

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

## December 20, 2009

		<b>Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Advent</b>	
	4:30 p.m.	Deceased Members of the Arquilla Family	The Family
	5:30 p.m.	Isabel LaMonica	Maryann Lapine
Sun. Dec. 20		<b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b>	
	7:30 a.m.	Margarite Petrocine	CSCA Local 1000, Unit 814
	9:00 a.m.	John Sullivan	John & Mary Goodall
	10:30 a.m.	Robert Horton	John & Suzanne McElduff
	Spanish 12:00 p.m.	Sixta Viera-Fontanez	Her Husband & Family
	12:00 p.m.	Brenda Barlow McHugh	Her Husband
	6:00 p.m.	Barbara Trochan	Alice Pavelock
Mon. Dec. 21		<b>Late Advent Weekday</b>	
	7:00 a.m.	William Sablinski	His Family
	8:00 a.m.	Margaret C. Tighe	The Family
Tues. Dec. 22		<b>Late Advent Weekday</b>	
	7:00 a.m.	Mary Barthly Hernon	Peggy Barry
	8:00 a.m.	Mary Ellen Davis	Fred Antalek
Wed. Dec. 23		<b>Late Advent Weekday</b>	
	7:00 a.m.	Guido & Anna Roberti	Lapine Family
	8:00 a.m.	Ralph & Irma Basso	Daughter, Kim
Thurs. Dec. 24		<b>Late Advent Weekday</b>	
	7:00 a.m.	Lucy Orsini	Her Family
	8:00 a.m.	Michael Milkovich	His Wife

### Please see Schedule below for Mass times on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day

Sat. Dec. 26		<b>Late Advent Weekday</b>	
	8:00 a.m.	Casimir & Karol Dokurno	Zofia Kochay
	9:00 a.m.	Edward Imperatore	Marion Imperatore
		<b>Vigil: Holy Family of Jesus, Mary &amp; Joseph</b>	
	4:30 p.m.	Marjorie Rose	The Family
	5:30 p.m.	Irene Chase	John & Maureen Darcy
		<b>Holy Family of Jesus, Mary &amp; Joseph</b>	
Sun. Dec. 27	7:30 a.m.	Maylyn Romanelli	CSCA Local 1000 Unit 814
	9:00 a.m.	Bunny Gibbs	The Gibbs Family
	10:30 a.m.	Lillian Alyea	Her Sisters
	Spanish 12:00 p.m.	Edith Sepulveda	Rafaela Ducasse
	12:00 p.m.	Joseph Antalek	Joseph & Linda Sassone
	6:00 p.m.	Mary DeLisle	Rafaela Ducasse

### Sacramentals

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

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

**Bread & Wine: St. Joachim's** – Irma Basso

**Bread & Wine: St. John's** – Lillian Alyea

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

**Altar Candles: St. John's** – Louis Daddario

**Rose for Life: St. Joachim's** – Michael Scoba, Sr., Charles J. Weyant, Jerry Bocchino

**Rose for Life: St. John's** – Joseph Romanelli, Rose & Francis Donnelly, Tony & Florence Romanelli, Veronica Norstrom, Anthony & Rose Romanelli, Charles Polhemus

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**  
**Week 17: Paul Lucas (for Lee Russell)**

**Attendance**  
**Dec. 13, 2009                      Dec. 14, 2008**  
**About 970                              1,020**

**Coming Events**

**Sunday**  
**Religious Ed Program**  
**Youth Groups**

**Monday**  
**Holy Hour for the Year for Priests,**  
**St. John's, 7 to 8 pm.**

**Sunday, December 27**  
**No Religious Education Classes**

**Mass Schedule for Christmas**

**Christmas Eve, Dec. 24**

4:30 p.m. St. Joachim  
5:30 p.m. St. John  
9:00 p.m. St. John (Spanish)  
Midnight St. Joachim

**Christmas Day, Dec. 25**

7:30 a.m. St. John  
9:00 a.m. St. Joachim  
10:30 a.m. St. John  
12:00 St. Joachim

**Youth Groups**

Young parishioners are invited to come to our Youth Group gatherings each Sunday. Grades 3-5 meet from 3:00 to 4:45, Grades 6-8 from 5:00 to 6:45 pm and grades 9-12 from 7:00 to 9:00pm. All meetings are held in the gym at St. Joachim's.

