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BAPTISM OF THE LORD

9 JANUARY 2005

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.

MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY

On Monday, January 17th Martin Luther King Day, the Rectory office will be closed during the daytime. A receptionist will be on duty in the evening from 4:00 – 8:00PM. In an emergency a priest can be reached by calling the Rectory telephone number and then calling the number given in the recording.

SECOND COLLECTION

On the weekend of January 15/16, 2005, a combined collection will be taken up. One segment will be taken up for the Catholic Communication Campaign and the second will be for The Catholic University of America.

The Catholic Communication Campaign segment meets cultural and evangelization challenges. Sensitive to the concerns of families, the Communication Campaign has provided us with a message supporting and enhancing human dignity.

The second segment is for the Catholic University of America, unique among Catholic institutions of higher education in the United States and founded in 1887.

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

In Baptism we are called to live a holy life. Could it be that you are being called to fulfill that responsibility as a priest, sister or brother? If you do, call Father Ed Cipot at 914-968-1340.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

We are grateful to all the parishioners who gave special gifts to the Church at Christmas. The total amount of the donations is \$30,400. These gifts will help St. Joseph's to continue our spiritual, educational and charitable ministries.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

We are grateful to the many parishioners who made offerings for church flowers at Christmas in memory of their loved ones who have died.

The flowers and altar decorations were beautifully arranged once again by a host of parishioners and friends of St. Joseph's. We thank everyone who helped create these arrangements: Patricia Baker, Guia Balanlayos, Michael Brooks, Billy Burns, Jordon Carroll, Cecile Champoux, Jane Darling, Diane DelVecchio, Sheri Florio, Tony Gagalang, Rachel Gregory, Joan Heath, Aileen Kelly, Carol LaFara, Mary Lyons, Sinead Minahan, Elizabeth Morgan, Angel Padilla, Jose Quinones, Millie Risi, Regina Ryan, Megan Saxton, Barry Sine, Lorraine Wagner, Diane Waldron, Msgr. Connaughton, Father Matthew and Father Nartey.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS

An additional donation was made in memory of Lillian & John Jordan.

YOUNG ADULTS MEETING

This Sunday, January 9th, immediately following the 6:00 PM Mass, the Young Adults Group will hold their monthly meeting in the Rectory Meeting Room. New members are encouraged to attend.

PARISH COUNCIL

The Council will meet on Tuesday, January 11th at 7:00 PM in the school conference room. Parishioners are most welcome to attend.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM

If you believe you have suffered sexual abuse by a member of the clergy, recently or in the past, the Archdiocese would like to assist you in reporting the abuse and in getting you the help you might need. If you wish to report sexual abuse by a priest or a deacon, you may do so by telephoning Sr. Eileen Clifford at 212-371-1011, Ext 2949 or Msgr. Des O'Connor at 212-371-1011, ext 2931. Both can be reached via e-mail at victimassistance@archny.org. In addition, visitors to the Archdiocesan website, <http://www.ny-archdiocese.org> will find information for making a complaint online, by e-mail or by U.S. mail. The website also has valuable information on the Archdiocesan Safe Environment Program as well as tips for parents. In keeping with the Archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse, we provide this information to assure that all, especially our children, are safe and secure.

EAST 91ST STREET

MARINE TRANSFER STATION

A meeting on the East 91st Street Converted MTS State environmental permit applications and permit review process as part of a Uniform Land Use Review Procedure Public Hearing will be held by Manhattan Community Board 8 on January 12, 2005 at 7:00 PM at Hunter College of Social Work, 129 East 79th Street.

YORKVILLE COMMON PANTRY

The Yorkville Common Pantry would appreciate donations of canned stew, chunky soup, soup and Ramen noodle soups. Non-food items requested are winter hats and warm socks.

OPEN HOUSE

La Salle Academy, 44 East Second Street, New York, NY 10003 invites you to their Open House on Thursday, January 27th from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM.

For further information, contact Felipe Anastacio, Director of Admissions at 212-475-8940, Ext. 240.

