA AND  
GERMANY" FEATURING THE FAMOUS  
PASSION PLAY – AUGUST 8 –17, 2010

Call Marianne Dahl, 831-5406 for more information.

**May we all have a blessed,  
merry, enjoyable Christmas.  
"May God Bless Us,  
Every One."**

### A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

**HIS WORD TODAY** by Rev. William J. Reilly

### **FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 21, 2008**

"She was deeply troubled by his words, and wondered what his greeting meant. The angel went on to say to her: 'Do not fear, Mary. You have found favor with God'.... 'I am the maidservant of the Lord. Let it be done to me as you say.'"

How often we have overheard this momentous conversation which took place in this town in Galilee. Maybe the angel appeared while she was at prayer. Perhaps she was doing some household chore, or even resting or relaxing. Probably she was startled or surprised. The record states 'Do not fear.' That same expression would be repeated to Joseph and the shepherds. The next phrase speaks not only to Mary but to us. But she listened.

This event which changed the course of history, opening the way for oneness again with God, brings with it the same message. Do not fear, we have been favored by God. He continues to send His grace and saving power to all of us in these final days of advent prayer.

Our world, filled with armed conflict and occupying armies, displaced refugees, weighed down by hatred, division and sin, needs the coming Savior more than ever. The angelic message echoes in our ears today, reassuring us that God has not forgotten or abandoned us. Like Mary, the messenger needs a response. St. Bernard prayed: 'hurry Mary, the world is awaiting your 'yes.'"

Our answer is found by opening our hearts to the coming Christ. Our response is reflected in the care and concern we manifest as we look at God's world and its people and try to repair its brokenness. We too have found favor with God; His grace is offered again as His ongoing gift.

'I am the servant of the Lord. Let it be done to me as you say.'

**¡BIENVENIDOS!  
4 DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO.**

**LECTURAS PARA EL DIA DE HOY:**

**1 Lectura: Is 2S 7,1-5. 8b-12.14a.16:**

Profecía de Natán

**2 Lectura: Rm 16,25-27:** La buena nueva a todas las naciones

**Evangelio: Lc 1, 26-38:** La Anunciación



Hoy, el Evangelio tiene el tono de un cuento popular. Las rondallas empiezan así: «Había una vez...», se presentan los personajes, la época, el lugar y el tema. Ésta llegará al punto álgido con el nudo de la narración; finalmente, hay el desenlace. San Lucas, de modo semejante, nos cuenta, con tono popular y asequible, la historia más grande. Presenta, no una narración creada por la imaginación, sino una realidad tejida por el mismo Dios con colaboración humana. El punto álgido es: «Vas a dar a luz un hijo, a quien pondrás por nombre Jesús».

Este mensaje nos dice que la Navidad está ya cercana. María nos abrirá la puerta con su colaboración en la obra de Dios. La humilde doncella de Nazaret escucha sorprendida el anuncio del Ángel. Precisamente rogaba que Dios enviara pronto al Ungido, para salvar el mundo. Poco se imaginaba, en su modesto entendimiento, que Dios la escogía justamente a Ella para realizar sus planes. María vive unos momentos tensos, dramáticos, en su corazón: era y quería permanecer *virgen*; Dios ahora le propone una *maternidad*. María no lo entiende: «¿Cómo se hará eso?», pregunta. El Ángel le dice que virginidad y maternidad no se contradicen, sino que, por la fuerza del Espíritu Santo, se integran perfectamente. No es que Ella ahora lo entienda mejor. Pero ya le es suficiente, pues el prodigio será obra de Dios: «A Dios nada le es imposible». Por eso responde: «Que se cumplan en mi tus palabras». ¡Que se cumplan! ¡Que se haga!. Total aceptación de la Voluntad de Dios,

medio a tías, pero sin condiciones. En aquel mismo instante, «la Palabra se hizo Carne y habitó entre nosotros».

**ANUNCIOS**



**DESAYUNO CON SANTA**

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

**MISAS DE NAVIDAD**

**DIC 24:**

4:30: San Joaquín (Ingles)

5:45: San Juan (Ingles)

**9:00 p.m San Juan (Español)**

12:00 media noche en San Joaquín (Ingles)

**DIC 25:**

7:30: San Juan

9:00: San Joaquín

10:30: San Juan

12:00 San Joaquín

Este día no habrá misa a medio día en español ni tampoco habrá misa de 6:00 de la tarde.

**MISAS PARA FIN DE AÑO**

**DIC 31:** 4:30: San Joaquín

**ENERO 1:**

7:00 a.m San Joaquin

8:00 a.m San Juan

12:00 p.m San Joaquín

**12:00 p.m San Juan en Español.**

**MISA DE LA EPIFANIA DEL SEÑOR**

El próximo domingo **4 de Enero** será la celebración de la epifanía del señor, invitamos a toda la comunidad a celebrar la Santa Misa y a compartir con toda la comunidad y con los reyes magos.

Tendremos regalos para los niños!!