**Year for Priests**

Remember our parish Holy Hour each Monday from 7 until 8 pm at St. John's as we celebrate the Year for Priests and pray for new vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

**Gloves, Hats & Scarves**

The St. Vincent de Paul Society will be collecting donations of gloves, hats, and scarves in the rear of the churches. These items will be given to the area's needy adults and children.

**Food Pantry**

Many thanks to all of our faithful parishioners who continually donate non-perishable foods to our food pantry in Beacon. We ask that you please continue your faith-filled generosity, especially in this time of need. The food pantry is currently looking for donations of Christmas giving types of food such as: stuffing mix, canned cranberries, yams, and other such non-perishable foods in order to make "Christmas Baskets" for the needy families here in Beacon. If you are thinking of donating a turkey this year, please think about a gift card as the amount of freezer space is limited, but frozen turkeys will still be greatly appreciated. Please call the Parish Office at 838-0915 if you need someone to pick up a donation. Thank you.

**Bereavement Support**

The overall purpose of our bereavement support group is to provide support to those who have experienced the loss of a loved one, to afford an environment where the bereaved can help each other through their pain and sorrow and to see each other emerge from the experience able to survive and become stronger. The group is facilitated by Deacon Marty Mayeski. Our next meeting is on Tuesday, December 29 at 7 pm in St. Joachim's hall. For more information, please call the Parish Office. Thank you.

**Broadway Musical - Billy Elliot**

The Parish has purchased 55 tickets to the hit Broadway musical "Billy Elliot" for Sunday, April 25, 2010. Price of ticket will include dinner and transportation. More details to follow. For reservations, please call Marianne Dahl, 831-5406.

To serve your needs better, Fr. Nolan would like to know:

- Of any parishioner who is hospitalized
- Of anyone in need of prayer
- Of anyone 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, Minoo Aibara, Maria Arango, Lorraine Barnett, Dominic Bettina, Deborah Bonnell, Joseph Bradford, Howard Brink, Joan Brophy, Victoria Burke, Lucinda Campagna, John Christian, Bill Coatney, Christine Connelly, Ramona Concessao, Noah Corey, Cornelius D'Aprile, Gilda D'Aprile, Christina DeDonato, Eileen Deighan, Mary DiGiovanni, Maria del Rosario, Jack DiSimone, Hilda D'Silva, Jeffrey Dolan, Fran Dyckman, Lou Fastoso, Christine Ferguson, Valarian Fernandes, Anne Marie Flynn, Richard Flynn, Russell Fullen, Marie Ann Gama, Antonina Giavatto, Tomasso Giavatto, John Goodall, Angelina Gromkowski, Richard Hearney, Jeannette Hecht, Donna Juliano, Jim Killeen, Eileen Malik, Venita Martis, Bridget McGrath, Larry Natoli, Loretta Oppitz, Jean Pettorossi, Lawrence Plimley, Jr., John Pomarico, Lena Prestianni, Ivette Ramos, Mark Riccardi, Mary Rivera, James Schettino, Kitty Smith, Lawrence Solomon, Teresa Solomon, Nick Steffanci, Maggie Sullivan, Dorethea Tompson, Jean Torrie, Patricia Tribble, Joseph Wasnorowicz, Taylor Weiss, and Stephen Wiercinski.

**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: Michael Connelly, Frances Riley

#### **Marriage Encounter**

"Give us new life and we will call upon your name." Does your marriage sing a hymn of praise to God? Worldwide Marriage Encounter can help increase the joy in your sacrament. The next Encounter weekend is February 12-14, 2010. Contact Marty or Flo at 845/635-8566.

#### **Please Pray for Priests**

Dear Lord, we pray that the Blessed Mother wrap her mantle around your priests and through her intercession strengthen them for their ministry. We pray that Mary will guide your priests to follow her own words, "Do whatever He tells you" (Jn 2:5). May your priests have the heart of St. Joseph, Mary's most chaste spouse. May the Blessed Mother's own pierced heart inspire them to embrace all who suffer at the foot of the cross. May your priests be holy, filled with the fire of your love seeking nothing but your greater glory and the salvation of souls. Amen. St. John Vianney, pray for us.

