



St. Joseph's Church Yorkville

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SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY 2 JANUARY 2005

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Additional donations were made in memory of:

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HOLY HOUR

Next Friday, January 7 is the first Friday of the month. The Holy Hour will begin immediately after the 12:15 PM Mass followed by Prayers for Peace.

FAMILY MASS

On Sunday, January 9, at the 9:45 AM Mass we will celebrate a Family Mass. Children and adults will serve as ministers at the Mass. There will be a special program of music, which will be led by the Children's Choir. Parishioners of every age are welcome to attend. A reception will be held in the school auditorium immediately after the Mass.

CATHOLIC BOOK CLUB

Our Parish Book Club will meet on Tuesday, January 18th at 7:00 PM in the school conference room. We will discuss ***The Five People You Meet in Heaven*** by Mitch Albom. Books are available for purchase at the Parish House for \$20.00.

CONGRATULATIONS

On Sunday evening, December 19th, St. Joseph's Parish Choir joined by the St. Joseph's Family Mass Children's Choir and Members of the East Side Orchestra, under the direction of Stephen Black, our director of music performed Candlelight Vespers and Carols.

All those who attended the evening responded with enthusiastic appreciation for the evening of prayer and song.

We are very grateful to Stephen Black, our Cantor Richard Gratton and to all the members of the Choirs: Parish Choir: Jennifer Behnke, Celia Honohan, Cynthia Lobo, Anne Pretz, Paula Schillo, Sheila Gaffney, Susanna Leuci, Humberto Reboredo, Edward Rosensteel, Matthew John Ting; Family Mass Children's Choir: Adeshwa Abulu, Zaria Abulu, Danielle Duemesi, Grace Honohan, Sabrina Padilla, Gaby Silva, Victoria Vasquez and the Cantor Richard Gratton.

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS FOR SY 2005-06

St. Joseph's School-Yorkville has scheduled its admission testing process for interested applicants for incoming grades Pre-K3 through 7 for SY 2005-06 on Monday, January 24, 2005 at 8:30 AM. For requirements and fees, please call the school office during school hours at 212-289-3057.

VOCATION

Wise Men brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. The gift of self is far more precious than these. If you think God is calling you to His priesthood or religious life, call Father Ed Cipot at 914-968-1340.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

William Patrick Fox & Hercilia Maia Cavalcante

EDUCATION PARISH SERVICE (EPS)

EPS is a certificate-conferring education and faith formation program for adult Catholics who want to learn more about their faith so they can live it, share it and defend it in today's complex world. The EPS Program provides high-level instruction in theology, Scripture, Church history and moral teachings. Students develop confidence and skills for faith sharing through theological reflection and practical application (Praxis) courses. In addition, through liturgy, prayer and retreats, EPS provides significant opportunities for spiritual development. EPS enables lay Catholics to contribute more effectively to the mission of the Church in their parish and in the world. For more information, please contact Kelly A. Gleeson at 212-988-0056.

CONGRATULATIONS

On Thursday, December 30th, at 4:00 PM Scott Benjamin and Diane DelVecchio were married in St. Joseph's Church. Diane and Scott are members of the Young Adults Group. We congratulate them and pray for them to have many years of happiness.

"I HAVE GONE TO PREPARE A PLACE FOR YOU"

(John 14:2b)

St. Joseph's Parish prays for:

Michael Schweitzer

Elizabeth Laddanza

Mary Gruber

Evelyn Ballinger

Virginia Hertel

Marie Ferraro

who died recently.

REST IN PEACE

RETREAT FOR SINGLE WOMEN

(Ages 21-50)

Here is an opportunity for single women seeking a deeper spiritual life. There will be time for prayer, to listen, to reflect and to share your experience.

Date: January 28-30, 2005

Place: Mount Manresa, Staten Island

Cost: \$150

For further details, please contact Sister Susan Dean at 516-741-0718 or e-mail her at srdean2424@aol.com.

SCRIPTURE: A LOOK AHEAD NEXT SUNDAY – 9 JANUARY 2005

Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7. This reading is a brief passage from the Songs of the Suffering Servant. The Servant will establish justice on the earth and open the eyes of those who live in darkness.

Acts 10:34-38. In this reading, Peter gives his first sermon to pagans. Asked by a Roman centurion to preach the Gospel to his household, Peter is initially astounded by the request, but after a dream, Peter preaches and baptizes the entire household.

Matthew 3:13-17. After initially protesting his unworthiness, John baptizes Jesus. After the baptism, the Spirit of God descended upon Jesus and a voice said, "This is my beloved Son. My favor rests on him".

PARISH STAFF

Msgr. Lawrence Connaughton, Pastor
Rev. Matthew Yatkaukas, Parochial Vicar
Rev. Emmanuel Nartey, Parochial Vicar

Mr. Stephen Black, Director of Music/Organist
Mr. Richard Gratton, Cantor
Ms. Jennifer Behnke, Assistant Cantor

Mrs. Gladys Dichoso-Sicat, School Principal, PK3- 8th Grade

Ms. Pauline A. Sebastian, Office/Facilities Manager

TRUSTEES

Ms. Roseann DeGennaro
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Ms. Nancy Florio, Chairperson

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MASS SCHEDULE

Sundays: (Saturday) 4:00P.M; (Sunday) 8:00, 9:45,11:00*, 12:30, 6:00PM. *(Choir sings at the 11:00 AM Mass)

Weekdays: (Monday-Friday) 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 12:15 PM
8:00 AM & 12:15 PM (Saturday)

German Language Mass: 9:45 AM 1st Sunday of the month.
Confessions in German before Mass.

