

Church of St. Joachim – St. John the Evangelist

December 6, 2009

Vigil: Second Sunday of Advent

		4:30 p.m.	James Phillips	Harmon & Rosemarie
		5:30 p.m.	Judy Usifer	Margaret M. Tighe
Sun.	Dec. 6		Second Sunday of Advent	
		7:30 a.m.	Richard Pendleton	His Wife & Son
		9:00 a.m.	Morgan Seaman	Grandparents Maureen & Patrick Cross
		10:30 a.m.	R. R. Danilo Delgado	Berenice & Marty Mayeski
	Spanish	12:00 p.m.	Angela Miranda (7 th anniversary)	Her Daughter
		12:00 p.m.	Minnie Lacey	Richard McHugh
		6:00 p.m.	Anna Opielinska	Daughter & Son
Mon.	Dec. 7		St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor	
		7:00 a.m.	Jane Frederick	The Ladlee Family
		8:00 a.m.	Mary Ann Davis	Johanne Milkovich
		7:00 p.m.	Michael Archer	His Parents
Tues.	Dec. 8		Feast of the Immaculate Conception	
		7:00 a.m.	Zeyak – Milkovich Families	Chip & Patty Milkovich
		8:00 a.m.	Joseph N. Ferrone	The Family
		noon	Anthony Ferrone	The Family
	Spanish	7:00 p.m.	Special Intention	
		7:00 p.m.	Jacqueline Earlywine	Sheila Mailer
Wed.	Dec. 9		Advent Weekday	
		7:00 a.m.	Robert A. Case	Rose & Mark Thompson
		8:00 a.m.	Robert Sandford	The Family
Thurs.	Dec. 10		Advent Weekday	
		7:00 a.m.	Larkin – Keto Families	
		8:00 a.m.	Anna & Paul Zick	The Family
Fri.	Dec. 11		St. Damasus 1, Pope	
		7:00 a.m.	Ann LaGrange	Bridget & Tom DeMercurio
		8:00 a.m.	Philip Coyle	Dene
Sat.	Dec. 12		Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe	
		8:00 a.m.	Joseph Kochay	Zofia Kochay
		9:00 a.m.	Rose Ferrone	The Family
			Vigil: Third Sunday of Advent	
		4:30 p.m.	Mary Ann Davis	Hazel Antalek & Family
		5:30 p.m.	Dominic Bettina	Bettina/Sarich Families
			Third Sunday of Advent	
Sun.	Dec. 13			
		7:30 a.m.	Barbara Trochan	Roland & Marcia Santovenia
		9:00 a.m.	John Sullivan	Mary DiGiovanni
		10:30 a.m.	Lillian Alyea	Her Sisters
	Spanish	12:00 p.m.	Edith Sepulveda	Mario & Gloria Rega
		12:00 p.m.	Sharon Fredericks	Jeanne & Anne
		6:00 p.m.	Raymond Pitts	His Mother

Sacramentals

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

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

Bread & Wine: St. Joachim's –

Bread & Wine: St. John's – Devine & Houghtalin Family

Altar Candles: St. Joachim's – Mary Pomarico

Altar Candles: St. John's – Joseph N. Ferrone

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

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

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 15:**

Attendance

Nov. 22, 2009	Nov. 23, 2008
1,065	991
Nov. 29, 2009	Nov. 30, 2008
1,013	972

Coming Events

Sunday

**Religious Ed Program
Youth Groups**

**Parish Fair, St. John's Hall, 9am to 2pm
Christmas Pageant, St. Joachim's, 4pm**

Monday

**Cemetery Board, Parish Office, 4pm
Holy Hour for the Year for Priests,
St. John's, 7 to 8 pm.**

Tuesday

**Feast of the Immaculate Conception,
A Holy Day of Obligation**

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.

Celebration of the Rite of Welcome

On Saturday, December 5, at the 4:30 Mass, we celebrated the Rite of Welcome for those who will be Baptized and those who will be Confirmed at the Easter Vigil.

Women's Club Christmas Party

Tuesday, Dec. 15 at Brothers. 6:30 social and 7:00pm dinner. Reservations are a must before Dec. 8. Call Mary Madeline at 831-5122. All ladies of the parish are welcome.

**Journal for our
"Year for Priests" Celebration**

One page was inadvertently left out of the journal that we issued at our celebration on November 21. The missing page contained a prayer that was part of the original article "Hello, Good Men" by John Clark. It also contained the acknowledgement that should have accompanied the article. The prayer and the acknowledgement are reprinted here. If you have a copy of the journal, please place this item with it. Thank you. Our apologies to John Clark for the omission.

Prayer for Priests

Keep them; I pray Thee, dearest Lord.
Keep them, for they are Thine
The priests whose lives burn out before
Thy consecrated shrine.

Keep them, for they are in the world,
Though from the world apart.
When earthly pleasures tempt, allure —
Shelter them in Thy heart.

Keep them and comfort them in hours
Of loneliness and pain,
When all their life of sacrifice
For souls seems but in vain.

Keep them and remember, Lord,
they have no one but Thee
Yet, they have only human hearts,
With human frailty.

Keep them as spotless as the Host
That daily they caress;
Their every thought and word and deed,
Deign, dearest Lord, to bless.

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Nutcracker

Payment for The Nutcracker is now due. Please make checks payable to St. Joachim - St. John's. The price is \$169. **The bus will leave from the St. John's parking lot at 11:30 a.m. on Dec. 13.**

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, Bill Coatney, Christine Connelly, Michael 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, Angelina Gromkowski, Jeannette Hecht, Donna Juliano, Jim Killeen, Eileen Malik, Venita Martis, Bridget McGrath, Larry Natoli, Loretta Oppitz, Jean Pettorossi, Lawrence Plimley, Jr., 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, Stephen Wiercinski, and Jean Wilkowitz.