#### **New Year's Eve Party**

At the Knights of Columbus. Bring your friends and come join us to bring in 2010 on Thursday, December 31st from 7:00pm - 1:00am. The evening will offer a buffet dinner provided by *Catering by Papa Joes*, DJ music by Lou West, open bar (no shots or cordials), champagne toast and a pastry table after midnight. Tickets are \$40 per person. Tickets and table reservations are available at the bar. Contact Council Hall with questions.

#### **Lost Eye Glasses and Car Keys**

In the Parish Office, we have several sets of car keys and several pair of eyeglasses (both prescription reading glasses and sun glasses) that had been left in one of the churches. If you think they might be yours, please stop by the Parish Office to claim them. Thank you.

#### **Revenue Sharing Program**

Our new program will begin on Sunday January 3. Envelopes are being mailed to those who normally pay the \$20 at one time. For those who prefer to pay over time, packets of envelopes will be available in the rear of the churches the weekends of December 19 and 26. We appreciate your support of this parish fund-raising program. Thank you.

#### **Charitable Donations and the Bicentennial Campaign**

Are you looking to make some charitable donations before the end of the year to increase your income tax deductions? For those who haven't completed their Bicentennial Campaign pledges, this is a good time to consider doing so. You will gain the tax deduction plus this might be your opportunity to complete your pledge. Remember that our parish is the major benefactor of your Bicentennial Campaign donations, and we have accomplished so much with the funds already received. Your help is greatly appreciated.

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY  
READINGS

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

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
**December 20, 2009**

**“Mary set out, proceeding in haste into the hill country to a town of Judah, where she entered Zechariah’s house and greeted Elizabeth... ‘But who am I that the mother of my Lord should come to me?... Blessed is she who trusted that the Lord’s words to her would be fulfilled.’”**

Before we imitate Mary with our holiday visits, let’s spend a moment reflecting on this journey, the visit and the gift. In the days ahead traditional visits of family, the posadas or simbang gabi will be part of our lived experience. Gifts of presence and presents will be shared, and a certain joy, peace and oneness will prevail.

Luke tells us that Mary hurried to Elizabeth. Following the most important announcement and acceptance, Mary became the first evangelizer after Gabriel. When one might think she could sit back and await the arrival of her child and guests, she was the news bearer. She then ministered to her pregnant relative.

The dialogue which has become part of our daily prayer provides a great question which we adapt for ourselves. “But who am I that Christ should come to me?” It makes me ask about the Lord’s coming to me in 2009, my readiness and my worthiness. How ready am I to receive Him?

The concluding verse also finds meaning as I prepare. ‘Blessed is he or she who trusted...’ The promises of the Lord are always fulfilled but often require that I do my part. Do I really place my trust in the Lord, in His promises and in my willingness to carry out my part?

The visit of these family members becomes a model for every family and home, as the Christ enters and fulfills His promises with His presence.

**Special Journeys for Spiritual Seekers in Their  
20s and 30s**

Wouldn’t be caught dead on a religious pilgrimage? Neither would most readers of BustedHalo.com, an innovative website run by the Paulist Fathers addressing concerns and topics of interest to Catholics in their late teens to 40s. This spring, Paulist Fr. Larry Rice and BustedHalo.com will lead two special journeys for young adults – an “Adventure Travel” excursion to northern Spain walking the last 100 kilometers (about 65 miles) of the Camino and an Arts and Culture” trip to Paris. For further information, please contact John Mattras at 646/861-3634 or by e-mail at [john@franciscanspiritours.com](mailto:john@franciscanspiritours.com).