DISCOVERING XXI

Holy Cross Church and Discovering XXI Century are organizing Pilgrimages to the Holy Land, China and Vietnam. For more information, please contact our office at 212-244-4778 or by e-mail PTomasSiglo21@aol.com.

SCRIPTURE: A LOOK AHEAD

NEXT SUNDAY – 16 JANUARY 2005

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6. This reading is a short passage from the second song of the Servant of the Lord. The Lord will show his glory through his servant whose mission is to restore Israel and bring salvation "to the ends of the earth."

1 Corinthians 1:1-3. Paul sends greetings to the people of Corinth, who have been called to be holy and consecrated in Christ.

John 1:29-34. When Jesus visits John, John recognizes Jesus as the "Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world." John further indicates that Jesus is truly the Messiah and "God's chosen One."

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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PARISH COUNCIL

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 10

7:00 AM Bart Iachetta
9:00 AM George Terriberry
12:15 PM Anabel & Thomas Mulligan, Jr. & Sr.

Tuesday, January 11

7:00 AM Charles Teetor
9:00 AM Josephine Debellis
12:15 PM Helen A. Landy

Wednesday, January 12

7:00 AM Bart Iachetta
9:00 AM Alexander & Helen Waldman
12:15 PM Richard Christofferson

Thursday, January 13

7:00 AM Eva Marie Lugert
9:00 AM Max Vallejo
12:15 PM Alena Netik

Friday, January 14

7:00 AM Hazzard & McSherry Families
9:00 AM Eva Molnar
12:15 PM Richard Christofferson

Saturday, January 15

8:00 AM John Kelly
12:15 PM Lorraine Miele

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOSEPH'S

Monday, January 10

Brownie Girl Scouts, 5:00PM, Parish Hall
Men's Basketball, 7:00PM, School Gym
RCIA, 7:00PM, Parish House

Tuesday, January 11

Girl Scouts, 6:30PM, Parish Hall
Parish Council, 7:00PM, School Conference Room
Men's Basketball, 7:15PM, School Gym

Wednesday, January 12

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

Thursday, January 13

Prayers for Peace, 6:30PM, Church

Friday, January 14

Prayers for Peace, immediately after the 12:15 Mass

Saturday, January 15

YYAA, 9:00AM, School Gym

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

Local and Universal Church

When first-century Christians used the word "church", they almost always meant the local Christian community, whether at Rome, Corinth or Jerusalem. These first "churches" were founded by the Apostles and their co-workers, all of them Jews who were followers of Jesus. Not surprisingly they shaped their communities along the lines of the synagogue with superintendents, elders and servants (the later translation would be "bishops, priests and deacons").

There seems to have been no institutional link among these separate communities; that is, there was no structure of governance that bound them together. But even at this very early time, there was evidence that Rome held a special position. In 90 AD "The Church at Rome" wrote to admonish "the Church at Corinth". The tone of the letter was that of an elder brother or even a Dutch uncle. In 105 AD St. Ignatius wrote that Rome was "the most excellent of all the churches."

It seems clear that the church of the first centuries did not have a central administrative institution. The Dominican Edmund Hill has made the excellent point that this lack of a central administration probably saved the church from extinction. Humanly speaking, the systematic persecutions of the third and fourth century would almost surely have wiped out the church, if it were structured as it is today. The fact that the church existed in numberless local communities made it almost impossible for the Empire to extinguish it.

Matters changed dramatically in the fourth century. The Empire became Christian and from this point on the church and state became coterminous. The word "Church" clearly took on the meaning of a universal institution.

The notion of the church as a worldwide, administratively centralized institution is probably the one that comes first to mind to Catholics today. There is even the sense that the local bishops are "branch managers" acting only in the name and with the authority of the pope. The Second Vatican Council, however, expressly stated that this was not the case (Lumen Gentium, 27).

Clearly, the Church is both local and universal. As we shall see next week, Cardinals Ratzinger and Kasper of the Roman Curia have different ideas of how these two dimensions of the church relate to one another.

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 *Angela's Ashes and 'Tis*