Family Mass: 9:45AM 2nd Sunday of the month. (Sept-June)

Holy Days: 6:00 PM (Anticipated); 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 12:15, 7:00 PM.

RAMP ACCESSIBLE

BAPTISMS

2nd & 4th Sundays of each month. By appointment.

Instructions – 1st Saturday of each month.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions – 12:00 Noon, Monday – Friday, Saturdays

3:30PM – 4:00 PM. Communal Reconciliation Services each
Advent and Lent.

MARRIAGES

Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

(RCIA) October – April.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN K-8

Inter-parish Religious Education Program at St. Ignatius.

HOLY HOUR

First Friday following the 12:15PM Mass. (Sept –June)

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA

Following the 9:00AM Mass on Monday.

HOLY COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

Contact the Rectory.

NEW PARISHIONERS

New parishioners are invited to register at the Rectory and to participate in the ministries and committees of St. Joseph's.

WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 3

7:00 AM Walter & Mary Gilligan
9:00 AM Natlie Squassi
12:15 PM Thomas Liberta

Tuesday, January 4

7:00 AM Gladys Marie Erb
9:00 AM Helen Tse
12:15 PM Benedict Curtis

Wednesday, January 5

7:00 AM Carlos Cayanan
9:00 AM Mary Ivankow
12:15 PM Josephine Burns (100th Birthday)

Thursday, January 6

7:00 AM Grace, John J. & John A. McSherry
9:00 AM Fred Belcher
12:15 PM Benedict Curtis

Friday, January 7

7:00 AM Gladys Marie Erb
9:00 AM Auntie Ann Antonellis
12:15 PM Anthony Cinque

Saturday, January 8

8:00 AM Claire Madhue
12:15 PM Anthony Sclafani

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOSEPH'S

Monday, January 3

Men's Basketball, 7:00PM, School Gym
RCIA, 7:00PM, Parish House

Tuesday, January 4

Girl Scouts, 6:30PM, Parish Hall
Men's Basketball, 7:15PM, School Gym

Wednesday, January 5

St. Joseph's Choir Rehearsal, 7:30PM, Church
Alcoholics Anonymous, 7:30PM, Parish Hall
Men's Basketball, 7:30 PM, School Gym

Thursday, January 6

Prayers for Peace, 6:30PM, Church

Friday, January 7

Holy Hour, 12:45PM, Church
Prayers for Peace, immediately after the Holy Hour

Saturday, January 8

No Meetings

REMEMBER YOUR PARISH WITH A BEQUEST IN YOUR WILL

For more information, speak to your Pastor or call
the Planned Gifts Office
212-371-1011, Ext. 3317

ANDROGOGY

EPIPHANY

True or False:

The Gospel of Matthew tells us:

There were three Magi.

They were Kings.

They rode camels.

Their names are Melchior,

Balthasar and Gaspar.

If you answered "False", go to the head of the class. Christian imagination has supplied us with each of those details.

We have been so charmed by this story that we may miss Matthew's point in telling it. As we see the Magi and the Chief Priests before Herod, we are struck by the contrast. The Jewish priests could read God's revelation in their scriptures; the gentile Magi must listen for God's voice in nature. The priests knew precisely where Jesus was to be born but failed to search for him. The Magi saw a star, were filled with wonder and followed it to the Christ child.

Matthew's little story makes it clear that Jesus belonged to the world and not just to the Jewish people. It was a crucial lesson for Matthew's friends who, like him, were Jews who had embraced Christianity. Their world had recently been shaken to its foundations. Their leaders at Jerusalem had decided that gentile converts did not have to embrace Judaism in order to be Christians. They did not have to be circumcised or observe the Jewish customs of kosher or ritual purification. Only the Ten Commandments bound them. This was a defining moment for Christianity. It turned the young Christian movement outward to the world and the world responded with a flood of gentile converts.

The Jewish Christians of Matthew's community felt the ground shifting under their feet. They had grown up in a culture that held gentiles at arm's length. Now they were told to embrace them as their brothers and sisters in Christ. The Rabbis added to their consternation by excluding them from the synagogue, their spiritual home. How did they react? Thanks to Matthew, they proved themselves not only devout Jews but showed themselves to be tolerant and accepting of gentile converts. They readily embraced the command of their risen Lord to "make disciples of all nations."

Even under the heaviest pressure, Matthew's community showed itself to be flexible, tolerant and open to the future. That seems precisely the formula the Catholic Church in the U.S. needs as it moves into the New Year.

BOOK REVIEW

The Five People You Meet in Heaven

By Mitch Albom

196pp, New York, New York
Hyperion; 2003, \$20.00

From the author of the number one New York Times bestseller *Tuesdays with Morrie* comes the follow-up novel that explores a mystery only heaven can unfold. In *The Five People You Meet in Heaven*, Mitch Albom gives us an astoundingly original story that will change everything you've ever thought about the afterlife – and the meaning of our lives here on earth.

A Main Selection of the Book-of-the Month Club. If you liked *Tuesdays with Morrie*, you will love this novel.

Praise for *The Five People You Meet in Heaven*:

“Deep, profound, superbly imaginative...This poetic book is full of lessons and hope.”

- **James McBride**, author of *The Color of Water and Miracle at St. Anna*

“A moving flight of fantasy come to teach us that Heaven is where we finally learn what our life was about.”

- **Harold S. Kushner**, author of *When Bad Things Happen to Good People*

“In *The Five People You Meet in Heaven*, Mitch Albom lifts us to a new level. You'll find here echoes of the classics—The Odyssey, for one – and that puts Albom's book in the best of company.”

- **Frank McCourt**, author of *Angelas' Ashes and 'Tis*