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:

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.

Parish Fair

Please come to our Parish Fair today, on **Sunday, Dec. 6 (9 am to 2 pm)** in St. John's lower hall. Light lunch will be available. Baked goods, specialty baskets, flower arrangements, "Santa's Pets, " gifts, special treasures, and friendly company. Bring your family and friends.

Annual Parish Christmas Pageant

Our **Christmas Pageant** is this afternoon, **Sunday, Dec. 6** at 4pm in St. Joachim's Church. All children in grades K through 10 are invited to participate in this wonderful expression of Jesus' birth. Please stop in either the Religious Education office or the Parish Office for a permission form. Call Nina Cahill, 831-9905 if you have any questions.

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 Thanksgiving types of food such as: stuffing mix, canned cranberries, yams, and other such non-perishable foods in order to make "Thanksgiving 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 love 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 15 at 7 pm in St. Joachim's hall. For more information, please call the Parish Office. Thank You.

Christmas Caroling

Do you like to sing? Would to like to have some fun doing it? Come Christmas caroling with us on Dec. 16. Please call Mary Madeline at 831-5122 to let her know if you can make it. We will meet at 1 pm at St. Joachim's parking lot to car pool. See you then!

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.

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.

Marriage Encounter

"Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." Come and explore God's plan for your marriage on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend. The next Encounter weekend is February 12-14, 2010. Contact Marty or Flo at 845/635-8566.

National Night of Prayer for Life

On Tuesday, December 8, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, immediately following the 7:30 p.m. Mass, and continuing until 1:00 am on December 9, **St Denis** parish, Beekman Rd., Hopewell Jct., will participate in the **National Night of Prayer for Life**. This event is being held at Catholic parishes across the country to pray for an end to abortion and for a true respect for all human life from conception through natural death. The hours coincide with Our Lady of Guadalupe's appearance to Juan Diego, whose feast day is December 9. The hour from midnight to 1 a.m. is the "Hour of Unity" when all parishes from coast to coast will be praying simultaneously. Please plan to join us for an hour, or two, or all four, or even just for 15 minutes.

Vocations to Religious Life

Are you invited by God to explore the possibility of Religious Life? Come and join us for simple prayer and conversation with Sisters of various communities and other women on the same journey on December 13, 2 to 4:30 pm. Call or e-mail for information and registration: 212/371-1011 ext 2803, or sr.deanna.sabetta@archny.org.

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.

Spiritual Programs at Mt. St. Alphonsus

Advent Music Festival Come enjoy our popular program and usher in the Christmas Season by hearing the Mount's choir sing loved seasonal hits. Wednesday, Dec 9th at 7:30pm. Donations accepted.

Christmas Concert

Saint Mary's Church in Fishkill presents its 14th Annual Christmas Concert Sunday Dec. 13th - 4 pm, featuring Adult, Children, & Handbell Choirs along with Special Instruments Come join our church families for this special program: refreshment to follow. Free-will offering for the Fishkill Food Pantry.

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.

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.

2do DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO.**LECTURAS PARA EL DIA DE HOY:**

1 Lectura: Bar 5, 1-9: "Dios mostrará tu esplendor"

2 Lectura: Flp 1,4-6. 8-11: "Que lleguen al día de Cristo limpios e irreprochables"

Evangelio: Lc 3,1-6: "Todo mortal verá la salvación de Dios"

"TODOS VERAN LA SALVACION DE DIOS"



Hoy, la Iglesia se propone la contemplación de las palabras proféticas de Isaías que se refieren al Precursor del Señor, Juan Bautista, el cual se dio a conocer en el río Jordán anunciando la salvación de Dios. Él tenía la misión de abrir rutas, aplanar caminos, allanar montañas, convertir los terrenos escabrosos en valles frondosos. También ahora a los cristianos se nos pide sin ningún miedo al mundo actual trabajar apostólicamente para que todos puedan vislumbrar la salvación que sólo viene de Dios por Jesucristo.

Tenemos muchas hondonadas para rellenar, muchos caminos para allanar, muchas montañas para trasladar. Quizá son tiempos difíciles, pero no nos faltarán los medios si contamos con la gracia de Dios. Seremos precursores en la medida en que vivamos cerca del Señor. Naturalmente, hemos de amar de todo corazón este mundo en el que vivimos, «Amad a toda la creación en su conjunto y en sus elementos, cada hoja, cada rayo, los animales, las plantas. Y amando comprenderéis el misterio divino de las cosas. Y una vez comprendido acabaréis por amar el mundo entero con un amor universal». San Justino afirmaba: «Todas las cosas noblemente humanas nos pertenecen». Y desde las entrañas del mundo en medio del trabajo, de la familia, del ambiente social seremos precursores preparando los caminos de la

salvación que viene de Dios. Con el ejemplo y la palabra «sacudiremos la pereza de los que nos rodean, les abriremos amplios horizontes ante su existencia egoísta y aburguesada, les complicaremos la vida, haciendo que se olviden de sí mismos y los llevaremos a la alegría y a la paz».

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.

NUEVOS SERVIDORES DEL ALTAR: Cualquier persona que este entre los grados 4to y 12 es invitado a participar como servidores del altar. Si usted esta interesado, por favor deje su nombre y numero telefónico en la oficina de la parroquia.

GRUPO DE ORACION, SAN JUAN- SAN JUAQUIN: El grupo de oración servidores de Jesús, invita a toda la comunidad a participar en el círculo de Oración todos los jueves a las 7:00 de la noche en los bajos del convento. Para mayor información comunicarse con la señora Olga Gonzáles Tel: 845-831-3424. Todos son Bienvenidos!!

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.