**Mass Schedule for  
New Year’s Day**

**It seems that we often forget that  
New Year’s Day is a Holy Day  
of Obligation,  
The Feast of Mary,  
The Mother of God.**

**New Year’s Eve, Dec. 31**

4:30 p.m. St. Joachim

**New Year’s Day, Jan. 1**

7:00 a.m. St. Joachim

8:00 a.m. St. John

12:00 noon St. John (Spanish)

12:00 noon St. Joachim (English)

**Merry Christmas**

**4to DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO.****LECTURAS PARA EL DIA DE HOY:**

**1 Lectura: Miq 5, 1-4a:** "De ti saldrá el jefe de Israel"

**2 Lectura: Heb 10, 5-10:** "Aquí estoy para hacer tu voluntad"

**Evangelio: Lc 1,39-45:** Visita de María a su prima Isabel

**"FELIZ LA QUE HA CREIDO"**

Hoy es el último domingo de este tiempo de preparación para la llegada de Dios a Belén. Por ser en todo igual a nosotros, quiso ser concebido como cualquier hombre en el seno de una mujer, la Virgen María, pero por obra y gracia del Espíritu Santo, ya que era Dios. Pronto, en el día de Navidad, celebraremos con gran alegría su nacimiento. El Evangelio de hoy nos presenta a dos personajes, María y su prima Isabel, las cuales nos indican la actitud que ha de haber en nuestro espíritu para contemplar este acontecimiento. Tiene que ser una actitud de fe, y de fe dinámica.

Isabel, con sincera humildad, «quedó llena del Espíritu Santo; y exclamando con gran voz, dijo: ¿de dónde a mí que la madre de mi Señor venga a mí?». Nadie se lo había contado; sólo la fe, el Espíritu Santo, le había hecho ver que su prima era madre de su Señor, de Dios.

Conociendo ahora la actitud de fe total por parte de María, cuando el Ángel le anunció que Dios la había escogido para ser su madre terrenal, Isabel no se recató en proclamar la alegría que da la fe. Lo pone de relieve diciendo: «¡Feliz la que ha creído!»

Es, pues, con actitud de fe que hemos de vivir la Navidad. Pero, a imitación de María e Isabel, con fe dinámica. En consecuencia, como Isabel, si es necesario, no nos hemos de contener al expresar el agradecimiento y el gozo de tener la fe. Y, como María, además la hemos de manifestar con obras. «Se levantó María y se fue con prontitud a la región montañosa, a una ciudad de Judá; entró en casa de Zacarías y saludó a Isabel» para felicitarla y ayudarla, quedándose unos tres meses con ella.

En estas fiestas, «tengamos todos el alma de María para glorificar al Señor». Es seguro que no nos faltarán ocasiones para compartir alegrías y ayudar a los necesitados.

**ANUNCIOS.**

**ANO DE LOS SACERDOTES:** Recuerde que la hora santa en nuestra parroquia es cada lunes de 7:00 a 8:00 de la noche en San Juan Evangelista en la cual celebramos el año de los Sacerdotes. Durante esta hora de oración y bendición, nosotros podemos pedir por todos los sacerdotes quienes sirven aquí, por los difuntos, por aquellos que han caído en enfermedad o por aquellos retirados, pedir por todos aquellos que han servido aquí y que aun están activos, por las nuevas vocaciones, especialmente por los de nuestra parroquia.

**MISAS DE NAVIDAD****DIC 24:**

4:30: San Joaquín (Ingles)

5:30: San Juan (Ingles)

**9:00 p.m San Juan (Español)**

12:00 media noche en San Joaquín (Ingles)

**DIC 25:**

7:30 a.m : San Juan

9:00 a.m: San Joaquín

10:30a.m: San Juan

12:00 medio día: San Joaquín

# Feliz Navidad!!!!

**MISAS PARA FIN DE AÑO**

**DIC 31:** 4:30: San Joaquín

**ENERO 1:**

7:00 a.m San Joaquín

8:00 a.m San Juan

12:00: San Juan (Español)

12:00: San Joaquín (Ingles)

**FIESTA DE FIN DE AÑO:** **Knights of Columbus** invita a participar de una fiesta de fin de año. Invite a sus amigos y disfrute de esta fiesta el próximo jueves 31 de Diciembre del 2009 a partir de las 7:00 de la noche, hasta la 1:00 de la mañana. Habrá cena ofrecida por el restaurante Papa Jones, música del DJ Lou West, barra abierta y champagne. Tickets disponibles en el bar de Knights of Columbus, valor por persona \$40 dólares. Vaya o llame para hacer sus reservaciones.